

National Hunt Grade 1s

200 OLBG DAVID NICHOLSON MARES' HURDLE G1

- CHELLENHAM, Mar 10, 4yo+.** 20f.
1. GLENS MELODY (IRE) 7 11-5 £56,270
 b m by King's Theatre - Glens Music (Orchestra)
 O-Ms Fiona McStay B-Mrs F. McStay
 TR-W.P. Mullins
2. Polly Peachum (IRE) 7 11-5 £21,200
 b m by Shantou - Miss Denman (Presenting)
 O-Lady Tennant B-C. O'Flynn
 TR-Nicky Henderson
3. Bitofapuzzle (GB) 7 11-5 £10,610
 b m by Tamure - Gaelic Gold (Good Thyme)
 O-Mr Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock Ltd
 B-R. J. & S. A. Carter TR-Harry Fry
 Margins Head, Neck. Time 4:51.10. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-7	21	12	7	£276,224

Sire: KING'S THEATRE. Sire of 75 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **CARLINGFORD LOUGH** *Furry Glen* G1, **GLENS MELODY** *Orchestra* G1, **LAMI SERGE** *Phardante* G1, **BALBRIGGAN** *Presenting* G2, **GLINGERBURN** *Broken Hearted* G2, **LITTLE KING** *Robin des Champs* G2, **MENORAH** *Strong Gale* G2, **SHANESHILL** *Doyoun* G2, **SOUTHFIELD THEATRE** *Garde Royale* G2, **THE NEW ONE** *Turgeon* G2.

1st Dam: GLENS MUSIC by Orchestra. 9 wins, Anglo Irish Bank Nas Na Riogh Nov. Chase G2. Dam of 4 winners:

- 2004:** *Quietly Fancied* (g Presenting) 3 wins, 2nd Monkfield Novice Hurdle G2, 2nd Ladbrokes Munster National H. Chase G1.
2005: **CEOL RUA** (f Bob Back) 4 wins, 2nd John Smith's Mares' Open N.H. Flat Race LR, Easter 8-10 April Mares Novice Hurdle LR. Broodmare.
2006: Cottage Theatre (f King's Theatre) unraced. Broodmare.
2008: **GLENS MELODY** (f King's Theatre) 12 wins, Irish TBA EBF Mares Hurdle G1, OLBG David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle G1, Levy Board Warwick Mares' Hurdle LR, Frank Ward Solicitor Solerina Nov. Hurdle LR, oibg.com Warwick Mares' Hurdle LR (twice), 2nd Irish Stall. Farms EBF Mares Nov. Hurdle G1, OLBG David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle G2, Limestone Lad Hurdle G3, 3rd Osborne House Relkeel Hurdle G2, ITBA Fillies Scheme EBF Mares Hurdle G3.
2009: **LEAN ARAIG** (g Old Vic) 3 wins over hurdles at 6, Paddy Power Johnstown Novice Hurdle G2.
2010: Glens Symphony (g High Chaparral) unraced.
2012: Glens Harmony (f King's Theatre) unraced to date.
2014: (c Sholokhov)

Broodmare Sire: ORCHESTRA. Sire of the dams of 23 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **GLENS MELODY** *King's Theatre* G1, **LEAN ARAIG** *Old Vic* G2, **LIVING NEXT DOOR** *Beneficial* G2.

GLENS MELODY b m 2008

Sire: KING'S THEATRE b 91	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special	
	Princely Native	Raise A Native Charlo	
Regal Beauty	Dennis Belle	Crafty Admiral Evasion	
	Tudor Music	Tudor Melody Fran	
GLENS MUSIC b 93	Orchestra	Golden Moss	Sheshoon Muscosa
	Glen's Pride	Furry Glen	Wolver Hollow Cleiftess
	Santa Brigida	Santa Brigida	Rarity Santa Nan

Willie Mullins may no longer be able to call on the services of that remarkable mare Quevega, a six-time winner of the OLBG Mares' Hurdle (formerly the David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle), but Glens Melody proved a first-rate substitute in the 2015

contest. This daughter of King's Theatre had finished a fine second to Quevega in the 2014 Mares' Hurdle and she again looked destined to play second fiddle to a stablemate in 2015, when she came to the final flight four lengths adrift of Annie Power. However, Annie Power crashed to the ground and Glens Melody gamely came out on top in a three-way finish.

Glens Melody now has the proud record of having won nine of her 18 starts over hurdles, plus all three of her starts in bumpers. Her dam Glens Music was another tough and durable performer. This daughter of Orchestra raced until she was ten, winning two bumpers, five hurdle races and a chase, and she also had time to win over two miles on the level as an eight-year-old.

Even so, Glens Melody has still had time to shine as a broodmare, with Glens Melody being her third black-type performer, one of the others being Ceol Rua, a Listed winner over hurdles. Her 2010 High Chaparral gelding sold for 88,000. Glens Melody's second dam, the Furry Glen mare Glen's Pride, won a pair of hurdle races over two miles.

Glens Melody's broodmare sire Orchestra was responsible for such good chasers as Dorans Pride, Rince Ri, Pat's Jester and Fiddling The Facts. Other daughters of Orchestra produced Hello Bud, winner of the 2009 Scottish National, plus recent stakes winners such as Court Minstrel, Molly's A Diva, Trutan Times, Deireadh Re and Whatuthink. The last-named, whose exploits include a third in the Irish Grand National, is out of Glen's Encore, a sister to Glens Music.

201 RACING POST ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE G1

- CHELLENHAM, Mar 10, 5yo+.** 16f.
1. UN DE SCEAUX (FR) 7 11-4 £85,425
 b g by Denham Red - Hotesse de Sceaux (April Night)
 O-E. O'Connell B-Haras de La Rousseliere & Mme Monique Cheveau TR-W.P. Mullins
2. God's Own (IRE) 7 11-4 £32,055
 b g by Oscar - Dantes Term (Phardante)
 O-Crossed Fingers Partnership B-Mrs C. O'Driscoll TR-Tom George
3. Josses Hill (IRE) 7 11-4 £16,050
 b g by Winged Love - Credora Storm (Glacial Storm)
 O-Mr A. D. Spence B-I. W. Moore
 TR-Nicky Henderson
 Margins 6, 2. Time 3:51.40. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-7	13	12	0	£311,410

Sire: DENHAM RED. Sire of 5 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **UN DE SCEAUX** *April Night* G1, **TEAM RED** *Saint Cyrien* LR.

- 1st Dam:** Hotesse de Sceaux by April Night. unraced. Dam of 1 winner:
2006: Star de Sceaux (f Maresca Sorrento) ran on the flat in France and over jumps in France.
2008: **UN DE SCEAUX** (g Denham Red) 12 wins, Red Mills Trial Hurdle G2, Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase G1, Frank Ward Arkle Challenge Cup Nov. Chase G1, Prix Leon Rambaud Hurdle G2, Prix Hypothese Hurdle G3.

Broodmare Sire: APRIL NIGHT. Sire of the dams of 5 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **BRISTOL DE MAI** *Saddler Maker* G1, **UN DE SCEAUX** *Denham Red* G1.

UN DE SCEAUX b g 2008

DENHAM RED b 92	Pampabird	Pampapaul	Yellow God Pampalina
	Wood Grouse	Celtic Ash	French Bird
	Giboulee	Northern Dancer	Victory Chant
Nativelee	Native Berry	Ribero	Noble Native
	Kaldoun	Caro	Katana
April Night	My Destiny	Chaparral	Carmelite
	Diarios	Dionysos II	Diana
HOTESSE DE SCEAUX ch 95	Olympe Occitane	Papakiteme	Klairon Gorda

See race 131 in the March issue

202 SKY BET SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE G1

- CHELLENHAM, Mar 10, 4yo+.** 16f 110yds.
1. DOUVAN (FR) 5 11-7 £68,340
 b g by Walk In The Park - Star Face (Saint des Saints)
 O-Mrs S. Ricci B-S.A.R.L. Haras de La Faisanderie TR-W.P. Mullins
2. Shaneshill (IRE) 6 11-7 £25,644
 b g by King's Theatre - Darabaka (Doyoun)
 O-Andrea & Graham Wylie B-Mr D. Johnson TR-W.P. Mullins
3. Sizing John (GB) 5 11-7 £12,840
 b g by Midnight Legend - La Perrotine (Northern Crystal)
 O-Ann & Alan Potts Partnership B-Dr B. & S. Mayoh TR-Henry de Bromhead
 Margins 4.5, 2.5. Time 3:47.50. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-5	5	4	1	£108,970

Sire: WALK IN THE PARK. Sire of 2 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: Star Face by Saint des Saints. unraced. Dam of 1 winner:

- 2010:** **DOUVAN** (g Walk In The Park) 4 wins, Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle G1, sportinglife.com Moscow Flyer Nov. Hurdle G2.

Broodmare Sire: SAINT DES SAINTS. Sire of the dams of 2 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **DOUVAN** *Walk In The Park* G1, **CROSS IN HAND** *Silver Cross* LR.

DOUVAN b g 2010

WALK IN THE PARK b 02	Montjeu	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Fairy Bridge
	Floripedes	Top Ville	Toute Cy	
	Robellino	Roberto	Isobelline	
Classic Park	Wanton	Kris	Brazen Faced	
	Cadoudal	Green Dancer	Com To Sea	
Saint des Saints	Chamisene	Pharfy	Tunera	
	Saint Preuil	Dom Pasquini	Montecha	
STAR FACE b 04	Folie Star Gate	Miss French	Mistgri	Lise Belle

Hurricane Fly has been flying the flag for his sire Montjeu for many years now and we have already seen Gr1 winners over hurdles by his sons Authorized and Montmartre. With the top-class performers Scorpion, Fame And Glory and Leading Light all being part of Coolmore's National Hunt team, it is easy to believe that sons of Montjeu represent the future of National Hunt breeding. This theory gained further credence when Walk In The Park, Montjeu's 2005 Derby runner-up, was represented by Douvan in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle. This ex-French gelding had won his last three starts over hurdles, including a Gr2 at Punchestown, and he justified favouritism in good style, winning by more than four lengths.

The well-bred Walk In The Park

(out of the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Classic Park) hasn't been widely used in France, to the extent that he has only 120 foals in his first four crops.

He is based nowadays at Haras des Granges and his fee in 2015 is only 1,500. His best representative on the Flat has been Dance In The Park, a Group-placed Listed winner.

Douvan, though, was bred with a jumping career in mind. He is the first foal of Star Face, who was sold for only 2,000 in 2012. Star Face is a once-raced daughter of that excellent jumping stallion Saint des Saints and her dam is the winning jumper Folie Star Gate. Douvan's third dam, Miss French, was a sister to the smart French hurdler Discover d'Auteuil.

Saint des Saints was France's champion sire of jumpers in 2014, thanks to the likes of Storm Of Saintry, Laterano, Kobrouk and Argentique, and he was also runner-up in 2012 and 2013. Star Face was a member of his first crop, born in 2004, so it is still early days for Saint des Saints' broodmare daughters.

203 STAN JAMES CHAMPION CHALL. TROPHY HURDLE G1

- CHELLENHAM, Mar 10, 4yo+.** 16f 110yds.
1. FAUGHEEN (IRE) 7 11-10 £227,800
 b g by Germany - Miss Pickering (Accordion)
 O-Mrs S. Ricci B-Dr J. Waldron TR-W.P. Mullins
2. Arctic Fire (GER) 6 11-10 £85,480
 b g by Soldier Hollow - Adema (Stemkoening)
 O-Wicklow Bloodstock Limited B-Mr U. Gruning TR-W.P. Mullins
3. Hurricane Fly (IRE) 11 11-10 £42,800
 b g by Montjeu - Scandisk (Kenmare)
 O-George Creighton & Mrs Rose Boyd B-Agricola Del Parco SS TR-W.P. Mullins
 Margins 1.5, 5. Time 3:50.90. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-7	10	10	0	£484,636

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) 9 wins, Stan James Champion Chall. Trophy Hurdle G1, Neptune Investment Bingham Nov Hurdle G1, williamhill.com Christmas Hurdle G1, Herald Champion Novice Hurdle G1, Coral Ascot Hurdle G2, Liberty Ins. Dorans Pride Novice Hurdle G3.
2009: (c Germany)
2010: Telmadela (g Definite Article) unraced.
2013: (c Fracas)

Broodmare Sire: ACCORDION. Sire of the dams of 6 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **FAUGHEEN** *Germany* G1, **MISTER HOTELIER** *Beneficial* G2.

FAUGHEEN b g 2008

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

See race 92 in the February issue

Caulfield on Windsor Park: "He's already proved himself one of the best jumpers sired by Galileo, but he needs to improve further before he matches Triumph winner Celestial Halo"

204 BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 11. 5yo+. 16f.
1. DODGING BULLETS (GB) 7 11-10 £199,325
 b g by Dubawi - Nova Cyngi (Kris S)
 O-Martin Broughton & Friends B-L. Dettori TR-Paul Nicholls
2. Somersby (IRE) 11 11-10 £74,795
 b g by Second Empire - Back To Roost (Presenting)
 O-Mrs T. P. Radford B-Miss N. A. Adams TR-Mick Channon
3. Special Tiara (GB) 8 11-10 £37,450
 b g by Kayf Tara - Special Choice (Bob Back)
 O-Mrs S. Rowley-Williams B-D. E. M. Young
 TR-Henry de Bromhead
 Margins 1.25, 1.75. Time 3:53.00. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-7	27	10	11	£502,357

Sire: DUBAWI. Sire of 91 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: Fourlaneds (g Dubawi) ran a few times.
2008: **DODGING BULLETS** (g Dubawi) Sold 8,000gns yearling at TADEY. 10 wins, Opus Energy Sharp Novices' Hurdle G2, 2nd williamhill.com Dovecot Novices' Hurdle G2, 3rd williamhill.com Christmas Hurdle G1, Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase G1, 888sport Tingle Creek Chase G1, Sodexo Clarence House 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**, **LI MNOS**, **BURNING SUNSET**, **Hyades**, **Talwin**, **Edoua**, **Erehwon**, **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

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

See race 80 in the February issue

205 NEPTUNE INVESTMENT BINGHAM NOV HURDLE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 11. 4yo+. 21f.
1. WINDSOR PARK (IRE) 6 11-7 £68,340
 b g by Galileo - Blissful (Mr Prospector)
 O-Dr R. Lambie B-Commonwealth TR-D. K. Weld
2. Parour Games (GB) 7 11-7 £25,644
 ch g by Monsun - Petrushka (Untufwain)
 O-Bloomfields B-Darley TR-John Ferguson
3. Nichols Canyon (GB) 5 11-7 £12,840
 b g by Authorized - Zam Zoom (Dalakhani)
 O-Andrea & Graham Wylie B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited

TR-W.P. Mullins
 Margins 3.75, 1.25. Time 5:07.40. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-6	11	6	4	£117,855

Sire: GALILEO. Sire of 191 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **WINDSOR PARK** Mr Prospector G1, **BALLYGLASHEEN** Danehill G3, **SHELFORD Shirley Heights** G3, **SUPASUNDAE** Danehill LR, **WELLS Rodrigo de Triano** LR.

1st Dam: Blissful by Mr Prospector. ran on the flat in USA at 2. Own sister to **FUSAICHI PEGASUS**. Dam of 4 winners:

2001: Dutches Mojo (f Deputy Minister) unraced.
 Dam of **Sweet Nothings** (f Street Cry: 3 wins at 2 and 3 in USA, 2nd California Oaks LR, Corte Madera S LR)
2002: Jellicle Cat (c Storm Cat)
2003: **Where's That Tiger** (c Storm Cat) Winner at 2, 2nd DNDR UAE 2000 Guineas G3.
2004: Chico Cat (c Storm Cat) unraced.
2005: **One Great Cat** (c Storm Cat) 2 wins at 2 and 3, 2nd Nijinsky S LR, 3rd Urban-i Champagne S G2, Richmond S G2. Sire.
2006: **CATS** (f Storm Cat) Winner at 3 in USA. Broodmare.
2007: Oicat (f Storm Cat) unraced. Broodmare.
2008: (f Johannesburg)
2009: **WINDSOR PARK** (g Galileo) 6 wins, Neptune Investment Bingham Nov Hurdle G1, 2nd Deloitte Novice Hurdle G1.
2012: (c Giant's Causeway)

2nd Dam: Angel Fever by Danzig. 1 win at 2 in USA, 2nd Colleen S LR. Own sister to **PINE BLUFF**. Dam of **FUSAICHI PEGASUS** (c Mr Prospector: Kentucky Derby G1, 2nd Preakness S G1), Grandam of **BRAVE TIN SOLDIER**, **TEXAS FEVER**, **SAINT ISABELLE**, **BOLD ANGEL**, **Gustnado**.

Broodmare Sire: MR PROSPECTOR. Sire of the dams of 324 Stakes winners.

WINDSOR PARK b g 2009

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
	Miswaki	Mr Prospector Hopespringseternal
Urban Sea	Allegretta	Lombard Anatevka
	Raise A Native	Native Dancer Raise You
Mr Prospector	Gold Digger	Nashua Sequence
	Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
Angel Fever	Rowdy Angel	Halo Rainyhyde

As a bunch of evenly matched contenders raced towards the final flight of the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle, the question was which of them would find the best finishing speed. Would it be one of the jumping-bred sons of Presenting, Stowaway or Lion Noir, or would it be a Flat-bred son of Authorized, Monsun or Galileo? Predictably it was the Flat contingent that prevailed, with Galileo's son Windsor Park extending his slender lead to nearly four lengths by the line.

Windsor Park was born with the handicap of a May 24 birthday, so it wasn't too surprising that he didn't race until he was approaching his actual fourth birthday. His debut in a bumper was inauspicious, as he was quickly pulled up, but he has since finished first or second in nine of his ten starts, winning six of them.

Needless to say, this son of Galileo comes from a top family. He is a half-brother to a couple of talented colts by Storm Cat and his dam Blissful has

the distinction of being a sister to Fusaichi Pegasus. This son of Mr Prospector justified his 4,000,000-dollar price tag as a yearling by winning the Kentucky Derby. Windsor Park's second dam, Angel Fever, also had the distinction of being a sister to a winner of one of America's Triple Crown events, namely the Preakness Stakes winner Pine Bluff. Angel Fever was also a half-sister to Demons Begone, who started favourite for the 1987 Kentucky Derby, only to bleed badly. Angel Fever managed only two starts but achieved enough to earn a weight of 106 on the Experimental Free Handicap.

Windsor Park has already proved himself one of the best jumpers sired by Galileo, but he needs to improve further before he matches Celestial Halo, winner of the Gr1 Triumph Hurdle and numerous Gr2 events.

206 RSA CHASE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 11. 5yo+. 24f 110yds.
1. DON POLI (IRE) 6 11-4 £85,425
 b g by Poliglote - Dalamine (Sillery)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Brian J Griffiths & John Nicholson TR-W.P. Mullins
2. Southfield Theatre (IRE) 7 11-4 £32,055
 b g by King's Theatre - Chamoss Royale (Garde Royale)
 O-Mrs Angela Yeoman B-Mrs A. B. Yeoman TR-Paul Nicholls
3. Wounded Warrior (IRE) 6 11-4 £16,050
 b g by Shantou - Sparkling Sword (Broadsword)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Mr S. Lanigan-O'Keefe TR-Noel Meade
 Margins 6, 1.5. Time 6:09.20. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-6	9	6	3	£214,260

Sire: POLIGLOTE. Sire of 74 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **DON POLI** Sillery G1, **FLEUR D'AINAY** Cadoudal G1, **POLYGONA** Trempolino G3, **ROI DES FRANCS** Sillery 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 Trempolino) 2 wins over jumps in France.
2008: DO YOU JUMP (c Trempolino) 3 wins over jumps in France.
2009: **DON POLI** (g Poliglote) 6 wins, Surehaul Mercedes Powerstown Nov. Hurdle G3, 2nd Irish Daily Mirror Novice Hurdle G1, RSA Chase 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: Debeca (g Kayf Tara) unraced.
2012: (f Kayf Tara)
2014: (f Beat Hollow)

Broodmare Sire: SILLERY. Sire of the dams of 20 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **DON POLI** Poliglote G1, **ROI DES FRANCS** Poliglote G3.

The Poliglote/Sillery cross has produced: **DON POLI G1**, **ROI DES FRANCS** G3.

DON POLI b g 2009

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

See race 100 in the February issue

207 WEATHERBYS CHAMPION BUMPER NH FLAT RACE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 11. 4-6yo. 16f 110yds.
1. MOON RACER (IRE) 6 11-5 £34,170
 ch g by Saffron Walden - Angel's Folly (Wesaam)
 O-Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew B-D. & T. Bergin TR-David Pipe
2. Modus (GB) 5 11-5 £12,822
 ch g by Motivator - Alessandra (Generous)
 O-Mr D. J. Deer B-Mr & Mrs D. J. Deer TR-Robert Stephens
3. Wait For Me (FR) 5 11-5 £6,420
 b g by Saint des Saints - Aulne River (River Mist)
 O-Mr Andrew L. Cohen B-Haras D'Etreham TR-Philip Hobbs
 Margins 1.5, 1.5. Time 3:50.40. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
5-6	3	3	0	£87,886

Sire: SAFFRON WALDEN. Sire of 1 Stakes winner.

1st Dam: ANGEL'S FOLLY by Wesaam. Winner over hurdles. Dam of 2 winners:

2004: (c Mr Combustible)
2005: (f Dr Massin)
2007: (f Raise A Grand)
2008: **Saffron Wells** (g Saffron Walden) Winner over hurdles at 6, 2nd EBF William Hill Nat.Hunt Nov.Hcp Hurdle G3.
2009: **MOON RACER** (g Saffron Walden) 3 wins in N.H. Flat Races at 5 and 6, Weatherbys Champion Bumper NH Flat Race G1.

Broodmare Sire: WESAAM. Sire of the dams of 1 Stakes winner.

The Saffron Walden/Wesaam cross has produced: **MOON RACER** G1, **Saffron Wells** G3.

MOON RACER b g 2009

Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
SAFFRON WALDEN b 96	Irish River	Riverman Irish Star
	Luv Luvin'	Raise A Native Ringing Bells
Wesaam	Riverman	Never Bend River Lady
	Share The Fantasy	Exclusive Native Misukaw
ANGEL'S FOLLY b 99	Ardress	Run The Gantlet Le Melody
	Letteressie	Alias Smith Princess Nelertiti

Riverman's son Wesaam had only four progeny born in 1999 but the only filly among them, Angel's Folly, won over hurdles as a four-year-old and has now become the dam of a Gr1 winner. This is Moon Racer, a 5,000 purchase who remained unbeaten in three starts when he won the Weatherbys Champion Bumper.

Wesaam had been a useful performer at his best but without showing a lot of stamina, his wins coming at around a mile. Angel's Folly's win came over the minimum distance over hurdles but she is out of an unraced daughter of the stamina-packed Ardross - a stallion whose latest achievement is to be the grandsire of Coneegree, winner of the 2015 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Like so many good National Hunt winners, Moon Racer has a son of Sadler's Wells as his sire. This is the very well-connected Saffron Walden, who justified his position as the highest-priced yearling of 1997 by winning the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Unfortunately Saffron Walden failed to shine after his Classic success and he was sold to Japan as a stallion in

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2000. He sired only around 100 named foals in his four seasons there, getting only one stakes winner, and he was returned to Ireland in 2005. He left stud in 2012, without having sired anything of great note until Moon Racer came along.

208 JLT GOLDEN MILLER NOVICES' CHASE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 12, 5yo+, 20f.
1. VAUTOUR (FR) 6 11-4 £68,340
 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
2. Apache Stronghold (IRE) 7 11-4 £25,644
 b g by Milan - First Battle (Un Desperado)
 O-Mrs Patricia Hunt B-J. Robinson TR-Noel Meade
3. Vaiseur Lido (FR) 6 11-4 £12,840
 b g by Anzillero - Libido Rock (Video Rock)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-M. Contignon &
 Mme N. Contignon TR-W. P. Mullins
Margins 15, Short Head. Time 4:46.30. Going Good.

Age Starts Wins Places Earned
 3-6 11 8 3 £306,039

Sire: ROBIN DES CHAMPS. Sire of 23 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: GAZELLE DE MAI by Dom Pasquini. 20 wins, Prix d'Iena Hurdle LR. Dam of 4 winners:
1998: Brink de Mai (c Sir Brink) ran on the flat in France and over jumps in France.
1999: BELLE PREUILLADE (f Royal Charter) 2 wins over jumps in France.
2000: Mozart du Berlais (c Pistolet Bleu) unraced.
2002: Line Mexia (f Indian River). Broodmare.
2003: LINE OCEANE (f Bonnet Rouge) 3 wins over jumps in France.
2004: GREG JACK (g Lost World) Winner at 4 in France.
2005: Disco Jack (g Kingsalsa)
2009: VAUTOUR (g Robin des Champs) 8 wins, Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle G1, Tattersalls Ireland Champion Nov. Hurdle G1, Deloitte Novice Hurdle G1, Moscow Flyer Novice Hurdle G2, JLT Golden Miller Novices' Chase G1, Leopardstown Killiney Novice Chase G2, 2nd Racing Post Christmas Novice Chase G1.

Broodmare Sire: DOM PASQUINI. Sire of the dams of 20 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - VAUTOUR Robin des Champs G1, SAPHIR DU RHEU Al Namix G2, HILTON DU BERLAIS Saint des Saints G3, URANNA Panoramic LR.

VAUTOUR b g 2009

Garde Royale	Mill Reef	Never Bend
	Royal Way	Sicambre
ROBIN DES CHAMPS b 97	Iron Duke	Sicambre
	Reliorneuse	El Relicario
Relayeuse	Traffic	Ordonneuse
	Rheffec	Rhenane
Dom Pasquini	Boursonne	La Varenne
	Sword Dancer	Eudaemon
GAZELLE DE MAI gr 89	Mexia	Doll Dance
	Kozmic Blues	Swaps
		Red Spy

Having run up a sequence of five victories over hurdles, including three at Gr1 level, Vautour started long odds-on for his first two starts over fences. All went smoothly on his debut, which he took by eight lengths from Clarcam, but he could then finish only a well-beaten third behind Clarcam in a Leopardstown Gr1.

Was he going to be another top hurdler who proved less effective over the bigger obstacles? The answer has been a resounding 'no'. Vautour led virtually throughout on his next two starts and he was superb in beating Apache Stronghold by 15 lengths in

the JLT Novices' Chase.

Vautour belongs to the French crop sired by Robin des Champs before this very successful stallion moved to Glenview Stud. Several members of Robin des Champs' earlier French crops have also excelled outside France, prime examples being Sir des Champs (Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown and the Punchestown Gold Cup), Quevega (four editions of the G1 World Series Hurdle) and the Gr1 winners Un Atout and Sous les Cieux.

Robin des Champs himself won four of his five starts over hurdles. As he raced only as a three-year-old, the now 18-year-old is already making his mark as a broodmare sire, a good example being that smart hurdler Little King Robin. His first Irish foals, the eldest being five-year-olds of 2015, have enjoyed some fine results in the sales ring, with Potters Point and Champions On Ice respectively selling for £260,000 and £205,000. Another son made 200,000 at the 2014 Land Rover Sale.

The maximum distance tackled by Robin des Champs was just under two and a quarter miles. However, both Sir des Champs and Quevega were suited by three miles, and Vautour stays at least two and a half miles. His dam Gazelle de Mai won at up to two miles five furlongs in winning nine times on the Flat, six times over hurdles and five times over fences. Her brother Lord Pasquini was also a prolific winner on the Flat and over fences. Gazelle de Mai is now the dam of four winners.

Her sire, the Gr2 Prix Greffuhle winner Dom Pasquini, was twice France's champion sire of jumpers. Dom Pasquini is best known here for his son Dom Alco, sire of such fine stayers as Neptune Collonges, Grands Crus and Silviniaco Conti.

209 LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 12, 4yo+, 24f.
1. COLE HARDEN (IRE) 6 11-10 £170,850
 b g by Westerner - Nosie Betty (Alphabatim)
 O-Mrs Jill Eynon & Mr Robin Eynon
 B-Mrs J. O'Callaghan TR-Warren Greatrex
2. Saphir du Rheu (FR) 6 11-10 £64,110
 gr g by Al Namix - Dona du Rheu (Dom Pasquini)
 O-The Stewart Family B-Mr C. Duval
 TR-Paul Nicholls
3. Zarkandar (IRE) 8 11-10 £32,100
 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
Margins 3.25, 3.25. Time 5:40.70. Going Good.

Age Starts Wins Places Earned
 4-6 13 6 6 £241,897

Sire: WESTERNER. Sire of 16 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - COLE HARDEN Alphabatim G1, GILGAMBOA Be My Native G1, EMPIRE OF DIRT Roselier G2, WAKANDA Indian River G2, CAID DU BERLAIS Kahyasi G3, WHAT A WARRIOR Be My Native G3.

1st Dam: Nosie Betty by Alphabatim. unraced. Dam of 1 winner:

2007: Ballyhindon Castle (f Milan) unraced.
2008: (f Milan)
2009: COLE HARDEN (g Westerner) 6 wins, Ladbrokes World Hurdle G1, Bet365 West

Yorkshire Hurdle G2, 2nd Doom Bar Sefton Novices' Hurdle G1, Bet365 Long Distance Hurdle G2.
2010: Wade Harper (g Westerner) unraced.

Broodmare Sire: ALPHABATIM. Sire of the dams of 7 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - COLE HARDEN Westerner G1, MONSAMOU Bienamado G3.

COLE HARDEN b g 2009

Danehill	Danzig	Northern Dancer
	Razyana	His Majesty
WESTERNER b 99	Troy	Spring Adieu
	Warsaw	Petingo
Walensee	Warsaw	La Milo
	Verbatim	Bon Mot III
Alphabatim	Morning Games	War Path III
	Golden Love	Speak John
NOSIE BETTY b 02	Gina Rose	Well Kept
		Grey Dawn II
Cromogue Lady		Major Play
		Above Suspicion
		Syncope
		Prince Hansel
		Solbagina

Plenty of stamina is required to make all the running over three miles but, fortunately for Cole Harden and his connections, he is a son of Westerner, a winner of the 2005 Ascot Gold Cup, plus two editions of the Prix du Cadran.

None of Westerner's nine Group victories was gained over a distance shorter than 15½ furlongs, even though he once finished runner-up in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. It was not so surprising, then, that Cole Harden was able to maintain his gallop to the end of the Gr1 World Hurdle, to record his second Graded victory. The gelding had used similar tactics when he landed the Gr2 West Yorkshire Hurdle over an extra furlong.

Cole Harden is Westerner's second Gr1 winner at the Cheltenham Festival, following the 2014 Arkle Chase winner Western Warhorse, and he has also enjoyed Graded success with Captain Cutter, Deputy Dan, Creepy, Gilgamba, Grandioso, Wakanda, Caid du Berlais, Ballynacree and What A Warrior.

Cole Harden's dam Nosie Betty never raced but this daughter of Alphabatim is a sister to Mr Nosie, a smart novice hurdler who was winning for the fourth time in four starts when he won the Gr1 Deloitte Novice Hurdle in 2006.

Cole Harden's broodmare sire Alphabatim won the William Hill Futurity as a two-year-old and then the Hollywood Turf Cup both at three and five. The next stage of his career was a spell as a stallion in Kentucky, but - for all his virtues - Alphabatim was not the type to appeal to American breeders and he was transferred to Ireland after six seasons.

Cole Harden's second dam, the point-to-point winner Cromogue Lady, was a half-sister Gina's Love, who visited Alphabatim to produce Golden Alpha, winner of the Red Rum Handicap Chase at Aintree after finishing second in the Weatherbys Champion Bumper earlier in his career. This family also produced the smart novice chaser Solbina in the 1960s.

210 RYANAIR FESTIVAL TROPHY CHASE G1

CHELTENHAM, Mar 12, 5yo+, 21f.
1. UXIZANDRE (FR) 7 11-10 £178,538
 ch g by Fragrant Mix - Jolisandre (Dear Doctor)
 O-Mr John P. McManus B-Mr F. Aimez TR-Alan King
2. Ma Fileulle (FR) 7 11-3 £66,995
 gr m by Turgeon - Kadaina (Kadalko)
 O-Mr S. Munir B-Mr S. Dubois TR-Nicky Henderson
3. Don Cossack (GER) 8 11-10 £33,545
 br g by Sholokhov - Depeche Toi (Konigsstuhl)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Gestut Etzean
 TR-Gordon Elliott
Margins 5, 3.25. Time 5:01.10. Going Good.

Age Starts Wins Places Earned
 4-7 17 7 6 £330,366

Sire: FRAGRANT MIX. Sire of 5 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: Jolisandre by Dear Doctor. ran on the flat in France at 4. Dam of 1 winner:
2008: UXIZANDRE (g Fragrant Mix) 7 wins, Ryanair Festival Trophy Chase G1, Pinsent Masons Manifesto Novices' Chase G1, Shloer Chase LR, 2nd JLT Golden Miller Novices' Chase G1.
2009: Voszigandre (g Go Between) ran on the flat in France and over jumps in France.
2010: Arqzandre (f Valancour) unraced. Broodmare.
2012: Caviar Izandre (f Lauro) unraced to date.

Broodmare Sire: DEAR DOCTOR. Sire of the dams of 3 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - UXIZANDRE Fragrant Mix G1, ASO Goldneyev G2.

UXIZANDRE ch g 2008

Linamix	Mendez	Bellypha
	Lunadix	Miss Carina
FRAGRANT MIX gr 94	Shirley Heights	Briton
	English Spring	Lutine
Fragrant Hill	Crystal Gitters	Mill Reef
	Adèle Toumignon	Hardemma
Dear Doctor	Night And Day	Grey Dawn II
	Palisandre	Spring Is Here
JOLISANDRE b 97		Blushing Groom
		Tales To Tell
Palisandre		Zeddaan
		Alvorada
		Soleil Levant
		Nuit de Noces
		Tiros
		Corisandre

Uxizandre will go down in history as the last horse to carry AP McCoy to victory at the Cheltenham Festival, and he did so in considerable style. Out-jumping his rivals, he led throughout to record his second Gr1 victory, the first having come in the 2014 Manifesto Novices' Chase. He has won beyond three miles but is arguably better when forcing the pace over shorter distances.

Uxizandre's sire Fragrant Mix was a very smart performer who showed more stamina than his sire Linamix. Fourth in Peintre Celebre's Prix du Jockey-Club, Fragrant Mix went on to win the Gr2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and Gr1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud at four. He covered thoroughbreds and non-thoroughbreds, initially as part of the French National Stud team. Uxizandre is arguably his best effort.

The gelding's dam, the once-raced Jolisandre, is a non-thoroughbred but her sire Dear Doctor was a top international performer. He won Group races from ten to 12 furlongs in France, Britain, Germany and the USA, most notably taking the Gr1 Arlington Million. Uxizandre's second dam Palisandre had a very busy career, racing 56 times over jumps, mainly in cross-country events, and she won nine times at up to three

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miles and a furlong. This daughter of the Prix du Jockey-Club runner-up Night And Day also enjoyed success as a broodmare.

211 ALBERT BARTLETT SPA NOVICES' HURDLE G1

- CHELTHENHAM, Mar 13, 4yo+, 24f.**
1. MARTELLO TOWER (IRE) 7 11-7 £68,340
 b g by Milan - Johnsalice (Zaffaran)
 O-Mr Barry Connell B-M. Cullinane
 TR-Mrs Margaret Mullins
2. Milsean (IRE) 6 11-7 £25,644
 b g by Milan - Boro Supreme (Supreme Leader)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-C. Buttimer
 TR-W. P. Mullins
3. No More Heroes (IRE) 6 11-7 £12,840
 br g by Presenting - What A Breeze (Nahuez)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-P. Downes
 TR-Gordon Elliott
 Margins 0.5, 1. Time 6:00.30. **Going Soft.**

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
5-7	10	7	2	£128,996

Sire: MILAN. Sire of 19 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **APACHE STRONGHOLD** *Un Desperado* G1, **MARTELLO TOWER** *Zaffaran* G1, **MISS XIAN** *Supreme Leader* G2.

1st Dam: Johnsalice by Zaffaran. unraced. Dam of 1 winner.

2008: **MARTELLO TOWER** (g Milan) 6 wins, Albert Bartlett Spa Novices' Hurdle **G1**, Cliona's Dorans Pride Novice Hurdle **G3**, Paddy Power Dial-a-Bet EBF Novice Hurdle **G3**, 2nd Lacy Solicitors Golden Cygnet Nov. Hurdle **G2**.

2010: (c Stowaway)
2012: (f Central Park)
2014: (c Milan)

Broodmare Sire: ZAFFARAN. Sire of the dams of 3 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **MARTELLO TOWER** *Milan* G1, **FINE RIGHTLY** *Allora* G3.

MARTELLO TOWER b g 2008

Saddler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
	Shirley Heights	Delsy
Kithanga	Darshaan	Shirley Heights Delsy
	Kalata	Assert Kalken
Zaffaran	Be My Guest	Irish Bird
	Sweet Alliance	Sir Ivor Mrs Peterkin
JOHNSALICE b 01	Mandalus	Mandamus Laminate
	Bramble Charm	Deep Run Bardicate
	Gold Label	

The Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle proved a triumph for Milan, winner in 2001 of the St Leger and Breeders' Cup Turf. Two of his sons, Martello Tower and Milsean, fought out the finish, with the older of the two, Martello Tower, proving just the stronger. Martello Tower didn't see action until he was five, when he won a point-to-point and a bumper on his only appearances. Another bumper success followed on his fourth start, since when he had built a record of four wins from five completed outings over hurdles - and he was in the lead when he fell on the other occasion.

As three of his wins came over three miles, Martello Tower ranks alongside the likes of as Beat That, Le Reve, Double Seven, Catching On, Night In Milan, Big Shu and Duke Of Lucca as one of the sons of Milan who appreciate a test of stamina. However, some of Milan's best progeny have been speedy enough to shine over two miles, with Jezki

numbering the Champion Hurdle among his six Gr1 victories, Darlan winning the Gr1 Christmas Hurdle and Raya Star landing the Gr2 Scottish Champion Hurdle.

It is no surprise Martello Tower is among Milan's stayers. His dam, the unraced Johnsalice, is by Zaffaran, a long-striding galloper who won the March Stakes and was fourth in the St Leger. Despite receiving fluctuating support as a young stallion, Zaffaran sired jumpers of the calibre of Beau (Whitbread Gold Cup), Aran Concerto, Frantic Tan, Scotsirish, Let Yourself Go and Looks Like Trouble, who followed up his win in the 1999 Royal & SunAlliance Chase with a victory in the 2000 Cheltenham Gold Cup. Martello Tower's third dam Gold Label was a sister to Deep Bramble, a smart staying chaser, and this is also the family of the Midland Grand National winner Seven Towers.

212 BETFRED CHELTHENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE G1

- CHELTHENHAM, Mar 13, 5yo+, 26f 110yds.**
1. CONEYGREE (GB) 8 11-10 £313,225
 b g by Karinga Bay - Plaid Maid (Executive Perk)
 O-The Max Partnership B-Exors of the Late Lord Oaksey
 TR-Mark Bradstock
2. Djakadam (FR) 6 11-10 £117,535
 b g by Saint des Saints - Rainbow Crest (Baryshnikov)
 O-Mrs S. Ricci B-Mr R. Corveller TR-W.P. Mullins
3. Road To Riches (IRE) 8 11-10 £58,850
 b g by Gamut - Bellora (Over The River)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-Sunnyhill Stud
 TR-Noel Meade
 Margins 1.5, 2. Time 6:42.50. **Going Soft.**

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
4-8	10	8	1	£437,516

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.

2003: **CARRUTHERS** (g Kayf Tara) 9 wins, Ballymore Prop. Leamington Novice Hurdle **G2**, Sodexo Reynoldstown Novices' Chase **G2**, 2nd Totesport Bowl Chase **G1**.

2004: Cuckoo Pen (g Allora)

2005: Carstaires (g Classic Cliche) unraced.

2007: **CONEYGREE** (g Karinga Bay) 8 wins, Albert Bartlett Bristol Novices' Hurdle **G2**, Neptune Investment Hyde Novices' Hurdle **G2**, 3rd Neptune Investment Classic Nov. Hurdle **G2**, Belfred Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase **G1**, Kauto Star N. Clark Feltham Nov. Chase **G1**, Bettfair Denman Chase **G2**, Fullers London Pride Berkshire Nov Chase **G2**.

2008: Maid of Oaksey (f Overbury) ran a few times in N.H. Flat Races.

2009: FLINTHAM (g Kayf Tara) 2 wins over hurdles at 5.

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

Andross	Run The Gantlet	Tom Rolfe First Feather
	Le Melody	Lemoss Arctic Melody
	Green God	Red God Thetis II
Handy Dancer	Miss Golightly	Jimmy Reppin Gracious Gal
	Lord Gayle	Sir Gaylord Sticky Case
Executive Perk	Areola	Kythnos Alive Alivo
	Rarity	Hethersett Who Can Tell
PLAID MAID b 92	Tipperary Tartan	Busted Topaz
	Colourful	

See race 90 in the February issue

213 JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE G1

- CHELTHENHAM, Mar 13, 4yo, 17f.**
1. PEACE AND CO (FR) 11-0 £68,340
 b g by Falco - Peace Lina (Linamix)
 O-Mr Simon Munir & Mr Isaac Souede
 B-S.A.R.L. Scuderia Bolgheri S.R.L. & Ecurie D TR-Nicky Henderson
2. Top Notch (FR) 11-0 £25,644
 b g by Poliglote - Topira (Pistolet Bleu)
 O-Mr Simon Munir & Mr Isaac Souede B-Haras Des Sablonnets & B. Gabeur TR-Nicky Henderson
3. Hargam (FR) 11-0 £12,840
 gr g by Sindar - Horasana (Galileo)
 O-Mr John P. McManus B-S.C.E.A. Haras de Son Altesse L'Ag Khan TR-Nicky Henderson
 Margins Neck, 4. Time 4:04.40. **Going Soft.**

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-4	4	4	0	£114,101

Sire: FALCO. Sire of 5 Stakes winners.

1st Dam: Peace Lina by Linamix. unraced. Own sister to **Peace Dream**. Dam of 2 winners:

2009: Il Capo Dei Capi (c Monsun) unraced.

2010: **Piccolino** (g Falco) 3 wins, 3rd Prix Achille Fould Hurdle **LR**.

2011: **PEACE AND CO** (g Falco) 4 wins, JCB Triumph Hurdle **G1**, JCB Triumph Trial Finesse Juv. Hurdle **G2**, bet365 Summit Juvenile Hurdle **G2**.

2012: Peace City (f Elusive City) in training.
2013: Peace And The City (f Elusive City) unraced to date.

2nd Dam: Peace Talk by Sadler's Wells. unraced. Own sister to **PALME D'OR**. Dam of **PEACE BURG** (f Sageburg: Prix de Sandringham **G2**, 3rd Cippo Falmouth S **G1**), **Peace Dream** (f Linamix: 3rd Prix Occitanie **LR**). Grandam of **ROOTHAM TRIPLE E'S, PEACE OF OASIS**.

Broodmare Sire: LINAMIX. Sire of the dams of 84 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **PEACE AND CO** *Falco* G1, **KHALSHANI** *Kahyasi* **LR**.

The Falco/Linamix cross has produced: **PEACE AND CO** G1, **Piccolino** **LR**.

PEACE AND CO b g 2011

Pivotal	Polar Falcon	Nureyev Marie d'Argonne
	Fearless Revival	Cozzene Stufida
	Unbridled	Fappiano Gana Facil
FALCO b 05	Sea Hill	Seattle Slew Featherhill
	Mendez	Bellypha Miss Carina
Linamix	Lunadix	Breton Lutine
	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge
PEACE LINA gr 05	Pampa Bella	Armos Kendie

It hasn't taken long for 2008 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Falco to fall from grace. French breeders clubbed together after his Classic success to keep him in France and he started out at Haras d'Etreham at a fee of 8,000. However, he has now been moved to Haras du Grand Chesnaie, at a fee of 2,500. Falco's best efforts as a sire of Flat runners include Snowday (Gr3 Prix du Bois) and a handful of Listed winners headed by the Gr1-placed Odeliz.

Perhaps he will now attract support from jumping breeders, following the exploits of his son Peace And Co. After making a winning debut over hurdles at Clairefontaine in June, he was switched to England, where his three runs have yielded two Gr2 wins and a victory in the Gr1 Triumph Hurdle. Peace And Co's older brother Piccolino has won two of his three

completed races over hurdles, having earlier won on the Flat.

Peace And Co certainly wasn't bred with a jumping career in mind. His dam Peace Lina is a daughter of Linamix, one of the best stallions to have stood in France in recent decades. She is also a half-sister to Peace Burg, who was sold for 700,000gns in 2013, after becoming a Group winner in France at the ages of two and three. Peace Lina is also a sister to Peace Dream, dam of the Canadian stakes winner Rootham Triple E's, as well as being a half-sister to the dam Peace Of Oasis, a mile-and-a-quarter Listed winner by Oasis Dream.

Peace And Co's second dam Peace Talk was a sister to the Group-winning Palme d'Or, but more importantly was a half-sister to the high-class Pistolet Bleu, who made such an impact on jump racing.

214 IRISH STALL. FARMS EBF MARES NOV. HURDLE G1

- FAIRYHOUSE, Apr 5, 4yo+, 20f.**
1. BITOFAPUZZLE (GB) 7 11-7 £46,512
 b m by Tamure - Gaelic Gold (Good Thyne)
 O-Mr Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock Ltd
 B-R. J. & S. A. Carter TR-Harry Fry
2. Petite Parisienne (FR) 4 10-10 £14,729
 gr f by Montmartre - Eijna (Highest Honor)
 O-Gigginstown House Stud B-T. de la Heronniere
 TR-W. P. Mullins
3. Lyrical Theatre (IRE) 6 11-7 £6,977
 b m by King's Theatre - Shuil Dorcha (Bob Back)
 O-The Hibo Syndicate B-Mrs M. Syme
 TR-W. P. Mullins
 Margins 4.25, 8. Time 5:23.20. **Going Soft.**

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
5-7	9	7	2	£116,529

Sire: TAMURE. Sire of 1 Stakes winner.

1st Dam: Gaelic Gold by Good Thyne. unraced. Dam of 3 winners:

2003: Paris Gold (g Exit To Nowhere) unraced.

2004: MAGELLAN STRAITS (g Nikos) 2 wins.

2005: (f Mtdo)

2006: **GOLD GAEL** (f Generous) 4 wins, Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle **LR**. Miss Questionmark (f Loup Sauvage) unraced.

2008: **BITOFAPUZZLE** (f Tamure) 5 wins, HBLB Mares' Standard Open NH Flat Race **LR**, J.C. Venues Standard Open NH. Flat Race **LR**, Irish Stall. Farms EBF Mares Nov. Hurdle **G1**, OLBG.com Warfield Mares' Hurdle **G2**, 2nd Call OSE Swift SFM Abram Novices' Hurdle **LR**, 3rd OLBG David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle **G1**.

(f Rocamadour)

2009: Cider House (g Apple Tree) unraced.

2012: (f Apple Tree)

2013: (f Geordieland)

Broodmare Sire: GOOD THYNE. Sire of the dams of 17 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **BITOFAPUZZLE** *Tamure* G1, **BALLYADAM APPROACH** *Bob Back* G2, **TOON RIVER** *Witness* Box G2, **PENCILHIMIN** *Presenting* G3, **HOME FARM** *Presenting* **LR**.

BITOFAPUZZLE b m 2008

Saddler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special
	Blakeney	Hethersett Windmill Girl
TAMURE b 92	Triple First	High Top Field Mouse
	Herbager	Vandale Flagette
Good Thyne	Foresser	Round Table Regal Gleam
	Supreme Leader	Bustino Princess Zena
GAELIC GOLD b 97	Ardfallon	Vulgan Indicate

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Bitofapuzzle started favourite for the Mares Novice Hurdle Championship on the strength of her excellent third behind Glens Melody and Polly Peachum over three miles at the Cheltenham Festival. The drop back to two and a half miles posed no problems and she won virtually unchallenged, despite some jumping errors.

Bitofapuzzle, who won a point-to-point and a Listed National Hunt Flat Race earlier in her career, has the distinction of being the best winner sired by the now-retired Tamure. This son of Sadler's Wells was a high-class middle-distance performer as a three-year-old, when he won four times, finished second in the Derby and fourth in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

Unfortunately he had some soundness issues afterwards. But he retained enough of his ability to win at Listed level as a six-year-old. He spent his stallion career in Somerset, where he also sired the useful hurdler/chaser Thomas Crapper.

Bitofapuzzle is the second black-type winner produced by the unraced Gaelic Gold, her predecessor being the hurdler Golden Gael. Although Gaelic Gold never raced, she had a traditional Irish jumping pedigree, being by Good Thyme (sire of such high-class jumpers as Brave Inca, Bannow Bay and Mighty Mogul) out of a Supreme Leader mare.

The second dam Ardfallon was a half-sister to Affability, dam of the talented chaser Bells Life. This female line also produced another recent Gr1 hurdling winner, Martello Tower.

215 RYANAIR POWERS GOLD CUP NOVICE CHASE G1

- FAIRYHOUSE**, Apr 5, 5yo+, 20f.
1. GILGAMBOA (IRE) 7 11-10 £46,512
 b g by Westerner - Hi Native (Be My Native)
 O-Mr John P. McManus B-K. McManus
 TR-Enda Bolger
2. The Tullow Tank (IRE) 7 11-10 £14,729
 b g by Oscar - Bobbing Back (Bob Back)
 O-Mr Barry Connell B-A. Aherne
 TR-Ms Sandra Hughes
3. Smashing (FR) 6 11-10 £6,977
 gr g by Smadoun - Faragreen (Green Tune)
 O-Ann & Alan Potts Partnership B-Jacques Seror
 TR-Henry de Bromhead
 Margins 0.5, 2.25. Time 5:20.60. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
5-7	10	6	3	£152,807

Sire: WESTERNER. Sire of 16 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **COLE HARDEN** *Alphabetim* G1, **GILGAMBOA** *Be My Native* G1, **EMPIRE OF DIRT** *Roselier* G2, **WAKANDA** *Indian River* G2, **CAID DU BERLAIS** *Kahyasi* G3, **WHAT A WARRIOR** *Be My Native* G3.

Broodmare Sire: BE MY NATIVE. Sire of the dams of 45 Stakes winners. NH in 2014/15 - **GILGAMBOA** *Westerner* G1, **FELIX YONGER** *Oscar* G2, **HAWKES POINT** *Kayl Tara* G3, **MORNING RUN** *King's Theatre* G3, **WHAT A WARRIOR** *Westerner* G3.

The Westerner/Be My Native cross has produced: **GILGAMBOA** G1, **WHAT A WARRIOR** G3.

GILGAMBOA b g 2008

Danehill	Danzig	Northern Dancer
WESTERNER b 99	Razyana	His Majesty
	Troy	Our Adieu
	Walensee	Petingo
Be My Native	Warsaw	La Mito
	Our Native	Bon Mot III
HI NATIVE b 98	Witchy Woman	War Path III
	Deep Run	Exclusive Native
	Hi' Upham	Our Jackie
	Highly Acceptable	Strate Stuff
		Witchy Norma
		Pampered King
		Trial By Fire
		Immortality
		Token Gift



Gilgamboa (right) and AP McCoy capture Grade 1 glory

Westerner's good season continued when his son Gilgamboa stayed on strongly to win the Ryanair Gold Cup Novice Chase. Three of the gelding's six wins have now been gained at around two and a half miles and there is no reason why he shouldn't stay a bit further.

His dam Hi Native is an unraced sister to Native Upmanship, a Gr1 winner over hurdles before developing into a multiple Gr1 winner over fences in Ireland and England.

Among his victories were two in the Martell Melling Chase at Aintree and two in the Punchestown Chase, both these races being over two and a half miles.

The second dam Hi Upham, a daughter of the many times champion sire Deep Run, was a three-parts-sister to Time For A Run, a smart stayer over hurdles and fences who regularly visited the Cheltenham Festival, where he landed the Coral Cup.

Time For A Run was by Deep Run out of the Menelek mare Hourly Rate, a daughter of Hi Native's second dam, the winning hurdler Highly Acceptable. Highly Acceptable also produced Glassilau, runner-up in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle and the Sweeps Hurdle. This is also the family of the very useful staying chaser A Glass Of Thyme.

National Hunt Graded Races

Date	Grade	Race (course)	Dist	Horse	Age	Sex	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Index
07/03	G2	Holden Plant Rentals Shamrock Hcp Chase (Gowran Park)	18f	Toon River (IRE)	10	G	Witness Box	Melody Thyme	Good Thyme	216
07/03	G3	EBF William Hill Nat.Hunt Nov.Hcp Hurdle (Sandown Park)	20f	As de Mee (FR)	5	G	Kapparde	Koeur de Mee	Video Rock	217
07/03	G3	William Hill Imperial Cup Hcp Hurdle (Sandown Park)	16.5f	Ebony Express (GB)	6	G	Superior Premium	Coffee Ice	Primo Dominie	218
08/03	G2	Woodlands Leinster National Hcp Chase (Naas)	24f	Miss Xian (IRE)	8	M	Milan	Beech Lodge	Supreme Leader	219
08/03	G3	Naas Directors Plate Novice Chase (Naas)	20f	Fine Rightly (IRE)	7	G	Allora	Bealtaine	Zafaran	220
10/03	G3	Ultima Solutions JLT Speciality Hp Chase (Cheltenham)	25f	The Druids Nephew (IRE)	8	G	King's Theatre	Gifted	Shareef Dancer	221
11/03	G3	Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle (Cheltenham)	21f	Aux Pitits Soins (FR)	5	G	Saint des Saints	Reflexion Faite	Turgeon	222
11/03	G3	Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Cheltenham)	16.5f	Qualando (FR)	4	G	Lando	Qualite Controlee	Poliglote	223
12/03	G3	Brown/Merriebelle Byrne Group Hcp Chase (Cheltenham)	21f	Dama (GB)	9	G	Allora	Dutch Dyane	Midyan	224
13/03	G3	McCoy/Henderson Gd. Annual H. Cup Chase (Cheltenham)	16.5f	Next Sensation (IRE)	8	G	Brian Boru	Road Trip	Anshan	225
13/03	G3	Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle (Cheltenham)	17f	Wicklow Brave (GB)	6	G	Beat Hollow	Morane	Rainbow Quest	226
15/03	G2	I.S.F. EBF Dawn Run Mares Novice Chase (Limerick)	22f	Vroum Vroum Mag (FR)	6	M	Voix du Nord	Naiade Mag	Kadalko	227
15/03	G3	Kerry EBF Shannon Spray Mares Nov.Hurdle (Limerick)	16f	Keppols Queen (IRE)	7	M	Indian River	Keppols Princess	Soviet Lad	228
15/03	G3	Irish Stallion Farms EBF Nov. Hcp. Chase (Navan)	24f	Heathfield (IRE)	8	G	Definite Article	Famous Lady	Presenting	229
28/03	G2	Webster Cup An Uaimh Chase (Navan)	20f	Felix Yonger (IRE)	9	G	Oscar	Marble Sound	Be My Native	230
29/03	G2	Hugh McMahon Mem. Novice Chase (Limerick)	24f	Val de Ferbet (FR)	6	G	Voix du Nord	Intrigue Deferbet	Lights Out	231
05/04	G2	Coolmore NH Sires Festival Novice Hurdle (Fairyhouse)	20f	Shaneshill (IRE)	6	G	King's Theatre	Darabaka	Doyoun	232
05/04	G3	Imperial Call Chase (Cork)	24f	On His Own (IRE)	11	G	Presenting	Shuil Na Mhuire	Roselier	233
05/04	GrB	Boylesports Greenogue Nov Hcp Chase (Fairyhouse)	17f	Ballyadam Approach (IRE)	10	G	Bob Back	Timely Approach	Good Thyme	234
05/04	GrC	Easter Handicap Hurdle (Cork)	19f	Misty Lady (IRE)	6	M	Oscar	Lady Sam	Topanoora	235
05/04	GrC	Gleasons Butchers Novice Handicap Hurdle (Fairyhouse)	16f	Sir Scorpion (IRE)	6	G	Scorpion	Lady Goldlocks	Mister Lord	236

European Pattern Races

Date	Grade	Race (course)	Dist	Horse	Age	Sex	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Index
14/03	G3	coral.co.uk Winter Derby (Lingfield Park)	10f	Tryster (IRE)	4	G	Shamardal	Min Alhawa	Riverman	1
15/03	G3	Prix Exbury (Saint-Cloud)	2000m	Affaire Solitaire (IRE)	5	H	Danehill Dancer	Arlesienne	Alzao	2
29/03	G3	Lodge Park EBF Park Express Stakes (Curragh)	8f	Ramone (IRE)	5	M	Marju	Hayworth	Night Shift	3
02/04	G3	Prix Djebel (Maisons-Laffitte)	1400m	Ride Like The Wind (IRE)	3	C	Lope de Vega	Biswa	Kafwan	4
02/04	G3	Prix Imprudence (Maisons-Laffitte)	1400m	Ervedya (FR)	3	F	Siyouni	Elva	King's Best	5
05/04	G3	Prix Edmond Blanc (Saint-Cloud)	1600m	Kalsa (IRE)	4	F	Whipper	Sovana	Desert King	6

Caulfield on Gilgamboa: "Three of the gelding's six wins have now been gained at around two and a half miles and there is no reason why he shouldn't stay a bit further"

Leading National Hunt sires 2014/15 by earnings

Name	YOF	Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	%WR	Races	AWD	Earnings (\$)	Top horse	Earned (£)
King's Theatre	1991	Sadler's Wells	262	123	46.95	211	19.7	2,596,619	The New One	203,606
Presenting	1992	Mtoto	383	130	33.94	191	20.1	1,914,800	Thunder and Roses	122,661
Milan	1998	Sadler's Wells	298	89	29.87	141	21.0	1,768,657	Jezki	168,309
Benefical	1990	Top Ville	324	100	30.86	151	19.6	1,577,835	Living Next Door	83,768
Oscar	1994	Sadler's Wells	295	94	31.86	139	20.0	1,555,672	God's Own	94,714
Flemensfirth	1992	Alleged	292	97	33.22	136	20.2	1,332,122	Foxrock	97,266
Kayf Tara	1994	Sadler's Wells	278	83	29.86	118	19.3	1,309,315	Special Tiara	84,819
Westerner	1999	Danehill	171	58	33.92	87	19.8	1,167,753	Cole Harden	231,418
Cloudings	1994	Sadler's Wells	69	25	36.23	33	22.2	984,039	Many Clouds	740,944
Old Vic	1986	Sadler's Wells	160	50	31.25	68	21.4	859,486	Southfield Vic	477,977
Karinga Bay	1987	Arddross	63	15	23.81	28	21.2	643,686	Coneygree	398,935
Dom Alco	1987	Dom Pasquini	37	16	43.24	22	20.7	603,204	Silviniaco Conti	313,525
Heron Island	1993	Shirley Heights	95	36	37.89	58	20.2	546,039	Blue Heron	72,190
Dubawi	2002	Dubai Millennium	23	9	39.13	13	17.5	535,886	Dodging Bullets	362,578
Shantou	1993	Alleged	89	32	35.96	50	20.5	522,852	Wounded Warrior	48,584
Gold Well	2001	Sadler's Wells	68	29	42.65	41	19.5	504,072	Johns Spirit	97,774
Midnight Legend	1991	Night Shift	132	49	37.12	74	19.5	493,636	Sizing John	60,675
Definite Article	1992	Indian Ridge	121	40	33.06	59	19.2	493,132	Definitely Red	35,251
Dr Massini	1993	Sadler's Wells	100	32	32.00	45	20.8	493,123	Rocky Creek	77,777
Voix du Nord	2001	Valanour	17	11	64.71	28	18.4	488,334	Vibrato Valtat	114,346
Alflora	1989	Niniski	110	32	29.09	44	21.5	446,944	Darna	60,191
Network	1997	Monsun	34	11	32.35	20	21.1	444,006	Saint Are	240,866
Saint des Saints	1998	Cadoudal	24	14	58.33	24	20.2	437,741	Djakadam	163,335
Brian Boru	2000	Sadler's Wells	99	29	29.29	45	20.4	415,777	Next Sensation	53,306
Gamut	1999	Spectrum	51	14	27.45	23	19.8	415,360	Road To Riches	296,248
Montjeu	1996	Sadler's Wells	48	16	33.33	28	18.5	405,021	Hurricane Fly	177,556
Germany	1991	Tremolino	15	5	33.33	8	18.4	390,499	Faugheen	335,393
Stowaway	1994	Slip Anchor	62	18	29.03	25	19.3	380,471	Champagne Fever	64,643
Vinnie Roe	1998	Definite Article	86	30	34.88	43	19.5	373,961	Hash Brown	36,068
Winged Love	1992	In the Wings	71	26	36.62	34	21.0	367,779	Josses Hill	35,001
Generous	1988	Caerleon	84	33	39.29	43	19.7	363,847	Henryville	47,954
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	63	25	39.68	32	18.9	359,224	Windsor Park	95,315
Authorized	2004	Montjeu	38	14	36.84	27	17.5	337,834	Nichols Canyon	139,345
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	27	8	29.63	13	16.7	328,443	Bayan	122,378
Witness Box	1987	Lyphard	46	12	26.09	16	21.7	317,034	Monbeg Dude	132,953
Poiglotte	1992	Sadler's Wells	20	8	40.00	15	19.2	304,912	Don Poli	131,852
Overbury	1991	Caerleon	90	27	30.00	41	19.9	301,095	Cyrus Darius	40,536
Sholokhov	1999	Sadler's Wells	13	3	23.08	7	19.4	296,165	Don Cossack	246,034
Anshan	1987	Persian Bold	51	11	21.57	17	23.0	285,715	Your Busy	110,614
Turgeon	1986	Caro	30	13	43.33	19	20.2	281,090	Ma Filleule	107,504
Kapgarde	1999	Garde Royale	34	13	38.24	21	19.3	273,078	Garde la Victoire	81,539
Azamour	2001	Night Shift	31	10	32.26	16	18.4	270,777	Zarkandar	59,660
Kalanisi	1996	Doyoun	86	32	37.21	42	18.5	255,269	Barbers Hill	31,391
Alderbrook	1989	Arddross	61	19	31.15	23	20.1	241,716	Notarfbad	24,759
Fragrant Mix	1994	Linamix	11	2	18.18	3	17.6	239,384	Uxizandre	222,113
Golan	1998	Spectrum	79	15	18.99	20	19.1	236,727	Shanpallas	67,853
Scorpion	2002	Montjeu	83	18	21.69	30	19.3	233,686	Give Me a Break	34,799
High Chaparral	1999	Sadler's Wells	69	21	30.43	27	18.0	232,062	Hawk High	35,433
Exit To Nowhere	1988	Irish River	59	13	22.03	22	20.5	224,352	On the Fringe	54,933
Bob Back	1981	Roberto	43	10	23.26	14	21.5	224,263	Dedigout	65,829
Robin des Champs	1997	Garde Royale	50	14	28.00	19	17.7	223,288	Vautour	107,776
Sir Harry Lewis	1984	Alleged	52	20	38.46	27	20.8	220,620	Whispering Harry	28,518
Goldneyev	1986	Nureyev	4	4	100.00	8	19.8	208,357	Balder Succes	140,957
Accordion	1986	Sadler's Wells	31	9	29.03	13	21.2	207,304	The Romford Pele	54,278
Turtle Island	1991	Fairy King	55	18	32.73	27	21.3	206,797	Gorsky Island	27,254
Fruits Of Love	1995	Hansel	60	17	28.33	21	18.9	205,144	Simply Ned	48,044
Halling	1991	Diesis	40	10	25.00	14	18.1	204,463	All Yours	68,265
Astarabad	1994	Alleged	15	8	53.33	10	18.8	202,413	Whisper	76,709
Craigsteel	1995	Suave Dancer	72	21	29.17	33	20.9	198,826	Shammick Boy	25,641
Al Namix	1997	Linamix	14	5	35.71	8	20.3	198,572	Saphir du Rheu	161,435
King's Best	1997	Kingmambo	32	14	43.75	30	19.0	197,507	Seventh Sky	54,505
Rudimentary	1988	Nureyev	27	12	44.44	18	19.4	196,848	Hey Big Spender	39,593
Caifet	1998	Freedom Cry	10	4	40.00	8	18.3	195,892	Clarcam	127,610
Soldier Hollow	2000	In the Wings	2	1	50.00	2	19.5	188,292	Arctic Fire	126,255
Blueprint	1995	Generous	41	12	29.27	22	20.6	187,578	Gas Line Boy	28,156
Revoque	1994	Fairy King	54	14	25.93	20	21.3	185,680	Ted Veale	46,251
Court Cave	2001	Sadler's Wells	63	15	23.81	23	20.6	178,195	Court Minstrel	28,393
Tamure	1992	Sadler's Wells	20	6	30.00	13	19.8	176,231	Bitofapuzzle	101,816
Hernando	1990	Niniski	29	12	41.38	18	20.0	173,765	Carole's Spirit	27,583
Beat Hollow	1997	Sadler's Wells	37	8	21.62	12	18.3	167,234	Wicklow Brave	45,560
Cape Cross	1994	Green Desert	35	11	31.43	16	17.5	166,498	Devilment	34,746
Saddlers' Hall	1988	Sadler's Wells	42	13	30.95	20	21.3	162,444	Master Of The Hall	27,405
Martaline	1999	Linamix	26	7	26.92	9	18.6	161,500	Dynaste	74,660

Statistics to April 14

Ace Milan on march with fellow young gun Westerner

The results from Cheltenham and Aintree did little to reduce King's Theatre's sizeable lead and he can now be hailed as a comfortable champion. He had two winners at Cheltenham, Glens Melody in the Gr1 OLGB Mares' Hurdle and The Druids Nephew, but none at Aintree. Presenting had a winner at each meeting, Call The Cops in the Pertemps Hurdle and Rajdhani Express in the Topham Chase, while Benefical had Surf And Turf win.

The outstanding sire was Milan, who has more than doubled his earnings since we last carried the table, moving from fifth to third. He had Gr1 winners Martello Tower (Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle), Jezki (Aintree Hurdle) and Sizing Granite (Maghull Novices' Chase) with Duke Of Lucca also on the mark. Milan and eighth-placed Westerner, sire of Cole Harden, are the youngest sires in the top group and in time they may come to dominate the table. All credit to Westerner since, apart from King's Theatre, all those ahead of him had at least 100 more runners.

Britain's best, Kayf Tara, crowned a fine campaign by being on target at both festivals, with The Package and Gr1 scorer Thistlecrack (Sefton Novices' Hurdle).

Anyone looking to buy a Grand National contender would be advised to check out Cloudings's progeny. He doesn't have many runners but besides Many Clouds he has also sired Cloudy Lane, who completed the course twice in the Grand National, finishing sixth and eighth, and landed the Fox Hunters'.



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