

INDEX TO THE THIRD 2018 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

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Page 1, the index, is updated with each pack to ensure easy reference to the information received in the build-up to the 2018 Festival at Cheltenham from Tuesday, March 13, to Friday, March 16, which has record prize money of £4.59 million, up £285,000 (seven per cent). If you have any queries about the information in the pack or its delivery, please ring Racenews on +44 (0)20 7704 0326 or email racenews@racenewsonline.com. Sophia Dale is your Cheltenham Racecourse contact through direct dial +44 (0)1242 537 683, mobile +44 (0)7557 054 577 or email: sophia.dale@thejockeyclub.co.uk

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Buveur D’Air clear favourite as 23 entries unveiled for Unibet Champion Hurdle

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – Hot favourite **Buveur D’Air** is one of 23 entries for the G1 Unibet Champion Hurdle, worth a record £450,000, at Cheltenham on the first day of The Festival, Champion Day, Tuesday, March 13.

Buveur D’Air (Nicky Henderson), the 4/6 market leader with Unibet, gained the two-mile hurdling crown in 2017 with a convincing victory over stablemate **My Tent Or Yours** (12/1).

The seven-year-old has looked imperious in two starts so far this season, following up his facile success in Newcastle’s G1 Unibet Fighting Fifth Hurdle with an easy victory in G1 Unibet Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

No horse has won back-to-back Champion Hurdles since Hardy Eustace completed the feat in 2005.

My Tent Or Yours has finished runner-up in the Unibet Champion Hurdle three times (2014, 2016, 2017) and gained a deserved success in the G2 Unibet International Hurdle at Cheltenham in December, his first victory since February, 2014.

Both Buveur D’Air and My Tent Or Yours are owned by J P McManus, the winning-most owner in the Unibet Champion Hurdle with six wins - thanks to triple winner Istabraq (1998, 1999 and 2000), Binocular (2010), Jezki (2014) and Buveur D’Air (2017).

Nicky Henderson, with six victories, is the most successful handler of all time in the Unibet Champion Hurdle. His five entries are completed by **Call Me Lord** (33/1), who impressed in a handicap hurdle at Sandown Park on his latest start, **Charli Parcs** (50/1) and **Verdana Blue** (40/1).

Willie Mullins, who has landed the spoils four times since 2011, is responsible for six of 11 Irish-trained entries, with his sextet headed by the 2015 winner **Faugheen** (5/1), the most recent odds-on winner of the Unibet Champion Hurdle.

Faugheen, unbeaten in two starts at The Festival, looked as good ever on his comeback in the G1 Morgiana Hurdle in November, having been off the track for almost two years, but was pulled up on his latest start in the G1 Ryanair Hurdle won by **Mick Jazz** (Gordon Elliott IRE, 25/1) at Leopardstown on December 29.

Comedy Of Errors (1973 & 1975) and Hurricane Fly (2011 & 2013) are the only two horses to have regained the Champion Hurdle crown.

Mullins has also entered last year’s G1 Sky bet Supreme Novices’ Hurdle runner-up **Melon** (8/1), top-class dual purpose performer **Wicklow Brave** (20/1) and **Bapaume** (50/1), plus chasers **Min** (20/1) and **Yorkhill** (8/1), who has a 100 per cent record in two outings at The Festival.

Gordon Elliott is yet to have a runner in the Unibet Champion Hurdle. His three entries are completed by last year’s G1 OLBG Mares’ Hurdle heroine **Apple’s Jade** (25/1) and **Campeador** (66/1).

Co Waterford handler Henry de Bromhead has two contenders in unexposed French import **Arcenfete** (66/1) and 2015 G1 Fighting Fifth Hurdle victor **Identity Thief** (100/1), who has not raced since April, 2017 but finished sixth in the 2016 Unibet Champion Hurdle.

Arcenfete, a winner on the Flat for the Wertheimer brothers and now owned by Gigginstown House Stud, has not raced since recording a comfortable victory on his Jumping debut in a four-year-old hurdle at Auteuil, France, in June, 2016.

De Bromhead said: "Arcenfete is just coming back and seems nice.

"We are hoping to get him out at the end of the month. There is a two-mile conditions hurdle at Naas on January 28 and we are aiming towards that.

"It is only a very tentative entry in the Unibet Champion Hurdle. We felt it was better to have him in, than not.

"Identity Thief is good and worked nicely the other day. We are also aiming towards the end of the month with him, possibly in the same race at Naas."

Other high-profile contenders for the 2018 Unibet Champion Hurdle include the popular 10-year-old **The New One** (Nigel Twiston-Davies, 25/1), who has run in this race for the last four years, finishing third, fifth, fourth and fifth, and 2017 G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle hero **Defi Du Seuil** (Philip Hobbs, 16/1).

Unibet Champion Hurdle – Unibet prices: 4/6 Buveur d'Air; 5/1 Faugheen; 8/1 Melon, Yorkhill; 12/1 My Tent Or Yours; 16/1 Defi du Seuil; 20/1 Min, Wicklow Brave; 25/1 Apple's Jade, Mick Jazz, The New One; 33/1 Call Me Lord, Ch'tibello; 40/1 Verdana Blue; 50/1 Bapaume, Charli Parcs, John Constable, Pingshou; 66/1 Arcenfete, Campeador, Cliffs of Dover; 100/1 Identity Thief, Moon Racer

Entries for the other G1 championship hurdle races at The Festival, the Sun Bets Stayers' Hurdles and the OLBG Mares' Hurdle, will be revealed tomorrow, Thursday, January 18.

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Entry Statistics

Number of Entries

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
23	28	19	23	18	34	27	31	34	34	38
2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
28	35	35	48	44	40	47	33	41	44	50

Irish-trained Entries

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
11	13	5	12	6	10	11	7	21	15	19
2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
17	13	12	13	12	12	11	7	6	10	14

Unibet Champion Hurdle Facts & Figures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Champion Hurdle was inaugurated in 1927, with a value to the winner of £365. The race is worth £450,000 this year after a £50,000 boost, with the winning horse gaining £256,275. The race was abandoned in 1931 due to persistent frost, in 1943 and 1944 because of the Second World War, and in 2001 because of foot and mouth disease.

There have been four sponsors. Waterford Crystal backed the championship two-mile hurdling contest from 1978 to 1990, while the Smurfit Group sponsored the top hurdle from 1991 to 2010. Stan James took over in 2011. The betting operator was subsequently purchased by the Kindred Group, which this year has changed the sponsorship to another brand, Unibet.

BIGGEST FIELD

The highest number of runners was 24 (1964 and 1991), with the smallest field being three (1932). The first five runnings saw a total of only 24 participants between them.

MULTIPLE WINNERS

Five horses have won the Unibet Champion Hurdle three times - Hatton's Grace (1949, 1950, 1951), Sir Ken (1952, 1953, 1954), Persian War (1968, 1969, 1970), See You Then (1985, 1986, 1987) and Istabraq (1998, 1999, 2000).

Nine horses have recorded two victories - Insurance (1932 & 1933), National Sprit (1947 & 1948), Bula (1971 & 1972), Comedy Of Errors (1973 & 1975), Night Nurse (1976 & 1977), Monksfield (1978 & 1979), Sea Pigeon (1980 & 1981), Hardy Eustace (2004 & 2005) and Hurricane Fly (2011 & 2013). Comedy Or Errors and Hurricane Fly are the only two horses to have regained the Champion Hurdle crown.

MOST SUCCESSFUL OWNER

The most successful owner in the history of the championship race is J P McManus with six victories, thanks to triple winner Istabraq (1998, 1999 and 2000), Binocular (2010), Jezki (2014) and Buveur D'Air (2017).

MOST SUCCESSFUL TRAINER

Nicky Henderson is the most successful trainer, with six wins - See You Then (1985, 1986 and 1987), Punjabi (2009), Binocular (2010) and Buveur D'Air (2017).

MOST SUCCESSFUL JOCKEY

Tim Molony and Ruby Walsh both have notched up four Champion Hurdle victories. Molony scored on Hatton's Grace (1951) and Sir Ken (1952, 1953 & 1954), while Walsh has been successful aboard Hurricane Fly (2011 & 2013), Faugheen (2015) and Annie Power (2016).

MARES

Four mares have been successful, thanks to Annie Power (2016) joining African Sister (1939), Dawn Run (1984) and Flakey Dove (1994).

BETTING

The biggest shocks in the Unibet Champion Hurdle were provided by Kirriemuir (1965) and Beech Road (1989), who were both returned at 50/1.

At the other end of the scale, the shortest-priced winners were Lion Courage (1935), Sir Ken (1954) and Istabraq (1999), who were all sent off 4/9.

In the 87 runnings, 36 favourites (41.3 per cent) have prevailed.

GREYS

Four greys have won, the most recent being Rooster Booster in 2003. The others were Kribensis in 1990, Our Hope in 1938 and Victor Norman in 1936. One roan horse has won the Champion Hurdle, Anzio in 1962.

AGE

The oldest winners were Hattons Grace (1951) and Sea Pigeon (1981), both 11-year-olds.

The youngest winners were the four-year-olds Brown Jack (1928), Brown Tony (1930), Seneca (1941) and Forestation (1942).

The overall age breakdown is as follows:

4yo - 4 victories
5yo - 11 victories
6yo - 31 victories
7yo - 21 victories
8yo - 9 victories
9yo - 7 victories
10yo - 2 victories
11yo - 2 victories

RECORD TIME

Annie Power recorded the fastest time for the Unibet Champion Hurdle in 2016, winning in 3m 45.10s to just overcome the previous best of 3m 45.25s set by Jezki in 2014, who in turn beat the 3m 48.1s of Istabraq in 2000.

RIDDEN AND TRAINED WINNER

Four winning jockeys also went on train the Champion Hurdle winner.

	RODE	TRAINED
Gerry Wilson	Lion Courage (1935)	Brains Trust (1945)
Fred Rimell	Brains Trust (1945)	Comedy Of Errors (1973 & 1975)
Fred Winter	Clair Solei (1955), Fare Times (1959), Eborneezer (1961)	Bula (1971 & 1972), Lanzarote (1974), Celtic Shot (1988)
Dessie Hughes	Monksfield (1979)	Hardy Eustace (2004 & 2005)

OVERSEAS-TRAINED WINNERS

Ireland (22): Distel (1946), Hatton's Grace (1949, 1950, 1951), Another Flash (1960), Winning Fair (1963), Monksfield (1978, 1979), For Auction (1982), Dawn Run (1984), Istabraq (1998, 1999, 2000), Hardy Eustace (2004, 2005), Brave Inca (2006), Sublimity (2007), Hurricane Fly (2011, 2013), Jezki (2014), Faugheen (2015) and Annie Power (2016).

The Unibet Champion Hurdle

Grade 1, £450,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 3.30pm, Tuesday, March 13, two miles and half a furlong (2m 87yds). For four-year-olds and upwards which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the senior BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and taking account of races run up to and including the day prior to confirmation - horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st 2lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 16, entries revealed January 17 (**23 entries**). Scratchings deadline February 13, £20,000 supplementary stage & six-day confirmation stage March 7, final declaration 10.00am, March 11.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
APPLE'S JADE (FR)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
ARCENFETE (IRE)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
BAPAUME (FR)	5	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
BUVEUR D'AIR (FR)	7	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
CALL ME LORD (FR)	5	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
CAMPEADOR (FR)	6	J P McManus	Gordon Elliott IRE
CHARLI PARCS (FR)	5	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
CH'TIBELLO (FR)	7	The Can't Say No Partnership	Dan Skelton
CLIFFS OF DOVER	5	John & Barbara Cotton	Paul Nicholls
DEFI DU SEUIL (FR)	5	J P McManus	Philip Hobbs
FAUGHEEN (IRE)	10	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
IDENTITY THIEF (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
JOHN CONSTABLE (IRE)	7	Walters Plant Hire Ltd	Evan Williams
MELON	6	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
MICK JAZZ (FR)	7	G P Mahoney	Gordon Elliott IRE
MIN (FR)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
MOON RACER (IRE)	9	Prof Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew	David Pipe
MY TENT OR YOURS (IRE)	11	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
PINGSHOU (IRE)	8	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
THE NEW ONE (IRE)	10	S Such & CG Paletta	Nigel Twiston-Davies
VERDANA BLUE (IRE)	6	Crimbourne Stud	Nicky Henderson
WICKLOW BRAVE	9	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd	Willie Mullins IRE
YORKHILL (IRE)	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE

23 entries

11 Irish-trained

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer

6 entries

Willie Mullins IRE – **Bapaume, Faugheen, Melon, Min, Wicklow Brave, Yorkhill**

5 entries

Nicky Henderson – **Buveur D’Air, Call Me Lord, Charli Parcs, My Tent Or Yours, Verdana Blue**

3 entries

Gordon Elliott IRE – **Apple’s Jade, Campeador, Mick Jazz**

2 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE – **Arcenfete, Identity Thief**

1 entry

Philip Hobbs – **Defi Du Seuil**

Paul Nicholls – **Cliffs Of Dover**

David Pipe – **Moon Racer**

Dan Skelton – **Ch’tibello**

Colin Tizzard – **Pingshou**

Nigel Twiston-Davies – **The New One**

Evan Williams – **John Constable**

Unibet Champion Hurdle entries with previous Festival form

Year	Race	Pos	Jockey	SP
Apple's Jade (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2016	JCB Triumph Hurdle	2nd	Bryan Cooper	12/1
2017	OLBG Mares' Hurdle	1st	Bryan Cooper	7/2
Bapaume (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2017	JCB Triumph Hurdle	3rd	Ruby Walsh	10/1
Buveur D'Air (Nicky Henderson)				
2016	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Noel Fehily	10/1
2017	Unibet Champion Hurdle	1st	Noel Fehily	5/1
Campeador (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2016	Boodles Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	F	Barry Geraghty	8/1
Charli Parcs (Nicky Henderson)				
2017	JCB Triumph Hurdle	6th	Noel Fehily	9/2
Defi Du Seuil (Philip Hobbs)				
2017	JCB Triumph Hurdle	1st	Richard Johnson	5/2F
Faugheen (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	6/4F
2015	Unibet Champion Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/5F
Identity Thief (Henry de Bromhead IRE)				
2016	Unibet Champion Hurdle	6th	Bryan Cooper	8/1
John Constable (Evan Williams)				
2016	Radox Health County Handicap Hurdle	17th	Paul Moloney	14/1
Melon (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2017	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	2nd	Ruby Walsh	3/1 (JFav)
Min (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2016	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	2nd	Ruby Walsh	15/8F
Moon Racer (David Pipe)				
2015	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	1st	Tom Scudamore	9/2F
2017	Unibet Champion Hurdle	PU	Tom Scudamore	10/1
My Tent Or Yours (Nicky Henderson)				
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	2nd	A P McCoy	15/8F
2014	Unibet Champion Hurdle	2nd	A P McCoy	3/1
2016	Unibet Champion Hurdle	2nd	Barry Geraghty	10/1
2017	Unibet Champion Hurdle	2nd	Aidan Coleman	16/1
Pingshou (Colin Tizzard)				
2017	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	10th	Aidan Coleman	25/1
The New One (Nigel Twiston-Davies)				
2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	6th	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
2013	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	1st	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2
2014	Unibet Champion Hurdle	3rd	Sam Twiston-Davies	100/30
2015	Unibet Champion Hurdle	5th	Sam Twiston-Davies	100/30
2016	Unibet Champion Hurdle	4th	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2
2017	Unibet Champion Hurdle	5th	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1
Verdana Blue (Nicky Henderson)				
2017	Trull House Stud Mares Novices' Hurdle	4th	Jeremiah McGrath	25/1
Wicklow Brave (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	6th	Paul Townend	8/1
2015	Radox Health County Handicap Hurdle	1st	Paul Townend	25/1
2017	Unibet Champion Hurdle	8th	Paul Townend	22/1
Yorkhill (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2016	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	3/1
2017	JLT Novices' Chase	1st	Ruby Walsh	6/4F

**Record of trainers with entries in the Unibet Champion Hurdle
(since 1997 plus any winners beforehand)**

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
Henry de Bromhead IRE – Arcenfete, Identity Thief				
2008	14th	Sizing Europe	Andrew McNamara	2/1F
2016	6th	Identity Thief	Bryan Cooper	8/1
2017	3rd	Petit Mouchoir	Bryan Cooper	6/1
Gordon Elliott IRE – Apple’s Jade, Campeador, Mick Jazz				
No previous runners				
Nicky Henderson – Buveur D’Air, Call Me Lord, Charli Parcs, My Tent Or Yours, Verdana Blue				
1985	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	16/1
1986	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	5/6F
1987	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	11/10F
2000	3rd	Blue Royal	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2000	7th	Katarino	Norman Williamson	25/1
2002	4th	Geos	Richard Johnson	16/1
2002	5th	Landing Light	Mick Fitzgerald	100/30
2002	12th	Regal Exit	John Kavanagh	66/1
2003	7th	Landing Light	Mick Fitzgerald	14/1
2004	PU	Geos	Mick Fitzgerald	20/1
2007	3rd	Afsoun	Mick Fitzgerald	28/1
2008	3rd	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2008	7th	Afsoun	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2009	1st	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	22/1
2009	3rd	Binocular	A P McCoy	6/4F
2009	14th	Sentry Duty	Tinkler, Andrew	33/1
2010	1st	Binocular	A P McCoy	9/1
2010	3rd	Zaynar	Tinkler, Andrew	15/2
2010	9th	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	15/2
2011	3rd	Oscar Whisky	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2012	4th	Binocular	A P McCoy	4/1
2013	5th	Binocular	A P McCoy	10/1
2013	6th	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	50/1
2013	F	Grandouet	Barry Geraghty	13/2
2014	2nd	My Tent Or Yours	A P McCoy	3/1
2015	8th	Vaniteux	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2016	2nd	My Tent Or Yours	Barry Geraghty	10/1
2016	10th	Hargam	Mark Walsh	16/1
2016	5th	Top Notch	Daryl Jacob	14/1
2016	8th	Sign Of A Victory	Andrew Tinkler	66/1
2016	PU	Peace And Co	Nico de Boinville	16/1
2017	1st	Buveur Dair	Noel Fehily	5/1
2017	2nd	My Tent Or Yours	Aidan Coleman	16/1
2017	9th	Brain Power	David Mullins	13/2
Philip Hobbs – Defi Du Seuil				
2003	1st	Rooster Booster	Richard Johnson	9/2
2003	6th	In Contrast	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2004	2nd	Rooster Booster	Richard Johnson	11/8F
2005	8th	Rooster Booster	Richard Johnson	16/1
2007	6th	Detroit City	Richard Johnson	6/4F
2009	7th	Snap Tie	Richard Johnson	40/1
2011	5th	Menorah	Richard Johnson	3/1
Paul Nicholls – Cliffs Of Dover				
2003	9th	Santenay	Ruby Walsh	33/1
2004	8th	Rigmarole	Ruby Walsh	4/1
2009	2nd	Celestial Halo	Ruby Walsh	17/2
2010	4th	Celestial Halo	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2012	1st	Rock On Ruby	Noel Fehily	11/1
2012	5th	Zarkandar	Daryl Jacob	9/1
2012	7th	Brampour	Harry Derham	50/1
2012	9th	Celestial Halo	Harry Skelton	50/1
2013	4th	Zarkandar	Daryl Jacob	7/2
2014	6th	Ptit Zig	Daryl Jacob	28/1

Willie Mullins IRE – Bapaume, Faugheen, Melon, Min, Wicklow Brave, Yorkhill

1999	9th	Alexander Prize	Ruby Walsh	11/2
2000	PU	Balla Sola	Conor O'Dwyer	50/1
2003	8th	Holy Orders	Shay Barry	100/1
2003	14th	Scolardy	David Casey	66/1
2004	13th	Davenport Milenium	Timmy Murphy	25/1
2008	12th	Ebazian	Davy Condon	33/1
2009	20th	Ebazian	Paul Townend	50/1
2011	1st	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	11/4F
2011	4th	Thousand Stars	Paul Townend	33/1
2012	3rd	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	4/6F
2012	8th	Zaidpour	Paul Townend	22/1
2013	1st	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	13/8F
2014	4th	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	11/4F
2015	1st	Faugheen	Ruby Walsh	4/5F
2015	2nd	Arctic Fire	Danny Mullins	20/1
2015	3rd	Hurricane Fly	Paul Townend	8/1
2016	1st	Annie Power	Ruby Walsh	5/2F
2016	3rd	Nichols Canyon	Townend, P	15/2
2016	PU	Sempre Medici	David Mullins	16/1
2017	4th	Footpad	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2017	8th	Wicklow Brave	Paul Townend	22/1

David Pipe – Moon Racer

2008	2nd	Osana	Tom Scudamore	9/2
2009	11th	Osana	Andrew McNamara	13/2
2009	19th	Ashkazar	Timmy Murphy	14/1
2017	PU	Moon Racer	Tom Scudamore	10/1

Dan Skelton – Ch'tibello

2015	7th	Bertimont	Harry Skelton	100/1
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Colin Tizzard – Pingshou

No previous runners

Nigel Twiston-Davies – The New One

1997	8th	Moorish	David Bridgwater	100/1
1997	10th	Mistinguett	Carl Llewellyn	33/1
1998	5th	Kerawi	Carl Llewellyn	25/1
1998	6th	Mistinguett	Chris Maude	40/1
1999	11th	Gulshan	Carl Llewellyn	66/1
1999	12th	Upgrade	Chris Maude	66/1
1999	4th	Mister Morose	Carl Llewellyn	100/1
2002	8th	Mister Morose	Carl Llewellyn	100/1
2010	2nd	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	7/1
2011	9th	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	12/1
2014	3rd	The New One	Sam Twiston-Davies	100/30
2015	5th	The New One	Sam Twiston-Davies	100/30
2016	4th	The New One	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2
2017	5th	The New One	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1

Evan Williams – John Constable

No previous runners

Unibet Champion Hurdle Results

- 2017-WINNER-BUVEUR D'AIR** 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-5/1
 2ND-My Tent Or Yours 10-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Aidan Coleman; SP-16/1
 3RD-Petit Mouchoir 6-11-10 Owner-Gigginstown House Stud; Trainer-Henry de Bromhead IRE; Jockey-Bryan Cooper; SP-6/1
 11 ran, Time-3m 50.90s; Dist-4½, 3 2/1 Fav Yanworth (Disqualified from 7th – banned substance in sample)
- 2016-WINNER-ANNIE POWER** 8-11-03 Owner-Susannah Ricci; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-5/2 Fav
 2ND-My Tent Or Yours 9-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-10/1
 3RD-Nichols Canyon 6-11-10 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Paul Townend; SP-15/2
 12 ran, Time-3m 45.10s (new record); Dist-4½, hd
- 2015-WINNER-FAUGHEEN** 7-11-10 Owner-Susannah Ricci; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/5 Fav
 2ND-Arctic Fire 6-11-10 Owner-Wicklow Bloodstock Limited; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Danny Mullins; SP-20/1
 3RD-Hurricane Fly 11-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Paul Townend; SP-8/1
 8 ran, Time-3m 50.90s; Dist-1½, 5
- 2014-WINNER-JEZKI** 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-9/1
 2ND-My Tent Or Yours 7-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-3/1
 3RD-The New One 6-11-10 Owner-Sarah Such; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Sam Twiston-Davies; SP-10/3
 9 ran, Time-3m 45.25s; Dist-nk, 2½ 11/4 Fav Hurricane Fly (4th)
- 2013-WINNER- HURRICANE FLY** 9-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-13/8 Fav
 2ND-Rock On Ruby 8-11-10 Owner-The Festival Goers; Trainer-Harry Fry; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-11/2
 3RD-Countrywide Flame 5-11-10 Owner-Estio Pinnacle Racing; Trainer-John Quinn; Jockey-Denis O'Regan; SP-16/1
 9 ran, Time-3m 59.35s; Dist-2½, 1¾
- 2012-WINNER-ROCK ON RUBY** 7-11-10 Owner-The Festival Goers; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-11/1
 2ND-Overtun 8-11-10 Owner-Tim Leslie; Trainer-Donald McCain; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-20/1
 3RD-Hurricane Fly 8-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/6 Fav
 10 ran, Time-3m 50.10s; Dist 3¾, 1¾
- 2011-WINNER-HURRICANE FLY** 7-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/4 Fav
 2ND-Peddlers Cross 6-11-10 Owner-Tim Leslie; Trainer-Donald McCain; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-9/2
 3RD-Oscar Whisky 6-11-10 Owner- Walters Plant Hire Ltd; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-7/1
 11 ran, Time-3m 53.71s; Dist 1¼, 5
- 2010-WINNER-BINOCULAR** 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-9/1
 2ND-Khyber Kim 8-11-10 Owner-Caroline Mould; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-7/1
 3RD-Zaynar 5-11-10 Owner- Men In Our Position; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Andrew Tinkler; SP-15/2
 12 ran, Time-3m 53.80s; Dist-3½, 6 11/4 Fav Go Native (10th)
- 2009-WINNER-PUNJABI** 6-11-10 Owner-Raymond Tooth; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-22/1
 2ND-Celestial Halo 5-11-10 Owner-The Stewart Family; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-17/2
 3RD-Binocular 5-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-6/4 Fav
 23 ran, Time-4m 0.90s; Dist- nk, hd
- 2008-WINNER-KATCHIT** 5-11-10 Owner-D S J P Syndicate; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-10/1
 2ND-Osana 6-11-10 Owner-Thomas Barr; Trainer-David Pipe; Jockey-Tom Scudamore; SP-9/2
 3RD-Punjabi 5-11-10 Owner-Raymond Tooth; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-25/1
 15 ran, Time-4m 8.10s; Dist-1, 5 2/1 Fav Sizing Europe (14th)
- 2007-WINNER-SUBLIMITY** 7-11-10 Owner-Bill Hennessy; Trainer-John Carr IRE; Jockey-Philip Carberry; SP-16/1
 2ND-Brave Inca 9-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/2
 3RD-Afsoun 5-11-10 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-28/1
 10 ran, Time-3m 55.70s; Dist-3, nk 6/4 Fav Detroit City (6th)
- 2006-WINNER-BRAVE INCAL** 8-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-7/4 Fav
 2ND-Macs Joy 7-11-10 Owner-Mac's J Racing Syndicate; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-13/2
 3RD-Brave Eustace 9-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-11/2
 18 ran, Time-3m 50.00s; Dist-1, 3½
- 2005-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE** 8-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-7/2 Jt Fav
 2ND-Harchibald 6-11-10 Owner-Des Sharkey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-7/1
 3RD-Brave Inca 7-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Barry Cash; SP-10/1
 14 ran, Time-3m 51.50s; Dist-nk, nk 7/2 Jt Fav Back In Front (9th)
- 2004-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE** 7-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-33/1
 2ND-Rooster Booster 10-11-10 Owner-Terry Warner; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-11/8 Fav
 3RD-Intersky Falcon 7-11-10 Owner-Interskyracing.com & Jacqui O'Neill; Trainer: Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Liam Cooper; SP-8/1
 14 ran, Time-3m 54.50s; Dist-5, 4

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Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Rn
2017	Buveur D'Air	6-11-10	Noel Fehily	Nicky Henderson	J P McManus	5/1	11
2016	Annie Power	8-11-03	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	5/2F	12
2015	Faugheen	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	4/5F	8
2014	Jezki	6-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Jessica Harrington IRE	J P McManus	9/1	9
2013	Hurricane Fly	9-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	13/8F	9
2012	Rock On Ruby	7-11-10	Noel Fehily	Paul Nicholls	The Festival Goers	11/1	10
2011	Hurricane Fly	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	11/4F	11
2010	Binocular	6-11-10	A P McCoy	Nicky Henderson	J P McManus	9/1	12
2009	Punjabi	6-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Raymond Tooth	22/1	23
2008	Katchit	5-11-10	Robert Thornton	Alan King	D S J P Syndicate	10/1	15
2007	Sublimity	7-11-10	Philip Carberry	John Carr IRE	Bill Hennessy	16/1	10
2006	Brave Inca	8-11-10	Tony McCoy	Colm Murphy IRE	Novices Syndicate	7/4F	18
2005	Hardy Eustace	8-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Dessie Hughes IRE	Lar Byrne	7/2F	14
2004	Hardy Eustace	7-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Dessie Hughes IRE	Lar Byrne	33/1	14
2003	Rooster Booster	9-12-00	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Terry Warner	9/2	17
2002	Hors La Loi III	7-12-00	Dean Gallagher	James Fanshawe	Paul Green	10/1	15
2000	Istabraq	8-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	8/15F	12
1999	Istabraq	7-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	4/9F	14
1998	Istabraq	6-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	3/1F	18
1997	Make A Stand	6-12-00	A P McCoy	Martin Pipe	Peter Deal	7/1	17
1996	Collier Bay	6-12-00	Graham Bradley	Jim Old	Wally Sturt	9/1	16
1995	Alderbrook	6-12-00	Norman Williamson	Kim Bailey	Ernie Pick	11/2	14
1994	Flakey Dove	8-11-09	Mark Dwyer	Richard Price	John Price	9/1	15
1993	Granville Again	7-12-00	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Eric Scarth	13/2	18
1992	Royal Gait	9-12-00	Graham McCourt	James Fanshawe	Sheikh Mohammed	6/1	16
1991	Morley Street	7-12-00	Jimmy Frost	Toby Balding	Michael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd	4/1F	24
1990	Kribensis	6-12-00	Richard Dunwoody	Michael Stoute	Sheikh Mohammed	95/40F	19
1989	Beech Road	7-12-00	Richard Guest	Toby Balding	Tony Geake	50/1	15
1988	Celtic Shot	6-12-00	Peter Scudamore	Fred Winter	David Horton	7/1	21
1987	See You Then	7-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	11/10F	18
1986	See You Then	6-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	5/6F	23
1985	See You Then	5-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	16/1	14
1984	Dawn Run	6-11-09	Jonjo O'Neill	Paddy Mullins IRE	Charmian Hill	4/5F	14
1983	Gaye Brief	6-12-00	Richard Linley	Mercy Rimell	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	7/1	17
1982	For Auction	6-12-00	Mr Colin Magnier	Michael Cunningham IRE	F Heaslip	40/1	14
1981	Sea Pigeon	11-12-00	John Francome	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	7/4F	14
1980	Sea Pigeon	10-12-00	Jonjo O'Neill	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	13/2	9
1979	Monksfield	7-12-00	Dessie Hughes	Des McDonogh IRE	Dr Michael Mangan	9/4F	10
1978	Monksfield	6-12-00	Tommy Kinane	Des McDonogh IRE	Dr Michael Mangan	11/2	13
1977	Night Nurse	6-12-00	Paddy Broderick	Peter Easterby	Reg Spencer	15/2	10
1976	Night Nurse	5-12-00	Paddy Broderick	Peter Easterby	Reg Spencer	2/1F	8
1975	Comedy Of Errors	8-12-00	Ken White	Fred Rimell	Ted Wheatley	11/8F	13
1974	Lanzarote	6-12-00	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Lord Howard de Walden	7/4	7
1973	Comedy Of Errors	6-12-00	Bill Smith	Fred Rimell	Ted Wheatley	8/1	8
1972	Bula	7-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	8/11F	12
1971	Bula	6-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	15/8F	9
1970	Persian War	7-12-00	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	5/4F	14
1969	Persian War	6-12-00	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	6/4F	17
1968	Persian War	5-11-12	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	4/1	16
1967	Saucy Kit	6-12-00	Roy Edwards	Peter Easterby	K F Alder	100/6	23
1966	Salmon Spray	8-12-00	Johnnie Haine	Bob Turnell	Mrs John Rogerson	4/1	17
1965	Kirriemuir	5-12-00	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs Dorothy Beddington	50/1	19
1964	Magic Court	6-12-00	Pat McCarron	Tommy Robson	J McGhie	100/6	24
1963	Winning Fair	8-12-00	Mr Alan Lillingston	George Spencer IRE	George Spencer	100/9	21
1962	Anzio	5-11-12	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Sir Thomas Ainsworth	11/2	14
1961	Eborneezer	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Dr B N Pajgar	4/1	17
1960	Another Flash	6-12-00	Bobby Beasley	Paddy Sleator IRE	J J Byrne	11/4F	12
1959	Fare Time	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Gerry Judd	13/2	14
1958	Bandalore	7-12-00	George Slack	Stan Wright	Mrs Dorothy Wright	20/1	18
1957	Merry Deal	7-12-00	Grenville Underwood	Arthur Jones	Arthur Jones	28/1	16
1956	Doorknocker	8-12-00	Harry Sprague	Charlie Hall	Clifford Nicholson	100/9	14
1955	Clair Soleil	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Gerry Judd	5/2F	21
1954	Sir Ken	7-12-00	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	4/9F	13
1953	Sir Ken	6-12-00	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	2/5F	7
1952	Sir Ken	5-11-12	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	3/1F	16
1951	Hatton's Grace	11-12-00	Tim Molony	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	4/1	8
1950	Hatton's Grace	10-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	5/2F	12
1949	Hatton's Grace	9-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	100/7	14
1948	National Spirit	7-12-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Len Abelson	6/4F	12
1947	National Spirit	6-12-00	Danny Morgan	Vic Smyth	Len Abelson	7/1	13
1946	Distel	5-11-10	Bobby O'Ryan	Charlie Rogers IRE	Dorothy Paget	4/5F	8
1945	Brains Trust	5-11-10	Fred Rimell	Gerry Wilson	F Blakeway	9/2	16
1942	Forestation	4-11-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Vic Smyth	10/1	20
1941	Seneca	4-11-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Sir Malcolm McAlpine	7/1	6
1940	Solford	9-12-00	Sean Magee	Owen Anthony	Dorothy Paget	5/2F	8
1939	African Sister	7-12-00	Keith Piggott	Charles Piggott	H Brueton	10/1	13
1938	Our Hope	9-12-00	Perry Harding	Roderic Gubbins	Roderic Gubbins	5/1	5
1937	Free Fare	9-12-00	Georges Pellerin	Ted Gwilt	Ben Warner	2/1F	7
1936	Victor Norman	5-11-00	Frenchie Nicholson	Morgan Blair	Michael Stephens	4/1	8
1935	Lion Courage	7-12-00	Gerry Wilson	F Brown	R Fox Carlyon	100/8	11

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Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Rn
1934	Chenango	7-12-00	Danny Morgan	Ivor Anthony	Pete Bostwick	4/9F	5
1933	Insurance	6-12-00	Billy Stott	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	10/11F	5
1932	Insurance	5-12-00	Ted Leader	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	4/5F	3
1930	Brown Tony	4-11-00	Tommy Cullinan	Jack Anthony	Mrs J de Selincourt	7/2	5
1929	Royal Falcon	6-12-00	Dick Rees	Bob Gore	Miss Williams-Bulkeley	11/2	6
1928	Brown Jack	4-11-00	Bilby Rees	Aubrey Hastings	Major Harold Wernher	4/1	6
1927	Blaris	6-12-00	George Duller	Bill Payne	Mrs H Hollins	11/10F	4