

National Hunt Grade 1s

80 888SPORT TINGLE CREEK CHASE G1

SANDOWN PARK, Dec 6, 4yo+, 16f.
1. DODGING BULLETS (GB) 6 11-7 £85,425
 b g by Dubawi - Nova Cyngi (Kris S)
 O-Martin Broughton & Friends B-L. Dettori
 TR-Paul Nicholls
2. Somersby (IRE) 10 11-7 £32,055
 b g by Second Empire - Back To Roost (Presenting)
 O-Mrs T. P. Radford B-Miss N. A. Adams
 TR-Mick Channon
3. Hinterland (FR) 6 11-7 £16,050
 b g by Poliglote - Queen Place (Diamond Prospect)
 O-Christopher Giles B-E. Aubree & C. Bresson
 TR-Paul Nicholls
Margins 2.5, 1.5. **Time** 4:00.40. **Going** Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-6	25	8	11	£232,694

Sire: DUBAWI. Sire of 87 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **DODGING BULLETS** Kris S G1, **PURPLE BAY** *Nashwan* G2, **LACHLAN BRIDGE** *Anabaa* G3.

1st Dam: Nova Cyngi by Kris S. unraced.
Dam of 5 winners:
2004: SEIUN RHODEM (c Singspiel) 2 wins at 3 and 5 in Japan.
2005: YEM KINN (c Dubai Destination) Winner at 2.
2006: SINGITNSIGNIT (f Singspiel) Winner at 5 in USA. Broodmare.
2007: Fouranends (g Dubawi) ran a few times.
2008: **DODGING BULLETS** (g Dubawi) Sold 8,000gns yearling at TADEY. 8 wins, Opus Energy Sharp Novices' Hurdle G2, 2nd williamhill.com Dovecote Novices' Hurdle G2, 3rd williamhill.com Christmas Hurdle G1, 888sport Tingle Creek Chase G1, Race Post Arkle Trial November Nov.Chase G2, williamhill.com Wayward Lad Nov. Chase G2, 2nd Betfair Game Spirit Chase G2, 3rd Shloer Chase LR.
2010: FRASERBURGH (g Shamardal) 2 wins at 3.
2011: Smart Panther (g Kheylef)
2012: Good Omen (c Gloria de Campeao)

2nd Dam: NORTHERN TRICK by Northern Dancer. Champion 3yr old filly in Europe in 1984. 4 wins at 3 in France Prix de Diane Hermes G1, Prix Vermeille G1, 2nd Trusthouse Forte P. de l'Arc de Triomphe G1, Prix Saint-Alary G1. Dam of **ONDA NOVA** (f Keos: Prix Imprudence LR), **Evocatrice** (f Persepolis: 2nd Prix de Meudon LR), Grandam of **JEUNE-TURC, LIGHT SHIFT, SHIVA, NONNO LUIGI, LIMNOS, BURNING SUNSET, Hyades, Talwin, Edoua, Erewhon, Our Teddy, LETHAL WEAPON.** Third dam of **SMOKING SUN, MAGADAN, ZHIYI, Ikat, King of Dudes.** Fourth dam of **MAIN SEQUENCE.**

Broodmare Sire: KRIS S. Sire of the dams of 82 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **DODGING BULLETS** *Dubawi* G1, **MAHRAJAN** *Machiavellian* G3.

DODGING BULLETS b g 2008

	Seeking The Gold	Mr Prospector Con Game
Dubai Millennium	Shareef Dancer	Fall Aspen
DUBAWI b 02	Colorado Dancer	Shirley Heights Slightly Dangerous
Zomaradah	Deploy	Jawaher
		Dancing Brave High Tern
	Roberto	Hail To Reason Bramalea
Kris S	Sharp Queen	Princiquillo Bridgework
NOVA CYNGI b/br 99	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
Northern Trick	Trick Chick	Prince John Fast Line

With his fee now set at £125,000, Dubawi shares with Frankel the distinction of being the highest-priced stallion in England. Consequently, this highly accomplished two-year-old and miler is not normally associated with the jumping sector. However, he is out of a mare by Deploy, sire of such Graded-winning jumpers as Shinrock Paddy, Gagewell Flyer and Caim Hill,

so it is to be expected that he will come up with the occasional good jumper. His first Gr1 success in this role came in 2012, when Hisaabaat won in Ireland and France. Dubawi kept up the good work in 2014, thanks to the Graded winners Lachlan Bridge, a Gr3 winner over fences at Auteuil, the progressive Purple Bay, winner of the Gr2 Elite Hurdle, and latterly Dodging Bullets.

The last-named, bred by Frankie Dettori, has proved tough and versatile. Having won twice on the level as a three-year-old in Ireland, Dodging Bullets quickly developed into a smart hurdler, notably winning a Gr2 novice hurdle before finishing third in the Gr1 Christmas Hurdle. Now he has successfully graduated to steeplechasing. He was winning for the fourth time in eight starts over fences when he benefited from mistakes by several of the market leaders in the Tingle Creek Chase.

With Dubawi as his sire, it isn't surprising that Dodging Bullet's best form has been at around two miles (he has been well beaten on both attempts at an extra half mile). The gelding's second dam is the excellent French filly Northern Trick. This daughter of Northern Dancer won the Prix de Diane and Prix Vermeille and finished second to Sagace in the Arc.

Although none of her foals showed similar talent, several did make their mark as producers. One, Lingerie, produced the top fillies Light Shift (Epsom Oaks) and Shiva, while another daughter, Lady Windley, produced the Gr1 hurdles winner Lethal Weapon.

81 RACING POST HENRY VIII NOVICE CHASE G1

SANDOWN PARK, Dec 6, 4yo+, 16f.
1. VIBRATO VALTAT (FR) 5 11-2 £22,780
 gr g by Voix du Nord - La Tosca Valtat (Dom Alco)
 O-Axom XLIII B-Mme C. Duperré & Mlle A-M. Duperré
 TR-Paul Nicholls
2. Dunraven Storm (IRE) 9 11-2 £8,548
 b g by Presenting - Foxfire (Lord Americo)
 O-Mrs Karola Vann B-Miss V. Sweeney
 TR-Philip Hobbs
3. Irish Saint (FR) 5 11-2 £4,280
 b/br g by Saint des Saints - Minirose (Mansonnien)
 O-Mrs Johnny de la Hey B-S. C. E. A. Haras Du Ma
 TR-Paul Nicholls
Margins 2, Head. **Time** 4:00.10. **Going** Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-5	18	6	11	£106,066

Sire: VOIX DU NORD. Sire of 7 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **VIBRATO VALTAT** *Dom Alco* G1, **VROUW VROU MAG** *Kadalko* G3, **VIEUX MORVAN** *Kadalko* LR.

1st Dam: La Tosca Valtat by Dom Alco. unraced. Dam of 1 winner:
2008: Una Dolce Valtat (f Brier Creek)
2009: **VIBRATO VALTAT** (g Voix du Nord) 5 wins, Bathwick Tyres Plymouth Novices' Hurdle LR, 3rd Pertemps Network Swinton H. Hurdle G3, William Hill Imperial Cup H. Hurdle G3, Racing Post Henry VIII Novice Chase G1, 2nd Race Post Arkle Trial November Nov.Chase G2.
2011: Bel Canto Valtat (g Network)

Broodmare Sire: DOM ALCO. Sire of the dams of 1 Stakes winner.

The Voix du Nord/Dom Alco cross has produced:
VIBRATO VALTAT G1, **Vago Collonges** G2.

VIBRATO VALTAT gr g 2009

Valanour	Lomond	Northern Dancer My Charmer
	Vearia	Mill Reef Val Divine
	Top Ville	High Top Segal Ville
Dame Edith	Girl of France	Legend of France Water Girl
	Dom Pasquini	Rhefflic Boursonne
Dom Alco	Alconaca	Nonalco Vela
	Kedellic	Edellic Upsala III
LA TOSCA VALTAT gr 99	Hul A Hul	Misled
	Caselle	

Luck was never on Voix du Nord's side. Having earned the position of favourite for the 2004 Prix du Jockey-Club with victories in the Gr1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud, Gr2 Prix Noailles and Gr1 Prix Lupin, he suffered a serious injury shortly before the Chantilly Classic. Although he eventually raced again, after nearly a year on the sidelines, he never won again.

Voix du Nord then died as a 12-year-old in March 2013. His demise looks all the more unfortunate a year later. In addition to holding a top-15 position among France's leading jumping stallions, he has been represented by a pair of Gr1 winners in Britain. First came Taquin du Seuil, winner of the JLT Novices' Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, and now Vibrato Valtat has won the Henry VIII Novices' Chase.

Voix du Nord possibly owes his prowess as a sire of jumpers partly to his broodmare sire Top Ville, who sired so many talented jumping stallions. Voix du Nord also came from the same female line as the top stayer Westerner.

Vibrato Valtat is the second foal and first winner out of La Tosca Valtat, who managed just one victory in a 21-race career, in a hurdle race over two and a quarter miles at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Her brother Recital Valtat was more successful, scoring as a middle-distance performer on the Flat before winning three steeplechases at up to two and three-quarter miles.

This is a non-thoroughbred family but La Tosca Valtat is a daughter of the influential Dom Alco. Well known in Britain as the sire of such as Neptune Collonges, Silviniaco Conti, Al Ferof, Grands Crus, Unioniste and Al Co, Dom Alco has yet to make a similar impact as a broodmare sire.

However, another of his daughters produced the useful bumper horse/hurdler Vago Collonges and the successful chaser Ulysse Collonges to Vibrato Valtat's sire.

82 JOHN DURKAN MEMORIAL PUNCHSTOWN CHASE G1

PUNCHSTOWN, Dec 7, 5yo+, 20f.
1. DON COSSACK (GER) 7 11-10 £40,000
 br g by Sholokhov - Depeche Toi (Kongsstuhl)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Gestut Etzean
 TR-Gordon Elliott
2. Boston Bob (IRE) 9 11-10 £12,667
 b g by Bob Back - Bavaway (Le Bavard)

O-Andrea & Graham Wylie B-Burgage Stud
 TR-W. P. Mullins
3. Lord Windermere (IRE) 8 11-10 £6,000
 b g by Oscar - Satellite Dancer (Satco)
 O-Dr R. Lambe B-E. Coleman TR-J. Collyott
Margins 4.5, 0.5. **Time** 5:11.00. **Going** Good to Yielding.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-7	17	9	5	£205,865

Sire: SHOLOKHOV. Sire of 20 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **DON COSSACK** *Kongsstuhl* G1, **ABAKAHN** *Dashing Blade* LR.

1st Dam: DEPECHE TOI by Kongsstuhl. 2 wins at 3 in West Germany. Dam of 6 winners:
1996: Demetrius (c Polish Precedent)
1997: DUBAI DANCER (g Landjo) 3 wins.
1998: DUBAI DIVA (f Unfuwain) 3 wins at 3 in Germany. Broodmare. Dam of **Dubai Star** (c Lord of England: 3 wins over jumps at 5 in France, 2nd Prix Aguado Hurdle LR)
1999: Dendera (f Landjo) ran on the flat in Germany and over jumps in Germany.
2000: DABOYA (f Hernando) Winner at 4 in France. Broodmare.
2001: DUBAI KING (g Dashing Blade) 2 wins.
2002: Dubai Perle (f Sagami) ran on the flat in France.
2003: Don Corleone (c Tiger Hill)
2004: DIAMOND KING (c Dashing Blade) Winner at 4 in Czech Republic.
2007: **DON COSSACK** (g Sholokhov) 9 wins, Irish Form Future Chpns Pro-Am Flat Race G2, 2nd Racing UK Moscow Flyer Novice Hurdle G2, 3rd paddypower.com Johnstown Novice Hurdle G2, Bar One Racing Drinmore Novice Chase G1, John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase G1, Powers Irish Whiskey Skymas Chase G2, Star Best For Racing Carvills Hill Chase G3, 2nd Befried Midway Novices' Chase G1, Dr P J Moriarty Novice Chase G1, Dobbins Catering Florida Pearl Nov.Chase G2.

2nd Dam: Diaspora by Sparkler. 2 wins at 2 and 3 in West Germany, 2nd Schwarzgold-Rennen (1000 Guineas) G3. Dam of **DAPPRIMA** (f Shareef Dancer: Everest TV Frühjahrs Stuten Preis LR, 2nd ARAG Preis (1000 Guineas) G2), **Donja** (f Julio Mariner: 3rd Preis der Landeshauptstadt München LR), Granddam of **DENARO, DAVIDOFF, DUELLANT, DEAUVILLE, DOMINANTE, Dubai.** Third dam of **Dajolie.**

Broodmare Sire: KONIGSSTUHL. Sire of the dams of 58 Stakes winners.

DON COSSACK br g 2007

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
SHOLOKHOV b 99	Lord Gayle	Sir Gayford Sticky Case
	Gradille	Home Guard Gradiva
La Meilleure	Dschingis Khan	Tamrlane Donna Diana
	Konigsstuhl	Tepoetto Kronung
DEPECHE TOI b/br 91	Sparkler	Hard Tack Diamond Spur
	Diu	Utrillo Didergo

With several of Ireland's most popular jumping stallions attracting in excess of 250 mares apiece in 2014, it is rather surprising that Sadler's Wells's accomplished son Sholokhov is listed as covering no more than 68 thoroughbred mares at Glenview Stud in 2013 and 97 in 2014.

Sholokhov was very smart at his best, as he showed in winning the Gr1 Gran Criterium at two and in finishing second to High Chaparral in the 2002 Irish Derby and to Hawk Wing in the Eclipse.

Sholokhov eventually made his stud debut at €5,000 at Gestut

Caulfield on Reve De Sivola: "Three miles seems to be his minimum distance. He surely owes his stamina to his sire Assessor, who like his own sire Niniski won the Royal-Oak"

Etzean in 2004 and he sired six stakes winners in a 52-strong first crop. His subsequent crops haven't proved as productive, but they did produce Night Magic (German Oaks and Preis von Baden) and Monami (Gr2 Diana Trial).

One notable statistic is that ten of his 12 stakes winners on the Flat are fillies. Fortunately, several of Sholokhov's sons have made amends as National Hunt performers. For example, the French-trained Esmondo won six of his nine starts over hurdles as a three-year-old, including a Gr1 event, and also won a Gr1 at four before being sidelined for a lengthy period.

Another German-bred gelding, Don Cossack, has also proved a tremendous ambassador for Sholokhov. Having taken three consecutive bumpers, including a Gr2 event, Don Cossack had only a light campaign over hurdles before tackling fences. He now boasts the excellent record of five wins and three seconds from nine completed starts over fences. He achieved a career best – and a second Gr1 success – when he stayed on strongly to get the better of the favourite Boston Bob in the Punchestown Chase.

Don Cossack was bred by Gestut Etzean from Depeche Toi, a winning Königsstuhl filly from the female line responsible for Animal Kingdom, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Dubai World Cup.

89 JLT LONG WALK HURDLE G1

ASCOT, Dec 20, 4yo+. 25f.

- REVE DE SIVOLA (FR)** 9 11-7 £56,270
b g by Assessor - Eva de Chalament (Iron Duke)
O-Paul Duffy Diamond Partnership
B-G. Trapenard & Thomas Trapenard TR-Nick Williams
- Zarkandar (IRE)** 7 11-7 £21,200
b g by Azamour - Zarkasha (Kahyasi)
O-Mr Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock Ltd
B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C.
TR-Paul Nicholls
- Aubusson (FR)** 5 11-7 £10,610
b g by Ballingarry - Katioucha (Mansonnien)
O-Mrs Jane Williams B-Mr S. Dubois
TR-Nick Williams
Margins Head, 23. Time 6:08.00.
Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-9	35	9	16	£547,670

Sire: **ASSESSOR**. Sire of 7 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: **EVA DE CHALAMONT** by Iron Duke. Winner in France. Dam of 4 winners:

- NEVA DE SIVOLA** (f Blushing Flame) Winner over jumps in France. Broodmare. Dam of **SOLEIL DE SIVOLA** (g Discover d'Auteuil: 3 wins over jumps in France, Prix La Perichole Steeplechase G3), **URBAIN DE SIVOLA** (g Le Fou: 3 wins, 2nd Jumeirah Hotels December H. Hurdle LR, Prix Mirror Hurdle LR)
- REVE DE SIVOLA** (g Assessor) Sold 3,940gns yearling at AFDEC. 9 wins, Cathal Ryan Memorial Champion Nov Hurdle G1, Racing UK Challow Novices' Hurdle G1, Long Walk Hurdle G1 (3 times), Totepool Persian War Novices' Hurdle G2, Rewards4Racing Cleeve Hurdle G2, 2nd Neptune Investment Bingham Nov Hurdle G1, Ladbrokes World Series Hurdle G1, Wragge & Co. Juv. Finesse Nov. Hurdle G2, Sportingbet Long Distance Hurdle G2, Cleanevent Hyde Novices' Hurdle G2, 3rd Coral Future Champion Finale Juv Hurdle G1,

Bet365 Long Distance Hurdle G2, Prestbury Juvenile Novices' Hurdle G2, 3rd Tigmi Travel Dipper Novices' Chase G2, Stewart Spinal Research Festival H Chase G3, GL Events O. Brown Silver Cup H. Chase LR, John Smith's H. Chase LR, Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle G1.

- SUITE DE SIVOLA** (f Assessor) Winner over jumps in France.
- Ultra Chic Sivola** (g Antarctique) ran over jumps in France.
- VEAUCE DE SIVOLA** (g Assessor) Winner over hurdles at 5.
- After Eight Sivola** (g Shaanmer)
- Eva de Sivola** (f Assessor) unraced to date.

Broodmare Sire: **IRON DUKE**. Sire of the dams of 11 Stakes winners.

REVE DE SIVOLA b g 2005

Niniski	Nijnsky	Northern Dancer Flaming Page
	Virginia Hills	Tom Rolfe Ridin' Easy
ASSESSOR b 89	Petingo	Pelition Alcazar
	Dingle Bay	Border Bounty Bounteous B Flat
Iron Duke	Sicambre	Prince Bio Sif
	Insulaire	Aureole Ismene II
EVA DE CHALAMONT ch 92	Royal Exchange	Royal Coinage Little Stormy
	Bel Natura	Fudnatura Fudna

Having taken the Long Walk Hurdle by 14 lengths in 2012 and ten lengths in 2013, Reve de Sivola was seeking a hat-trick in this 25-furlong contest when he lined up for the 2014 edition. However, his chances of achieving this remarkable feat seemed to have evaporated when the odds-on Zarkandar cruised past the front-running nine-year-old to establish a two-length lead coming to the last flight. Unfortunately for Zarkandar's supporters, the favourite wasn't fluent at the last and a resurgent Reve de Sivola pegged him back to score a memorable victory by a head.

Reve de Sivola now has six Gr1 victories to his name, including the 2013 Grand Prix d'Automne in his native France. His tally might have been even higher had his connections not tried to turn him into a steeplechaser. He spent the whole of the 2010-11 season and the start of his 2011-12 campaign over the bigger obstacles but managed only one win from ten starts.

Three miles seems to be a minimum distance for the mature Reve de Sivola, though he shone at around two and a half miles as a younger horse, when he recorded the first two of his Gr1 wins. He surely owes his stamina to his sire Assessor, who followed in the footsteps of his own sire Niniski in winning the Prix Royal-Oak over nearly two miles as a three-year-old.

Assessor went on to win the Yorkshire and Doncaster Cups at four, as well as the Prix du Cadran over two and a half miles. Assessor's other notable achievement as a stallion is the versatile My Way de Solzen, winner at the Cheltenham Festival of the 2006 World Hurdle and 2007 Arkle Chase.

Reve de Sivola's sister Eva de

Sivola sold for €52,000 as a two-year-old in 2014. Their dam Eva de Chalament was a lightly raced winner over a mile and a half. This daughter of Iron Duke has four other winners to her credit, including two others by Assessor (the French winner Suite de Sivola and the Taunton winner Veauce de Sivola). Another of her winners is the successful broodmare Neva de Sivola, dam of the Gr3-winning chaser Soleil de Sivola and the talented Urbain de Sivola.

The next dam, Bel Natura, produced eight winners including the prolific winner Foehn de Chalament.

90 KAUTO STAR N. CLARK FELTHAM NOV. CHASE G1

KEMPTON PARK, Dec 26, 4yo+. 24f.

- CONEYGREE (GB)** 7 11-7 £42,047
b g by Karinga Bay - Plaid Maid (Executive Perk)
O-The Max Partnership B-Exors of the Late Lord Oaksey
TR-Mark Bradstock
- Warden Hill (IRE)** 6 11-7 £17,141
br g by Presenting - Moon Storm (Strong Gale)
O-Mrs T. P. Radford B-A. Metcalfe
TR-Mick Channon
- Virak (FR)** 5 11-7 £9,672
b g by Bernebeau - Nosika d'Airy (Oblat)
O-Hills of Ledbury (Aga)
B-B. Thierry, S. Thierry & E. Labataille
TR-Paul Nicholls
Margins 40, 1.5. Time 6:07.70.
Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-7	8	6	1	£95,816

Sire: **KARINGA BAY**. Sire of 12 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **CONEYGREE** Executive Perk G1, **PASS THE HAT** Primitive Rising G3.

1st Dam: **PLAID MAID** by Executive Perk. 5 wins. Dam of 3 winners:

- CARRUTHERS** (g Kayf Tara) 9 wins, Ballymore Prop. Leamington Novice Hurdle G2, Sodexo Reynoldstown Novices' Chase G2, 2nd Totesport Bowl Chase G1.
Cuckoo Pen (g Affiora)
Carstairs (g Classic Cliche) unraced.
- CONEYGREE** (g Karinga Bay) 6 wins, Albert Bartlett Bristol Novices' Hurdle G2, Neptune Investment Hyde Novices' Hurdle G2, 3rd Neptune Investment Classic Nov. Hurdle G2, Kauto Star N. Clark Feltham Nov. Chase G1, Fullers London Pride Berkshire Nov Chase G2.
- Maid of Oaksey** (f Overbury) ran a few times in N.H. Flat Races.
- FLINTHAM** (g Kayf Tara) 2 wins over hurdles at 5.

Broodmare Sire: **EXECUTIVE PERK**. Sire of the dams of 8 Stakes winners.

CONEYGREE b g 2007

Ardress	Run The Gantlet	Tom Rolfe First Feather
	Le Melody	Lemvoss Arctic Melody
KARINGA BAY ch 87	Green God	Red God Thetis II
	Handy Dancer	Miss Golithly Jimmy Reppin Gracious Gal
Executive Perk	Lord Gayle	Sir Gayford Sticky Case
	Areola	Kythnos Alive Alive
PLAID MAID b 92	Rarity	Hethersett Who Can Tell
	Tipperary Tartan	Busted Topaz

The Gordon Stakes winner Karinga Bay died in 2006, but he left at least one notable legacy. Among the 80-odd foals in his final crop, born in 2007, is Coneygree, who promises to

be Karinga Bay's finest achievement. A dual Gr2 winner over hurdles, Coneygree is now unbeaten in two starts over fences and he came home virtually alone in the Kauto Star Novices' Chase (in which he benefited from some sloppy jumping by some other market leaders).

Coneygree has gained two of his best wins over three miles, which suggests he has inherited some of the stamina which helped his grandsire Ardross develop into one of the finest long-distance horses of modern times.

There is also plenty of stamina on the dam's side of his pedigree. Coneygree is out of Plaid Maid, the Executive Perk mare who did such sterling work for the late Lord Oaksey. She began by winning five times over jumps, including four times over fences, and she proved she stayed extreme distances.

Plaid Maid then began her broodmare career in great style, her first foal being none other than Carruthers, who has amassed earnings in excess of £300,000. His career highlights include a victory in the Hennessy Gold Cup and he too stays extremely well.

Plaid Maid in turn was a half-sister to Destriero, winner of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham.

91 WILLIAM HILL KING GEORGE VI CHASE G1

KEMPTON PARK, Dec 26, 4yo+. 24f.

- SILVINIACO CONTI (FR)** 8 11-10 £113,900
ch g by Dom Alco - Gazelle Lulu (Altayan)
O-Mr Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock Ltd
B-P. Joubert TR-Paul Nicholls
- Dynaste (FR)** 8 11-10 £42,740
gr g by Martaline - Bellissima de Mai (Pistolet Bleu)
O-Mr A. J. White B-Mr P. Chartier TR-David Pipe
- Al Fero (FR)** 9 11-10 £21,400
gr g by Dom Alco - Maralta (Altayan)
O-Mr J. Hales B-Mr J. Rauch & Mr G. Chenu
TR-Paul Nicholls
Margins 4.5, 5. Time 6:03.30.
Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-8	24	14	8	£872,759

Sire: **DOM ALCO**. Sire of 22 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **SILVINIACO CONTI** Altayan G1, **AL FEROF** Altayan G2, **VEZELAY** Sleeping Car G2.

1st Dam: **GAZELLE LULU** by Altayan. 5 wins in France. Dam of 5 winners:

- ORFEO CONTI** (g Bulington) 3 wins.
- RIO CONTI** (g Video Rock) Winner at 5 in France.
- SILVINIACO CONTI** (g Dom Alco) 14 wins, totesport.com Persian War Nov. Hurdle G2, Coral Ascot Hurdle G2, 3rd stanjames.com International Hurdle G2, William Hill King George VI Chase G1 (twice), Betfred Bowl Chase G1, Betfair Lancashire Chase G1 (twice), Bet365 Charlie Hall Chase G2, John Smith's Mildmay Novices' Chase G2, Totentofollow Rising Stars Nov Chase G2, Betfair Denham Chase G2, 2nd williamhill.com Feltham Novices' Chase G1, 3rd Betfred Bowl Chase G1, Betfair Lancashire Chase G1.
- TOSCANA CONTI** (f Dom Alco) 6 wins, Prix Triquerville Chase LR.
- UCELLO CONTI** (g Martaline) 8 wins, Prix Roger de Minvielle Chase LR, 2nd Prix Duc d'Anjou Chase G3, Prix Fleuret Chase G3, Prix Edmond Barrachin Chase G3.
- Adagio Conti** (g Dom Alco)

Broodmare Sire: **ALTAYAN**. Sire of the dams of 5

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Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **SILVINIACO CONTI**
Dom Alco G1, **AL FEROF** Dom Alco G2.

The Dom Alco/Altayan cross has produced: **AL FEROF**
G1, **SILVINIACO CONTI** G1, **TOSCANA CONTI** LR.

SILVINIACO CONTI ch g 2006

Dom Pasquini	Rheffic	Traffic Rhenean
DOM ALCO gr 87	Boursonne	La Varende Arctic Star
	Nonoalco	Nearctic Scimee
Alconaca	Vela	Sheshoon Cenerentola
	Posse	Forli In Hot Pursuit
Altayan	Aleema	Red God Alamyra
	Quart de Vin	Devon Quartelette
GAZELLE LULU ch 94	Tatiana Lulu	Vieux Chateau Voline D P

See race 43 in the January issue

92 WILLIAMHILL.COM CHRISTMAS HURDLE G1

- KEMPTON PARK, Dec 26. 4yo+. 16f.
1. FAUGHEEN (IRE) 6 11-7 £57,218
 b g by Germany - Miss Pickering (Accordion)
 O-Mrs S. Ricci B-Dr J. Waldron TR-W. P. Mullins
2. Purple Bay (IRE) 5 11-7 £21,638
 b g by Dubawi - Velvet Lady (Nashwan)
 O-Bloomfields B-Darley TR-John Ferguson
3. Blue Heron (IRE) 6 11-7 £10,968
 b g by Heron Island - American Chick (Lord Americo)
 O-Horwood Harriers Partnership
 B-Louise Cooper-Joyce TR-Dan Skelton
 Margins 8, 9. Time 3:46.30. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-6	9	9	0	£256,836

Sire: **GERMANY**. Sire of 8 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **FAUGHEEN** Accordion G1, **FREE EXPRESSION** Bob Back G2.

1st Dam: Miss Pickering by Accordion. unraced. Dam of 1 winner:

- 2006:** Molly's Mate (f Goldmark) unraced. Broodmare.
2007: Shedaka (f Lahib) unraced.
2008: **FAUGHEEN** (g Germany) 8 wins, Neptune Investment Bingham Nov Hurdle **G1**, Herald Champion Novice Hurdle **G1**, Coral Ascot Hurdle **G2**, Liberty Ins. Dorans Pride Novice Hurdle **G3**.
2009: (c Germany)
2010: (g Definite Article)
2013: (c Fracas)

Broodmare Sire: **ACCORDION**. Sire of the dams of 2 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **FAUGHEEN** Germany G1, **MISTER HOTELIER** Beneficial G2.

FAUGHEEN b g 2008

Tremolino	Sharpen Up	Alan Rocchetta
GERMANY b 91	Trephine	Viceregal Quirquina
	Big Spruce	Herbager Silver Sari
Inca Princess	Hail To Reason	Silver Spoon
	Inca Queen	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge
Accordion	Sadler's Wells	Successor Belle Musique
	Sound of Success	
MISS PICKERING b 01	Creative Plan	Sham Another Treat
	Make Me An Island	Ballymoss Near The Line

Superstar status surely beckons for Faugheen, who extended his unbeaten sequence to nine (including a point-to-point) when he easily landed Kempton's Christmas Hurdle. Faugheen's emergence comes too late for his sire Germany (USA), who died at the age of 22 in 2013.

Although Germany's stallion career wasn't straightforward, this high-class son of the Arc winner Tremolino made quite an impact on the jumping sector. In winning the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle at the 2014 Cheltenham Festival, Faugheen became his sire's second winner of one of the Festival's Gr1 novice hurdles, following Captain Cee Bee (2008 Supreme Novices' Hurdle).

Germany had a third Gr1 winner to his credit in Conna Castle (2008 Powers Gold Cup Chase) and he appears to have another good prospect in Free Expression, winner of four of his five starts to date, including a Gr2 event at Navan.

Germany sired Faugheen in the first crop he sired after his move to Woodlands Stud in Co Galway in 2007. Germany was a dual Gr1 winner over middle distances in Germany at four and he was supposed to retire to Gestut Rietberg in 1996. However, he continued to race, improving his Timeform rating to 124. Although he then retired to stud in Ireland under the Gainsborough Stud banner, he struggled for support before being transferred to the National Hunt sector.

Faugheen's dam Miss Pickering never raced and neither did her sire Accordion. However, Accordion's brother Sonus won the Goodwood Cup and was placed in the Ascot Gold Cup, so it isn't surprising that Faugheen has already won over three miles both in the point-to-point field and under rules. That said, he is now a dual Gr1 winner over two miles, so he has endless options.

Accordion is shaping up well as a sire of broodmares, as other daughters are responsible for Captain Cutter (Gr1 Challow Hurdle) and Monbeg Dude (Welsh National).

93 RACING POST NOVICE CHASE G1

- LEOPARDSTOWN, Dec 26. 4yo+. 17f.
1. CLARCAM (FR) 4 11-1 £46,042
 b g by Califet - Rose Beryl (Lost World)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud
 B-J. Michel & D. Le Breton TR-Gordon Elliott
2. Ted Veale (IRE) 7 11-12 £9,917
 b g by Revoque - Rose Tanner (Roselier)
 O-Mr John Breslin B-J. Mulcahy TR-A. J. Martin
2. Vautour (FR) 5 11-12 £9,917
 b g by Robin des Champs - Gazelle de Mai (Dom Pasquini)
 O-Mrs S. Ricci B-Haras de Saint Voir & P. Joubert TR-W. P. Mullins
 Margins 17, Dead heat. Time 4:36.10. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-4	14	4	9	£111,664

Sire: **CALIFET**. Sire of 11 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **CLARCAM** Lost World G1, **MOMITA HAS** *Demier Empereur* LR.

1st Dam: ROSE BERYL by Lost World. Winner over jumps in France. Dam of 3 winners:

- 2005:** FABANNSO (f Dream Well) 5 wins. Broodmare.
2006: MARCOMAX (c Ballingarry) 4 wins over jumps at 4, 7 and 8 in France.
2007: Lisalex (g Roli Abi) ran on the flat in France.
2008: Maxyvan (g Ballingarry)
2009: Maxaubin (g Ballingarry)
2010: **CLARCAM** (g Califet) 4 wins, 2nd Injured

Jockeys Fund Juvenile Hurdle **G1**, Knight Frank Juvenile Hurdle **G2**, J. Smith's Scottish Triumph Trial Hurdle **LR**, 3rd Bar One Racing Juvenile Hurdle **G3**, Racing Post Novice Chase **G1**.

2011: Monyjean (g Califet)

Broodmare Sire: **LOST WORLD**. Sire of the dams of 2 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **CLARCAM** Califet G1, **CHANCOL** Vangelis G2.

CLARCAM b g 2010

Freedom Cry	Soviet Star	Nureyev Veruschka
	Falling Star	Mount Hagen Free French
CALIFET br 98	Kendor	Kenmare Belle Mecene
	Square Room	Dewan Keys Stormy Love
Sally's Room	Last Tycoon	Try My Best Mill Princess
	Last Tango	Luthier La Bamba
ROSE BERYL b 99	Master Thatch	Thatch Miss Sarah
	Palisa	Abdos Amphipolis

Over the years Boardsmill Stud stallions, such as Furry Glen and Orchestra, have made sizeable contributions to National Hunt breeding. Now the Co Meath establishment has another very interesting stallion in the shape of French import Califet, who attracted a sizeable book in his first year in Ireland in 2014 - a year which also witnessed him finish tenth on the table of France's leading jumping sires.

His arrival coincided with the promising career starts made in Britain or Ireland by Analifet, Calipto and Clarcam. The last-named showed useful form over hurdles, notably finishing second in Aintree's Gr1 Juvenile Hurdle, but the indications are that the youngster will do even better over fences.

He has been impressive in winning his second and third starts over the larger obstacles and he claimed a notable scalp - that of Vautour, no less - in the Gr1 Racing Post Novice Chase.

Califet was good enough to finish a close fourth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe - a race in which his sire Freedom Cry once finished second. Califet also won Gr2 and Gr3 events over a mile and a half.

Clarcam's dam Rose Beryl gained her only success in a steeplechase at Angers. Clarcam is her sixth foal and third winner, her seventh being Clarcam's brother Monyjean, who has been second twice from three starts over hurdles. The next dam, Rose Angevine, won ten times over hurdles and fences during a busy career in the French Provinces. An extended two-and-three-quarter miles was the longest distance she won over. Rose Angevine produced two notable sons in Bonbon Rose, a Gr1 winner over fences at Auteuil, and Speed Rose, a Listed winner over fences.

Clarcam's broodmare sire Lost World won the 1993 edition of the Grand Criterium. Most of his success came with his jumpers, led by the very prolific French and Irish winner Nickname.

94 CORAL FUTURE CHAMPION FINALE JUV. HURDLE G1

- CHEPSTOW, Dec 27. 3yo. 16f 110yds.
1. BRISTOL DE MAI (FR) 11-0 £19,933
 gr g by Saddler Maker - La Bole Night (April Night)
 O-Mr Simon Munir & Mr Isaac Souede
 B-Mr J. Touzaint TR-Nigel Twiston-Davies
2. Karezak (IRE) 11-0 £7,480
 b g by Azamour - Karawana (King's Best)
 O-McNeill Family B-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs S.C.
 TR-Alan King
3. The Wallace Line (IRE) 11-0 £3,745
 b g by Mastercraftsman - Surval (Sadler's Wells)
 O-Diamond Racing Ltd B-Tullamaine Castle Stud
 TR-Tim Vaughan
 Margins 6, 5. Time 4:06.80. Going Heavy.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3	4	2	1	£39,966

Sire: **SADDLER MAKER**. Sire of 1 Stakes winner.

1st Dam: La Bole Night by April Night. ran over jumps in France. Dam of 2 winners:

- 2005:** Riva (f Winning Smile) ran on the flat in France and over jumps in France.
2006: Nicolas de Mai (g East of Heaven)
2008: ULA DE MAI (f Passing Sale) Winner at 4 in France.
2011: **BRISTOL DE MAI** (g Saddler Maker) 2 wins, Coral Future Champion Finale Juv. Hurdle **G1**.

Broodmare Sire: **APRIL NIGHT**. Sire of the dams of 5 Stakes winners.

BRISTOL DE MAI gr g 2011

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalina
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
SADDLER MAKER b 98	Alleged	Hoist The Flag Princess Pout
	Alexandrie	Val de L'Orne Apachee
Animatrice	Kaldoun	Caro Katana
	My Destiny	Chaparral Carmelite
LA BOLE NIGHT gr 99	Hellios	Nureyev Suprina
	Rousseliere	Le Pontet Ifrane

Saddler Maker wasn't one of Sadler's Wells's better sons. Winless in nine starts as a five- and six-year-old in France, he earned his biggest cheque when third in a Longchamp handicap over nearly two miles. However, he was well-bred - his sister Sadler's Flag won the Gr3 Prix de Royaumont and their dam Animatrice was third in the Oaks. More to the point, Animatrice was a half-sister to Sadler's Wells's very smart son Poliglote, so Saddler Maker's bloodlines were strong enough to earn him a place at France's National Stud.

Saddler Maker had a couple of talented winners outside France towards the end of 2014, with Alpha des Obeaux following up a win at Punchestown with second place in a Gr3 novice hurdle and Bristol de Mai winning the Gr1 Finale Hurdle on his first start in Britain.

Bristol de Mai should eventually stay well. He comes from a non-thoroughbred family and his dam La Bole Night had the discouraging record of having failed to finish on all three of her starts.

She is doing better as a broodmare, with three winners among her first four foals. Her sire April Night

Caulfield on Bristol De Mai: "He comes from a non-thoroughbred family and his dam La Bole Night had the discouraging record of having failed to finish on all three of her starts"

was a tough and versatile performer who scored at up to 15 furlongs in racking up 18 victories. Other daughters of April Night have produced the very smart hurdler/chaser Un de Sceaux and the smart chaser Trifolium.

95 PADDY POWER DIAL-A-BET CHASE G1

LEOPARDSTOWN. Dec 27. 5yo+. 17i. £50,000
1. **TWINLIGHT (FR)** 7 11-12
b g by Muhtathir - Fairlight (Big Shuffle)
O-M. L. Bloodstock Ltd B-M. L. Bloodstock Limited
TR-W. P. Mullins
2. **Hidden Cyclone (IRE)** 9 11-12 £15,833
b g by Stowaway - Hurricane Debbie (Shahandeh)
O-Mrs A. F. Mee & David Mee B-R. O'Neill
TR-John Joseph Harlon
3. **Simply Ned (IRE)** 7 11-12 £7,500
ch g by Fruits of Love - Bishops Lass (Marju)
O-David & Nicky Robinson B-Miss I. Hatton
TR-Nicky Richards
Margins 4.75, 2.25. Time 4:20.50. Going Heavy.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-7	32	10	13	£333,172

Sire: **MUHTATHIR**. Sire of 26 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **TWINLIGHT** Big Shuffle G1, **LET IT SONG** Mull of Kintyre LR, **MONSIEUR PLAYBOY** Danehill Dancer LR.

1st Dam: **FAIRLIGHT** by Big Shuffle. 4 wins in West Germany, Dusseldorfer Auktionsrennen LR, 3rd Moet & Chandon Rennen G2. Dam of 5 winners:

1998: **FAIRLIGHTS DREAM** (f Kendor) Winner at 3 in Germany. Broodmare.

1999: **FAIRLINE** (f Protektor) 3 wins at 3 and 5 in Germany, Poland. Broodmare.

2001: **Fair Dream** (f Dashing Blade) 2 wins at 2 and 3 in Germany, 2nd Grosser Hoppengartener 3yo Stutenpreis LR. Dam of **Fair Boss** (c Mamool: 5 wins at 3 to 6, 2014 in France, Germany, Switzerland, 2nd Grosser Preis Von DSW21 St Leger G3)

2002: **Fairhope** (c Protektor) 12 wins in France, Germany, 2nd RWE Rhein Ruhr AG Derby Trial LR, SWB Derby Trial LR.

2003: **Fleurance** (f Medaaly) unraced.

2007: **TWINLIGHT** (g Muhtathir) 10 wins, Weatherbys Ireland GSB Hurdle G3, 3rd AES Champion 4yo Hurdle G1, Paddy Power Dial-a-Bet Chase G1, Ladbroke's Ireland Fortria Chase G2, Kerry Group Hilly Way Chase G2, AGK Displays Craddockstown Nov. Chase G2, Faber Audiovisuals Ballybri Nov. Chase G3, Poplar Square Chase G3, 2nd Normans Grove Chase G2, Flyingboot Novice Chase G2, 3rd Paddy Power Newlands Chase G2, williamhill.com Kempton Park Chase LR, P. Gras Savoye Patrimoine Stanley Hurdle LR, 2nd Prix Robert Lejeune Hurdle LR, 3rd Prix Cambaceres 3yo Hurdle G1.

2nd Dam: **Frille** by Shareef Dancer. 2 wins at 2 and 3 in West Germany, 2nd Gontard-Rennen LR. Dam of **FAIRLIGHT** (f Big Shuffle, see above), **Fenix** (g Lavirco: 2nd intercasino.co.uk Churchill H. Hurdle G2), **Floreana** (f Acatanengo: 2nd Premio Prime Siepi Femmine Hurdle LR)

Broodmare Sire: **BIG SHUFFLE**. Sire of the dams of 30 Stakes winners.

TWINLIGHT b g 2007

Elmaamul	Dissis	Sharpen Up Doubly Sure
	Modena	Roberto Mofida
MUHTATHIR ch 95	Al Nasr	Lyphard Carretta
	Affirmative Fable	Affirmed Fairway Fable
Majmu	Super Concorde	Bold Reasoning Prime Abord
	Raise Your Skirts	Elevation Strings Attached
BIG SHUFFLE	Shareef Dancer	Northern Dancer Sweet Alliance
	Favorite Prospect	Mr Prospector Valiant Queen

After adding three Gr3 and Gr2 victories over fences to the three he gained over hurdles, Twinlight finally achieved Gr1-winner status in the Paddy Power Dial-A-Bet Chase (in which the hot favourite Uxizandre jumped moderately).

As you might guess from the fact that he raced twice as a two-year-old in France, Twinlight was bred with a Flat career in mind.

He was conceived in 2008, shortly after his sire, the high-class miler Muhtathir, had enjoyed international success with the likes of Doctor Dino, Satwa Queen and Mauralakana. More recently Muhtathir has been represented by a fourth Gr1 winner in Indonesienne (2013 Prix Marcel Boussac).

Twinlight has strong claims to being the best jumper sired by Muhtathir, but this son of Elmaamul is also responsible for several other successful hurdlers and chasers. Among them are Salder Roque, a Gr1 winner over hurdles at Auteuil, Krugyrova, runner-up in the Arkle Chase at Cheltenham, and Pacha du Polder, a Gr2 winner over fences in England.

Twinlight's dam Fairlight, a daughter of the champion German stallion Big Shuffle, was a Group-placed Listed winner over six furlongs as a two-year-old. A couple of Fairlight's siblings were useful over hurdles, including the English-trained gelding Fenix (by Lavirco).

Their dam Frille was a Listed-placed daughter of Shareef Dancer, while Twinlight's third dam, Favorite Prospect, was a stakes-winning daughter of Mr Prospector.

96 PADDY POWER FUTURE CHMPIONS NOV. HURDLE G1

LEOPARDSTOWN. Dec 27. 4yo+. 16f. £43,333
1. **SIZING JOHN (GB)** 4 11-7
b g by Midnight Legend - La Perrotine (Northern Crystal)
O-Ann & Alan Potts Partnership B-Dr B. & S. Mayoh
TR-Henry De Bromhead
2. **Sub Lieutenant (IRE)** 5 11-10 £12,667
b g by Brian Boru - Satellite Dancer (Satco)
O-Gigginstown House Stud B-E. Coleman
TR-Ms Sandra Hughes
3. **Golantilla (IRE)** 6 11-10 £8,000
br g by Golan - Scintilla (Sir Harry Lewis)
O-Mr Barry Connell B-Sean O'Brien TR-A. J. Martin
Margins 6.5, 0.75. Time 4:08.00. Going Heavy.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4	5	2	2	£51,149

Sire: **MIDNIGHT LEGEND**. Sire of 16 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: **LA PERROTINE** by Northern Crystal. 4 wins. Dam of 2 winners:

2007: **Scholastica** (f Old Vic) 4 wins, 3rd betatbluesq.com Mares' Novices' Hurdle LR.

2009: **La Doelenaise** (f King's Theatre). Broodmare.

2010: **SIZING JOHN** (g Midnight Legend) 2 wins over hurdles at 4, Paddy Power Future Chmpions Nov. Hurdle G1.

2012: **Batoutahell** (f King's Theatre) unraced to date.

2013: (c Schiaparelli)

2014: **Deadringerforlove** (f Black Sam Bellamy)

2nd Dam: **HARATIYNA** by Top Ville. 1 win at 2 in France. Dam of **Harawi** (c Akarad: 3rd Prix Coupe des Trois Ans LR, 2nd PRTL Clement Lesbordes Printemps Hurdle LR), Grandam of **JANE AUSTEN**, **Acapulco**, **Haraplata**, **LE CHATEAU**. Third dam of **Hashbrown**. Fourth dam of **EVASIVE'S FIRST**.

Broodmare Sire: **NORTHERN CRYSTAL**. Sire of the dams of 2 Stakes winners.

SIZING JOHN b g 2010

Night Shift	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Ciboulette	Chop Chop Windy Answer
MIDNIGHT LEGEND b 91	Troy	Petingo La Milo
	Hay Reef	Mill Reef Haymaking
Northern Crystal	Crystal Glitters	Blushing Groom Tales To Tell
	North Cliff	Green Dancer Nenana Road
LA PERROTINE b 00	Top Ville	High Top Segal Ville
	Haratiyna	Halwah The Minstrel Heria

Midnight Legend is now a veteran but this tough son of Night Shift reportedly achieved 88% fertility with the 49 mares he covered at the age of 23 in 2014.

He was very close to his official 24th birthday when he finally achieved his first Gr1 success as a stallion, when his son Sizing John sprang a surprise in the Future Champions Novice Hurdle on only his third start over hurdles.

The lateness of this first Gr1 success owed a lot to the fact that Midnight Legend raced until he was eight. During his lengthy career he became a triple Listed winner at up to a mile and three-quarters on the Flat, as well as winning a Gr2 hurdle race at Aintree and a Gr1 at Punchestown. Towards the end of his racing career he was asked to combine racing with stallion duties, covering 25 mares as a seven-year-old and 24 the following year.

Of course, numbers of this type didn't make it easy for Midnight Legend to establish himself, but he got there eventually, to the extent that he attracted a three-figure book in 2009 - the year Sizing John was conceived.

In the process he has sired the likes of Sparky May (Gr2 Warfield Mares Only Hurdle), Seeyouatmidnight (Gr2 Rendlesham Hurdle), Wychwoods Brook (Gr2 Peter Marsh Chase) and Midnight Chase (Gr2 Cotswold Chase).

Sizing John's dam La Perrotine was bought for £54,000 as an unraced three-year-old at Doncaster in 2003. Her price reflected the fact that her dam, the winning Top Ville mare Haratiyna, was a half-sister to the Italian Derby winner Houmayoun.

Her sire Northern Crystal was a less familiar name in Britain, despite having been a dual Gr3 winner over a mile in France. La Perrotine justified her purchase price by winning a bumper and three novice hurdles.

97 LEXUS CHASE G1

LEOPARDSTOWN. Dec 28. 5yo+. 24f. £75,000
1. **ROAD TO RICHES (IRE)** 7 11-10
b g by Gamut - Bellora (Over The River)
O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Sunnyhill Stud
TR-Noel Meade
2. **On His Own (IRE)** 10 11-10 £23,750
b g by Presenting - Shui Na Mhuire (Roselier)
O-Andrea & Graham Wylie B-Ms M. Treacy
TR-W. P. Mullins
3. **Sam Winner (FR)** 7 11-10 £11,250

b g by Okawango - Noche (Night Shift)
O-Mrs Angela Yeoman B-Ecurie Winning
TR-Paul Nicholls
Margins 1.5, 2. Time 6:33.90. Going Soft to Heavy.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
5-7	17	9	4	£318,778

Sire: **GAMUT**. Sire of 1 Stakes winner.

1st Dam: **Bellora** by Over The River. unraced. Dam of 2 winners:

1996: (f Lord Americo)

1997: **Winding River** (g Montelimar)

1998: **Agua Caliente** (f Old Vic) unraced.

Broodmare.

2000: (g Old Vic)

2001: **Lora Lady** (f Lord Americo) unraced.

Broodmare.

2002: (g Carroll House)

2003: **BAFFIN ISLAND** (g Old Vic) Winner over hurdles.

2004: **Belvic** (g Old Vic) unraced.

2005: **Ballyhio** (g Old Vic) unraced.

2006: (g Luso)

2007: **ROAD TO RICHES** (g Gamut) Sold 5,601gns yearling at TIFE. 8 wins, Cork Stayers Novice Hurdle G3, thetote.com Galway Plate H'op Chase G1, Lexus Chase G1, jnwine.com Champion Chase G1, 2nd Aon Novice H. Chase G1, PWC Gowran Champion Chase G2, 3rd Bar One Racing Drinmore Novice Chase G1.

2008: (f Gamut)

Broodmare Sire: **OVER THE RIVER**. Sire of the dams of 14 Stakes winners.

ROAD TO RICHES b g 2007

Spectrum	Rainbow Quest	Blushing Groom I Will Follow
	River Dancer	Irish River Dancing Shadow
GAMUT b 99	Ela-Mana-Mou	Pitcairn Rose Bertin
	Edinburgh	Charlottevon Queen's Castle
Greektown	Luthier	Klairon Flute Enchantee
	Medenine	Prudent II Ma Congaie
Over The River	Choral Society	Pinza Tessa Gillian
	Miss Arctic	Arctic Slave Mrs Mustang

See race 19 in the January issue

98 SQUARED FINANCIAL CHRISTMAS HURDLE G1

LEOPARDSTOWN. Dec 28. 4yo+. 24f. £40,000
1. **LIEUTENANT COLONEL (GB)** 5 11-10
b g by Kayf Tara - Agnese (Abou Zouz)
O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Mrs H. I. S. Calzini
TR-Exors of the Late Mr D. T. Hughes
2. **Jetson (IRE)** 9 11-10 £12,667
b g by Oscar - La Noire (Phardante)
O-G Mcgrath/Mrs Moira Mcgrath B-G. M. Mcgrath
TR-Mrs J. Harrington
3. **Monksland (IRE)** 7 11-10 £6,000
b g by Beneficial - Cush Jewel (Executive Perk)
O-Mrs Patricia Hunt B-C. Troy TR-Noel Meade
Margins 0.75, 5. Time 6:19.50. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-5	10	5	4	£128,181

Sire: **KAYF TARA**. Sire of 27 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **LIEUTENANT COLONEL** Abou Zouz G1, **BLAKLION** Legend of France G2, **SPECIAL TIARA** Bob Back G2, **LIFEBOT MONA Astarabad** LR, **SIGN OF A VICTORY** Bob Back LR, **TARA POINT** Terimon LR.

1st Dam: **AGNESE** by Abou Zouz. Winner of a N.H. Flat Race. Dam of 1 winner:

2008: (f Kayf Tara)

2009: **LIEUTENANT COLONEL** (g Kayf Tara) 5 wins, Bar One Racing Hatton's Grace Hurdle G1, Squared Financial Christmas Hurdle G1, Coolmore NH Sires Festival Novice Hurdle G2, 2nd I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF Novice Hurdle LR, 3rd Tattersalls Ireland Champion Nov. Hurdle G1.

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2010: Margray (g Kayf Tara) unraced.
2014: (f Shirocco)

Broodmare sire: ABOU ZOUB. Sire of the dams of 1 Stakes winner.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL br g 2009

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
KAYF TARA b 94	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
	High Top	Derring-Do Camerac
Colorsopin	Reprocolor	Jimmy Reppin Blue Queen
	Miswaki	Mr Prospector Hopespringsternal
Abou Zouz	Bold Jessie	Never So Bold Jubilee Song
	Efisia	Formidable Eldoret
AGNESE ch 00	Millie Grey	Grey Ghost Nelka

See race 46 in the January issue

99 RYANAIR DECEMBER HURDLE G1

LEOPARDSTOWN. Dec 29. 4yo+. 16f.

- HURRICANE FLY (IRE)** 10 11-10 £50,000
b g by Montjeu - Scandisk (Kenmare)
O-George Creighton & Mrs Rose Boyd
B-Agnicola Del Parco SS TR-W.P. Mullins
- Jezi (IRE)** 6 11-10 £15,833
b g by Milan - La Noire (Phardante)
O-Mr John P. McManus B-G. M. McGrath
TR-Mrs J. Harrington
- Arctic Fire (GER)** 5 11-10 £7,500
b g by Soldier Hollow - Adelma (Sternkoenig)
O-Wicklow Bloodstock Limited B-Mr U. Gruning
TR-W.P. Mullins
Margins 0.5, 1.25. Time 3:49.50. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-10	38	25	9	£1,760,961

Sire: MONTJEU. Sire of 131 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: SCANDISK by Kenmare. Winner at 2 in Italy. Dam of 4 winners:

- 2000:** Hunzy (f Desert King) 2 wins at 2 and 3 in Italy, 3rd Criterium Labronico LR. Broodmare.
- 2001:** Heir To The Throne (c Desert Prince)
- 2002:** THUNDERWING (g Indian Danehill) 3 wins at 2.
- 2004:** HURRICANE FLY (g Montjeu) Sold 43,903gns yearling at GOOY1. 25 wins, Prix Omnium II LR, Stan James Champion Chall.Trophy Hurdle G1 (twice), BHP Insurance Champion Hurdle G1 (4 times), Dobbins & Madigans Morgiana Hurdle G1 (3 times), paddypower.com December Festival Hurdle G1 (4 times), Bar One Racing Royal Bond Novice Hurdle G1, Bar One Racing Hattton's Grace Hurdle G1, Evening Herald Champion Novice Hurdle G1, paddypower.com Future Chpn. Nov. Hurdle G1, Rabobank Champion Hurdle G1 (4 times), 2nd Racing Post Champion Hurdle G1, 3rd Stan James Champion Chall.Trophy Hurdle G1, Dobbins & Madigans Morgiana Hurdle G1, Gras Savoye Longchamp Hurdle G3, 2nd Prix Alain du Breil d'Ete 4yo Hurdle G1.
- 2005:** DISKUSSION (g King's Best) 6 wins at 2 to 5 in Italy.
- 2006:** Sosua (f Exceed And Excel). Broodmare.
- 2008:** Mucho Macabi (f Exceed And Excel). Broodmare.
- 2010:** Sizing Hurricane (g Shirocco) unraced.
- 2011:** Avichi (f Yeats) unraced.
- 2012:** Blixt (f Yeats) unraced to date.
- 2013:** (g Yeats)
- 2014:** (f Yeats)

2nd Dam: YANKEE LADY by Lord Gayle. 1 win at 3. Own sister to LADY SINGER and YANKEE GOLD. Grandam of SEA GAZER, PORTMAN SQUARE, AZILLON, SOLDIERS BAY, DIFESA INDIANA, KUNUCU, GRAPPALO, LANGTANION, DAN BREEN. Third dam of DERVISIO, LAGUNA SALADA, Bazroy, Ladiesandgentlemen. Defaillance.

Broodmare sire: KENMARE. Sire of the dams of 83 Stakes winners.

HURRICANE FLY b g 2004

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
MONTJEU b 96	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
	Top Ville	High Top Sega Ville
Floripedes	Toute Cy	Tennyson Adele Tourmignon
	Kalamoun	Zeddaan Khaurinissa
Kenmare	Belle of Ireland	Miesian Belle of The Ball
	Lord Gayle	Sir Gaylord Sticky Case
SCANDISK b 95	Lord Gayle	Sir Gaylord Sticky Case
	Yankee Lady	Ceol An Oir
	Ceol An Oir	Vimy Pal An Oir

See race 42 in the January issue

100 TOPAZ FORT LENEY NOVICE CHASE G1

LEOPARDSTOWN. Dec 29. 4yo+. 24f.

- DON POLI (IRE)** 5 11-9 £40,625
b g by Poliglote - Dalamine (Sillery)
O-Gigginstown House Stud
B-Brian J Griffiths & John Nicholson TR-W.P. Mullins
- Apache Stronghold (IRE)** 6 11-10 £11,875
b g by Milan - First Battle (Un Desperado)
O-Mrs Patricia Hunt B-J. Robinson TR-Noel Meade
- Lots of Memories (IRE)** 7 11-10 £5,625
b g by Jammaal - Remember Rob (Deep Society)
O-Mrs Siobhain Fahey & John A Breen B-M. Lett
TR-P G Fahey
Margins 3, 11. Time 6:34.50. Going Soft to Heavy.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-5	8	5	3	£128,835

Sire: POLIGLOTE. Sire of 73 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - DON POLI Sillery G1, FLEUR D'AINAY Cadoudal G1, POLYGONA Tremolino G3, ALADIN DU CHENET Epervier Bleu LR, SO FRENCH Mansonnien LR.

1st Dam: DALAMINE by Sillery. Winner at 4 in France. Dam of 3 winners:

- 2007:** DALINO (c Tremolino) 2 wins over jumps in France.
- 2008:** DO YOU JUMP (c Tremolino) 3 wins over jumps in France.
- 2009:** DON POLI (g Poliglote) 5 wins, Surehaul Mercedes Powerstown Nov. Hurdle G3, 2nd Irish Daily Mirror Novice Hurdle G1, Topaz Fort Leney Novice Chase G1.
- 2010:** Mad About The Boy (g Robin des Pres) ran once in a N.H. Flat Race.
- 2011:** Debec (g Kayf Tara) unraced.
- 2012:** (f Kayf Tara)
- 2014:** (f Beat Hollow)

Broodmare sire: SILLERY. Sire of the dams of 19 Stakes winners.

DON POLI b g 2009

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
POLIGLOTE b 92	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
	Val de L'Orme	Val de Loir Aglae
Alexandrie	Apachee	Sir Gaylord Americaine
	Blushing Groom	Red God Runaway Bride
Sillery	Silvermine	Bellypha Seeres
	Lou Piquet	Habitat Tuneria
DALAMINE b 00	Dalyane	Mourne Duzetta

Don Poli's seven starts in Ireland have yielded five victories and a couple of narrow defeats, and he became a G1 winner in the Topaz Novice Chase. As that was gained over three miles on heavy ground, Don Poli appears to stay better than Hinterland and Wonderful Charm, two other leading novice chasers sired by Poliglote.

Thanks to the 2012 heroine Solemia, Poliglote became the second son of Sadler's Wells to sire a winner

of the Arc, but the Haras d'Etreham veteran has arguably made a bigger impact in recent years as a sire of jumpers. He was France's champion sire of jumpers in 2010 and repeated the feat in 2012 with a team headed by the G1-winning hurdlers Saint du Chenet and Nikita du Berlais. He made it three titles in the space of four years in 2013, before finishing third behind Saint des Saints in 2014.

Don Poli's dam Dalamine gained her only win over two miles on the Flat. She had a few outings over hurdles, no doubt because her brother Multipass had won the G1 Prix Georges de Talhouet-Roy at Auteuil as a three-year-old. Dalamine's half-sister Dalina was also above average over hurdles, after winning on the Flat.

101 BETFRED CHALLOW NOVICES' HURDLE G1

NEWBURY. Dec 29. 4yo+. 21f.

- PARLOUR GAMES (GB)** 6 11-7 £19,933
ch g by Monsun - Petrushka (Unfuwain)
O-Bloomfields B-Darley TR-John Ferguson
- Vyta du Roc (FR)** 5 11-7 £7,480
gr g by Lion Noir - Dolce Vyta (Grand Tresor)
O-Mr Simon Munir & Mr Isaac Souede
B-Mr A. Le Gall TR-Nicky Henderson
- Blakinn (GB)** 5 11-7 £3,745
b g by Kayf Tara - Franciscaine (Legend of France)
O-S Such & CG Paletta B-Mrs M. D. W. Morrison
TR-Nigel Twiston-Davies
Margins Neck, 1.25. Time 5:13.70.
Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-6	22	8	7	£123,450

Sire: MONSUN. Sire of 115 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: PETRUSHKA by Unfuwain. Champion 3yr old filly in England and Ireland in 2000. 5 wins at 2 and 3 at home, France, Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks G1, Aston Uphorpe Yorkshire Oaks G1, Prix de l'Opera-Hotel du Lac Barriere G1, 3rd Sagitta 1000 Guineas G1. Dam of 4 winners:

- 2004:** HALL OF FAME (g Machiavellian) 2 wins.
- 2005:** Russian Doll (f Rainbow Quest), Broodmare.
- 2006:** Puppyry (f Gone West) ran on the flat in France.
- 2007:** PADMI (f Tiger Hill) Winner at 2.
- 2008:** PARLOUR GAMES (g Monsun) 8 wins, 2nd Betdaq Mobile Apps Floodlit S LR, Betfred Challow Novices' Hurdle G1, Neptune Investment Hyde Novices' Hurdle G2, 2nd William Hill Novices' Hurdle LR.

- 2010:** Mister Punch (g Raven's Pass) unraced.
- 2011:** (f Monsun)
- 2012:** PULCINELLA (f Dubawi) Winner at 2.
- 2013:** (f Manduro)
- 2014:** (c Raven's Pass)

2nd Dam: BALLETS SHOES by Ela-Mana-Mou. 2 wins at 3. Dam of PETRUSHKA (f Unfuwain, see above), Danse Classique (f Night Shift; 2nd Harp Lager Ruby S LR). Third dam of DRIVING SNOW, Dazzling Day.

Broodmare sire: UNFUWAIN. Sire of the dams of 42 Stakes winners.

PARLOUR GAMES ch g 2008

Konigsstuhl	Dschingis Khan	Tamerlane Donna Diana
MONSUN br 90	Konigskrone	Tiepioletto Kronung
	Surumu	Literat Surama
Mosella	Monasia	Authi Monacensia
	Unfuwain	Northern Dancer
PETRUSHKA ch 97	Height of Fashion	Bustino Highclere
	Ela-Mana-Mou	Pitcam Rose Bertin
Ballet Shoes	River Dancer	Irish River Dancing Shadow

There must have been such high hopes for Petrushka when this champion daughter of Unfuwain joined the Darley broodmare team in 2001, reportedly at a cost of more than \$5 million. In addition to having won the Irish Oaks, Yorkshire Oaks and Prix de l'Opera for Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, she also had the bloodlines to develop into a similarly effective broodmare. Her dam Ballet Shoes was a half-sister to the top-class Spectrum, as well as being a half-sister to Well Head, who was soon to find fame as the dam of Conduit, winner of a St Leger, a King George and two editions of the Breeders' Cup Turf.

Petrushka duly visited a string of top-notch stallions, in several countries, ranging from Machiavellian and Rainbow Quest in England, to Gone West in the US and Monsun in Germany. Unfortunately she is still awaiting her first stakes winner on the Flat, though that could soon change. Her 2012 Dubawi filly Pulcinella showed progressively pleasing form in three starts as a juvenile in 2014 and next in line are a 2013 filly by Manduro and a 2014 colt by Raven's Pass.

Petrushka's best effort so far has been Parlour Games, who developed into a useful middle-distance stayer for Mahmood Al Zarooni as a three-year-old in 2011. His progress then came to a halt during a sporadic Flat campaign over the next two years, after which the now-gelded son of Monsun was transferred to John Ferguson. Parlour Games is thriving once again, to the extent that he has won four of his seven starts over hurdles, his finest moment coming when he narrowly landed the Challow Novices' Hurdle. His two victories over two miles five furlongs suggest that he appreciates a stronger test of stamina and there is no reason why he shouldn't eventually stay three miles.

102 32RED TOLWORTH NOVICES' HURDLE G1

SANDOWN PARK. Jan 3. 4yo+. 16f 110yds.

- LAMI SERGE (IRE)** 5 11-7 £23,491
b g by King's Theatre - La Zingarella (Phardante)
O-Mr Simon Munir & Mr Isaac Souede B-P. Ryan TR-Nicky Henderson
- Jolly's Cracked It (FR)** 6 11-7 £9,259
b g by Astarabad - Jolly Harbour (Rudimentary)
O-GDM Partnership B-H. Charlet & D. Charlesworth TR-Harry Fry
- The Lordbewithou (IRE)** 11 11-7 £4,991
b g by Turtle Island - Georgic (Tumble Gold)
O-The Secret Circle B-R. P. Killoran TR-Zoe Davison
Margins 14, 99+. Time 4:16.00. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-5	9	3	5	£122,250

Sire: KING'S THEATRE. Sire of 73 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - LAMI SERGE Phardante G1, BALBRIGGAN Presenting G2, LITTLE KING ROBIN Robin des Champs G2, MENORAH Strong Gale G2, SOUTHFIELD THEATRE Garde Royale G2, THE NEW ONE Turgeon G2, CARRIGMOORNA ROCK Bob Back G3, MORNING RUN Be My Native G3, PERFECT GENTLEMAN Mujadil G3, BALTHAZAR KING Hernando LR, LYRICAL THEATRE Bob Back LR, THE PIRATE'S QUEEN Arctic Lord LR.

Caulfield on Parlour Games: "His two victories over two miles five furlongs suggest that he appreciates a stronger test of stamina, and he should eventually stay three miles"

1st Dam: LA ZINGARELLA by Phardante. 3 wins over jumps in France, Prix Wild Monarch Hurdle (fillies) **LR**, 3rd Prix Congress Chase **G2**. Dam of 2 winners:

2005: Radio Eireann (g Milan)
2006: Milanella (f Milan) ran once in N.H. Flat Race. Broodmare.
2007: Zingarella's Joy (f Oscar) unraced. Broodmare.
2008: (g Milan)
2009: **Sizing Codeleo** (g Flemensfirth) Winner over hurdles at 5, 3rd Irish Racing Writer Kingfuzze Nov.Hurdle **LR**.
2010: **L'AMI SERGE** (g King's Theatre) 3 wins over hurdles at 4 and 5, 32Red Tolworth Novices' Hurdle **G1**, Sky Supreme Trial Kennel Gate Nov.Hurdle **G2**, bet365 Gerry Feilden H. Hurdle **LR**, 2nd Prix General de Rougemont Hurdle **LR**, Prix Univers II H. Hurdle **LR**, 3rd Prix Finot Hurdle (c&g) **LR**.
2011: Viens Chercher (c Milan)
2012: Petit Oscar (f Oscar) unraced to date.
2014: (f Fame And Glory)

Broodmare Sire: PHARDANTE. Sire of the dams of 47 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **L'AMI SERGE** King's Theatre **G1**, **GOD'S OWN** Oscar **G2**.

The King's Theatre/Phardante cross has produced: **L'AMI SERGE** **G1**, **SLIEVEARDAGH** **G2**, **Baby Shine** **G2**, **Lily Waugh** **LR**.

L'AMI SERGE b g 2010

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
KING'S THEATRE b 91	Princely Native	Raise A Native Charlo
	Dennis Belle	Crafty Admiral Evasion
Phardante	Pharly	Lyphard Comely
	Pallante	Taj Dewan Cavadonga
LA ZINGARELLA b 98	Bucksfin	Yelapa Bete A Bon Dieu
	In Memoriam	Super Slip Soinora

L'Ami Serge may sound as though he is yet another successful French import – and indeed he is – but France can't take all the credit. The reality is that he is an Irish-bred with a traditional Irish jumping pedigree, with

a son of Sadler's Wells as his sire and daughters of Phardante and Bucksfin as his first two dams.

Sending Phardante mares to sons of Sadler's Wells has yielded rich dividends in recent years. For example, Oscar has sired Oscar Whisky, Oscar Dan Dan, God's Own and Jetson, while Milan has sired Jezki and Double Seven. Then there are Cloudings (sire of Cloudy Too), Brian Boru (Fox Appeal) and Old Vic (Snoopy Loopy and Chelsea Harbour).

The champion sire King's Theatre has now joined the club, thanks to L'Ami Serge. In winning the Gr1 Tolworth Hurdle, L'Ami Serge was recording his third successive stakes victory from three starts since his transfer from France, where he had shown useful form without winning L'Ami Serge's dam La Zingarella also raced successfully in France after being bred in Ireland. She became a stakes winner on her debut over hurdles, taking the Prix Wild Monarch in the May of her three-year-old season. She also won over fences and was third in the Gr2 Prix Congress Chase. La Zingarella has youngsters by Milan and Oscar, so could add further gloss to the Sadler's Wells/Phardante cross.

La Zingarella's half-brother The Wicketkeeper was a useful chaser at around two miles. Their dam In Memoriam was an unraced half-sister to Nifty Nora, who did very well over jumps in France before becoming the dam of the Triumph Hurdle winner Snow Drop. Snow Drop is herself now the dam of the smart French hurdler Lina Drop. Nifty Nora's half-sister Rubydora produced the Phardante gelding Rubissimo, a winner of two good chases at Auteuil.

103 LAWLOR'S HOTEL SLANEY NOVICE HURDLE G1

NAAS. Jan 4. 5yo+. 20f.

- 1. MCKINLEY (GB)** 5 11-7 £37,209
 b g by Kheleyf - Prieria Menta (Montjeu)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud
B-The Prieria Menta Partnership TR-W. P. Mullins
- 2. Tell Us More (IRE)** 6 11-10 £11,783
 b g by Scorpion - Zara's Victory (Old Vic)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-T. Conroy
 TR-W. P. Mullins
- 3. Free Expression (IRE)** 6 11-10 £5,581
 b g by Germany - Create A Storm (Bob Back)
 O-John P McManus B-A. Larkin
 TR-Gordon Elliott
 Margins 0.75, 1.5. Time 5:00.20. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-5	11	5	3	£76,511

Sire: KHELEYF. Sire of 19 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: Prieria Menta by Montjeu. unraced. Dam of 1 winner:

2010: **MCKINLEY** (g Kheleyf) Sold 12,725gns yearling at TISEP. 5 wins, Lawlor's Hotel Slaney Novice Hurdle **G1**, For Auction Novice Hurdle **G3**.

2nd Dam: Plume Bleu Pale by El Gran Senor. 1 win at 3 in France, 3rd Prix de Lieurey **LR**. Dam of **POPLAR BLUFF** (c Dowsing: Prix de la Foret **G1**), **Patch of Blue** (f Siberian Express: 2nd Prix de Sandringham **G3**). Grandam of **Prince Tamino**. Third dam of **Pasco**.

Broodmare Sire: MONTJEU. Sire of the dams of 22 Stakes winners.

MCKINLEY b g 2010

Green Desert	Danzig	Northern Dancer
	Foreign Courier	Pas de Nom
KHELEYF b/r 01	Mr Prospector	Sir Ivor Courtly Dee
	La Voyageuse	Raise A Native Gold Digger
Society Lady	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge
	Floripedes	Top Ville Touth Cy
PRIERA MENTA gr 04	El Gran Senor	Northern Dancer Sex Appeal
	Plume Bleu Pale	Songedor Cawston Tower

The Lawlor's Hotel Novice Hurdle – the first ever Gr1 ran at Naas – was widely expected to provide the first top-level victory for Montjeu's St leger-winning son Scorpion, via the unbeaten Tell Us More.

However, victory went instead to Tell Us More's unconsidered stablemate McKinley, a 33-1 shot whose dam Prieria Menta is by Montjeu. There appeared little fluke about it.

Montjeu surely merits some of the credit for McKinley, as this gelding possesses the stamina associated with Montjeu, rather than the speed which has been the basis for much of Kheleyf's success.

Indeed, McKinley is the best jumping winner by Kheleyf, a Gr3 Jersey Stakes winner who is better known as the sire of the Group-winning sprinters Sayif, Majestic Queen, Penny's Picnic and Percolator. It was over a mile and a half that McKinley gained his only success on the Flat, and he has now gained the most important of his four successes to date over hurdles over two and a half miles.

McKinley is the first foal of the unraced Prieria Menta, who comes from a very distinguished Flat family. Her half-brother Poplar Bluff landed the Gr1 Prix de la Foret.

McKinley's third dam Pixie Tower was a talented half-sister to the brilliant juvenile filly Cawston's Pride, who found added fame as the dam of the champion sprinter Solinus and ancestress of several other Gr1 winners. Pixie Tower also did well as part of the Wildenstein broodmare team, producing the smart colts Paradis Terrestre and Premier Ministre.

National Hunt Graded Races

Date	Grade	Race (course)	Dist	Horse	Age	Sex	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Index
05/12	G2	Neptune Investment Winter Novices Hurdle (Sandown Park)	20f	Ytta du Roc (FR)	5	G	Lion Noir	Dolce Vyta	Grand Tresor	83
06/12	G3	Betfred Becher Handicap Chase (Aintree)	26f	Oscar Time (IRE)	13	G	Oscar	Baywatch Star	Supreme Leader	84
07/12	G2	Kerry Group Hilly Way Chase (Cork)	16f	Felix Yonger (IRE)	8	G	Oscar	Marble Sound	Be My Native	85
07/12	G2	Betfred Peterborough Chase (Huntingdon)	20.5f	Wishfull Thinking (GB)	11	G	Allora	Poussetiere Deux	Garde Royale	86
07/12	G3	Kerry Group Cork Stayers Novice Hurdle (Cork)	24f	Black Hercules (IRE)	5	G	Heron Island	Annalecty	Bob's Return	87
07/12	G3	Kerry Group EBF Lomardstown Nov.Chase (Cork)	17f	Vroum Vroum Mag (FR)	5	M	Voix du Nord	Naiade Mag	Kadalko	88
12/12	G3	Majordomo Hospitality Handicap Chase (Cheltenham)	26f	Benbane Head (USA)	10	G	Giant's Causeway	Prospectress	Mining	104
13/12	G2	Albert Bartlett Bristol Novices' Hurdle (Cheltenham)	24f	Blaklion (GB)	5	G	Kayf Tara	Franciscaine	Legend of France	105
13/12	G2	Osborne House Relkeel Hurdle (Cheltenham)	20.5f	Rock On Ruby (IRE)	9	G	Oscar	Stony View	Tirol	106
13/12	G2	stanjames.com International Hurdle (Cheltenham)	17f	The New One (IRE)	6	G	King's Theatre	Thurninge	Turgeon	107
13/12	G2	bet365 RSA Trial December Novices' Chase (Doncaster)	24f	Virak (FR)	5	G	Bernebeau	Nosika d'Airy	Oblat	108
13/12	G2	bet365 Summit Juvenile Hurdle (Doncaster)	16.5f	Peace And Co (FR)	3	G	Falco	Peace Lina	Linamix	109
13/12	G3	Caspian Caviar Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Cheltenham)	21f	Niceonefrankie (GB)	8	G	Ishiguru	Chesnut Ripple	Comsonaut	110
14/12	G2	Navan Novice Hurdle (Navan)	20f	No More Heroes (IRE)	5	G	Presenting	What A Breeze	Naheez	111
14/12	GrB	Tara Handicap Hurdle (Navan)	20f	Lite Duties (IRE)	5	G	Mountain High	Kill Bill	Warcraft	112
14/12	GrC	Foxrock Handicap Chase (Navan)	20f	Mount Colah (IRE)	8	G	Beneficial	Lady Newmill	Taipan	113
19/12	G2	Mitie Noel Novices' Chase (Ascot)	19f	Pitt Zig (FR)	5	G	Great Pretender	Red Rym	Denham Red	114
19/12	G2	Sky Supreme Trial Kennel Gate Nov.Hurdle (Ascot)	16f	L'Ami Serge (IRE)	4	G	King's Theatre	La Zingarella	Phardante	115
20/12	G3	Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle (Ascot)	16f	Bayan (IRE)	5	G	Danehill Dancer	Kindling	Dr Fong	116
26/12	G2	Knight Frank Juvenile Hurdle (Leopardstown)	16f	Fiscal Focus (IRE)	3	C	Intense Focus	Elida	Royal Academy	117
26/12	G2	Shannon Airport Greenmount Nov. Chase (Limerick)	19.5f	Gilgamboa (IRE)	6	G	Westerner	Hi Native	Be My Native	118
26/12	G3	William Hill Rowland Meyrick Hcp Chase (Wetherby)	25f	Dolatulo (FR)	7	G	Le Fou	La Perspective	Beysac	119
27/12	G2	williamhill.com Desert Orchid Chase (Kempton Park)	16f	Special Tara (GB)	7	G	Kayf Tara	Special Choice	Bob Back	120
27/12	G2	williamhill.com Wayward Lad Nov. Chase (Kempton Park)	16f	Vibrato Valtat (FR)	5	G	Voix du Nord	La Tosca Valtat	Dom Alco	121
27/12	G3	Coral Welsh National Handicap Chase (Chepstow)	29.5f	Emperor's Choice (IRE)	7	G	Flemensfirth	House-of-Hearts	Broken Hearted	122
27/12	GrB	Paddy Power Handicap Chase (Leopardstown)	24f	Living Next Door (IRE)	8	G	Beneficial	Except Alice	Orchestra	123
27/12	GrB	Tim Duggan Memorial Handicap Chase (Limerick)	19.5f	Page Turner (IRE)	9	G	Bishop of Cashel	I'm A Character	Tragic Role	124
29/12	G3	IFG W.Ellis EBF Mares Hurdle (Leopardstown)	20f	Carrigmoora Rock (IRE)	6	M	King's Theatre	Carrigmoora Flyer	Bob Back	125
29/12	G3	Citona's Dorans Pride Novice Hurdle (Limerick)	24f	Martello Tower (IRE)	6	G	Milan	Johnsalice	Zaffaran	126
01/01	G2	BetBright Dipper Novices' Chase (Cheltenham)	21f	Pitt Zig (FR)	6	G	Great Pretender	Red Rym	Denham Red	127
01/01	G3	BetBright Fairlawne Handicap Chase (Cheltenham)	21f	Splash of Ginge (GB)	7	G	Oscar	Land of Honour	Supreme Leader	128