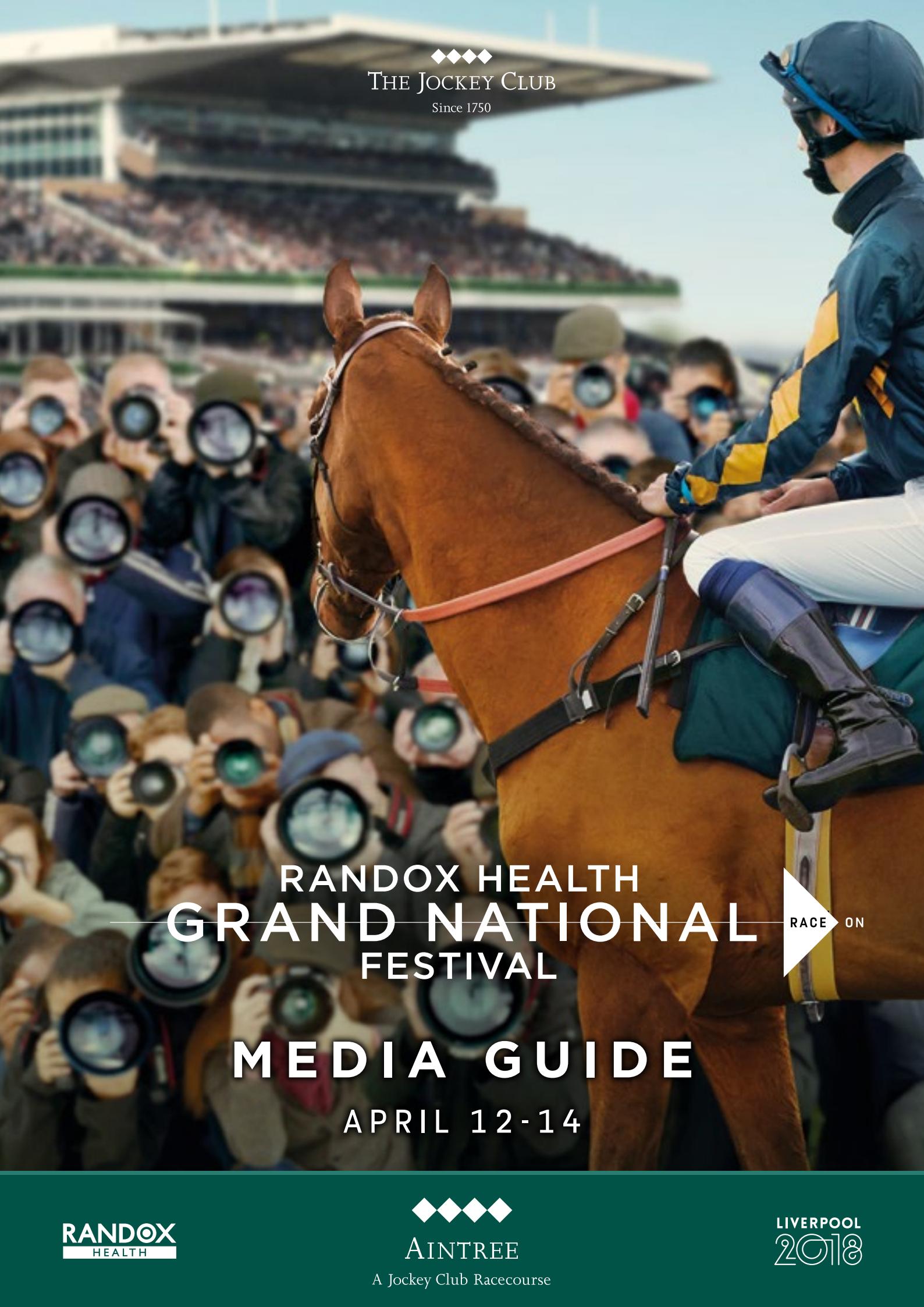




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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

FROM ROSE PATERSON

2018 is the second year that Randox Health have generously sponsored the Grand National and, following last year's hugely successful Festival, we have now built a very strong relationship with them.

Last December, our stable visit broke with tradition. With One For Arthur off the track for the season, we agreed with Lucinda Russell that it would be best if we looked elsewhere this time. This we did and had a great day at Grange Hill Farm near Guiting Power (home of the famous Hollow Bottom pub).

We watched Nigel Twiston-Davies's impressive string powering up his mountainous all-weather gallop, including his exciting chaser Blaklion, impressive winner just a few days later of the Randox Health Becher Chase over the big fences. We warmly thank Nigel and his team for their hospitality and kindness.

Last year, we also welcomed a new television partner in ITV Racing, who have impressed so many with their outstanding coverage and excellent understanding of horse welfare. You will remember how unusually warm it was last year and the ITV coverage of the action we took and why it was essential was superbly handled by all the team.

Off the racecourse, we have continued to develop our local community programme. This was recognised by the Racecourse Association who elected us the winner of this category at their Annual Showcase Awards for a third consecutive year. Furthermore, I was delighted for John Baker and his team that Aintree were also voted Racecourse of the Year; the first time we have won this illustrious award.

2017 was a significant year in the long history of the Grand National. 1967 saw the extraordinary victory of Foinavon and in 1977 the great Red Rum ran in his fifth consecutive National, storming to his record third triumph, while 1997 saw the bomb scare, course evacuation and the only Monday National.

Not so many anniversaries this year, but we expect the 2018 Festival to be better than ever. We will witness three days of top-class racing and we have invested again to enhance the Festival experience for all our racegoers.

Our prize money over the three-day meeting has increased again to more than £3.2 million and the £1-million Randox Health Grand National will once again be run as the penultimate race on Saturday's card at 5.15pm.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading our 2018 Media Guide which is packed with facts and figures covering the history of the Grand National Festival.

SPONSOR'S WELCOME

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS IN LIFE WE LIVE FOR"

Dr Peter Fitzgerald
CBE, FREng, DL



"IT IS WITH IMMENSE PRIDE THAT WE CELEBRATE OUR SECOND YEAR AS SPONSORS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHASE.

"Just as we shared the exquisite thrill of approaching Aintree to experience the first Randox Health Grand National, we look forward to coming together in 2018 to watch history being written, as 40 of the very best horses and jockeys compete to be crowned champion: the ultimate prize in Jump racing.

"This is one of those moments in life we live for.

"And this is why we do what we do. Randox Health is the provider of the most advanced health checks in the world. We are driven by a desire to help people live healthier lives for longer.

"With the opening of our flagship clinic in the heart of Liverpool this year, we are strengthening our commitment to the city which has welcomed us with open arms. Here people can access the world's most advanced health checks and specialised testing. We use patented technologies which enable our scientific experts and GPs to diagnose pre-illness, empowering people to take preventive action to stay healthy and avoid sickness. This is the future of health care.

"Our advances in blood science technology have been developed over 35 years through research and development. In addition to our market-leading human healthcare, our products have been used in the veterinary market for over 30 years. Of note is our equine panel, which has recently included the biomarker adiponectin. This has been successfully incorporated in the assessment of horses regarding obesity, equine metabolic syndrome, and the risk of laminitis. We work with key Veterinary Hospitals and laboratories around the world, who use a range of Randox clinical products, including The Irish Equine Centre in Kildare.

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RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL FESTIVAL AMBASSADORS



SAM QUEK

2016 Rio Olympic Games gold medallist and local sports star, Sam Quek joins the Randox Health Grand National team of ambassadors for a second year.

Sam has played as a defender for both the England and Great Britain Hockey teams. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, Sam performed a key role in the Great Britain team that famously triumphed in an exhilarating final against the Netherlands.

During the Rio Olympics, Sam won her 50th cap for Great Britain and now has more than 125 combined caps for England and Great Britain.

She was also part of the England Hockey team that won gold at the

European Championships in London in 2015. Sam notably was named 'Player of the Match' in the final versus the Netherlands, the World and Olympic Champions at the time.

After Rio, Sam starred in ITV's 'I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here' series. Enduring a lot of 'bush tucker trials' and jungle 'critters', she finished a well-deserved fourth.

Sam, who has a passion for promoting women and girls in sport, was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours 2017 for services to hockey, along with her teammates.

During this fast rise in fame, Sam has been busy building a career as a sports presenter. Sam was part of Channel 4's presenting team for

the 2017 Women Football European Championships in Holland, Channel 5's coverage of the Rugby Premiership and presented the NFL Show on BBC 1.

Whether or not Sam chooses to have a go at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, she is fast establishing herself as a sports presenter of note.

During the 2018 Randox Health Grand National Festival, Sam will be involved in the new and exclusive Champions Lounge on Grand National Thursday and will be a panellist for the Grand Women's Summit on Ladies Day, joining leading figures from horseracing, sport and business to focus on prominent topics in sport.



KATIE WALSH

The most successful female jockey in Grand National history, Katie Walsh takes up her Aintree ambassadorial role for a fourth year.

Daughter of Irish trainer and television pundit, Ted Walsh, and sister to leading Jump jockey, Ruby Walsh, it is safe to say the Walsh's achievements are to be reckoned with.

Aboard Seabass in the 2012 Grand National, amateur rider Katie came third of the 40 runners, giving her the accolade of the best finishing position by a female rider in the world's greatest chase.

Katie rode Seabass again in 2013, coming home 13th, and got around for a third time in 2014 when occupying the same position on Vesper Bell.

Katie was the third woman to win the Irish Grand National in 2015, guiding the Sandra Hughes-trained Thunder And Roses to victory at Fairyhouse, and then a year later went on to secure her first Grade One winner aboard Blow By Blow in the Champion INH Flat Race at the Punchestown Festival.



Most recently, Katie rode in the 2017 Randox Health Grand National and finished the race for the fourth time in five rides when 19th on the Paul Nicholls-trained Wonderful Charm.

Katie will be joining Sam and Laura to support the promotion on the Randox Health Grand National Festival

LAURA WRIGHT

Sporting soprano Laura Wright is an ambassador at Aintree Racecourse for a third year.

Laura is the country's leading figure for connecting music and sport and renowned for her performances at some of the world's biggest sporting events.

Beginning her career as the official anthem singer for the England Rugby Team, she has gone onto perform at very prestigious sporting events including the Rugby World Cup, the British Grand Prix, the Ashes, NFL matches, the FA Cup Final and opening ceremonies of the Invictus Games.

Her involvement at the Randox Health Grand National Festival spans across the three days including performing at the new Opening Ceremony on Grand National Thursday, being involved in the Style Awards on Ladies Day and introducing the world's most iconic race by singing the National Anthem before the Randox Health Grand National.

Laura will also perform at Alder Hey Hospital during Aintree's annual jockeys' visit to the world-renowned children's facility on the morning of Ladies Day, performing a few Disney classics to the children and parents in the hospital atrium.

GRAND NATIONAL THURSDAY A DAY FOR CHAMPIONS

Sporting icons to celebrate Merseyside Sport on Grand National Thursday



BRAND NEW CHAMPIONS LOUNGE WITH KENNY DALGLISH, MICHAEL OWEN, GRAEME SHARP, SAM QUEK, BETH TWEDDLE, SIR AP MCCOY & MANY MORE STARS

Aintree will host a 'Celebration of Merseyside Sport' for Grand National Thursday at the 2018 Randox Health Grand National Festival at Aintree Racecourse, April 12.

One of the best days in British Jump Racing calendar, the newly renamed Grand National Thursday – A Day for Champions will celebrate the many successes of sport across Merseyside and horseracing with a brand new Champions Lounge which will include some of the very best sports stars from across Merseyside and horseracing.

Liverpool FC ambassador Kenny Dalglish said: "I've been a big Grand National fan since childhood and having played and managed Liverpool FC, I've enjoyed going to Aintree to watch the iconic race.

"When the fixtures came out as players, the first thing we looked at was what game we had on Grand National Day. "Grand National Thursday is a fantastic day of racing and I really like that Aintree are using this platform to celebrate the best of Merseyside Sport – I am delighted to be part of it."

The new Champions Lounge will be located next to Aintree's Parade Ring and hosted by BBC Breakfast's Dan Walker. It will consist of Q&A sessions throughout Grand National Thursday with sporting celebrities representing sports synonymous to success in Merseyside including Liverpool FC legends, Kenny Dalglish, Michael Owen and John Aldridge; Everton FC's Graeme Sharp and Graham Stuart; horseracing legend, Sir AP McCoy; Olympic Gold Medallist, Sam Quek; Olympic medallist and three-time World Champion, Beth Tweddle; Rugby League Legend, Jon Wilkin; European Champion, Commonwealth gold and World silver medallist, Fran Halsall; Olympic Taekwondo Silver Medallist, Bianca Walden and boxing star Paul Smith.

Beth Tweddle, Olympic medalist and three-time World Champion, commented: "I've always been a Grand National fan. Every year I make sure I watch the Grand National – it's the race that stops the nation."

"When I ask people about Grand National Thursday, they always say what a fantastic day it is, superb racing and their best day of the three. I'm delighted to be part of Aintree's celebration of Merseyside Sport – we certainly have a lot of talented people across many sport which I'm sure will be showcased really well on the day."

Aside from the Q&A sessions and rubbing shoulders with the stars throughout the day, racegoers will receive a Buffet 'Feast for Champions' in the Champions Lounge, breakfast canapes, Earl of Derby Grandstand seats, traditional Afternoon Tea, musical entertainment, complimentary racecard and free car parking at one of the greatest horseracing Festival in the world.

Graeme Sharp, Everton FC ambassador, declared: "The Randox Health Grand National Festival is a global event but, as with Everton FC, it's very much part of Merseyside heritage.

"Merseyside Sport has a lot of be proud of so I'm delighted to be representing Everton FC to help Aintree celebrate it on the first day of the three-day meeting.

"Grand National Thursday is also one of the best days racing in the Jump calendar with four Grade Ones and not to be missed."

Liverpool was recently voted as Britain's greatest sporting city and Aintree is looking to celebrate that by ensuring all sports are represented on the day.

Michael Owen, former Liverpool FC and England footballer, remarked: "I am delighted to be part of the new Champions Lounge on Grand National Thursday."

"I'm a massive horseracing fan and the Grand National is such an iconic race watched by millions around the world. I really like the fact that Aintree is not only showcasing the quality of racing on Grand National Thursday, but also celebrating Merseyside Sport on the day as well."

To celebrate the inspiring successes of Merseyside Invictus Games heroes who participated in the 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto in November, Aintree is inviting them to be part of the Champions Lounge to share their uplifting stories.

GRAND NATIONAL THURSDAY IS A FANTASTIC DAY OF RACING AND I REALLY LIKE THAT AINTREE ARE USING THIS PLATFORM TO CELEBRATE THE BEST OF MERSEYSIDE SPORT

Kenny Dalglish

GRAND NATIONAL THURSDAY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

From 1977 onwards, when the Randox Health Grand National Festival became an all-Jump meeting, Grand National Thursday – the first day of the three-day festival – has developed an outstanding programme of racing action, a true Day for Champions.

It is only one of three racedays during the entire British Jump season to offer four Grade One (G1) contests.

Uniquely, Grand National Thursday is the only day of the year with two open G1 races and two G1 contests for novices.

The G1 chase action on Grand National Thursday is headlined by the Betway Bowl, staged over three miles and a furlong at the Mildmay Course.

The fabulous roll of honour boasts the names of some of the very best chasers of the modern era with Wayward Lad, Desert Orchid, See More Business, Florida Pearl, Siliviniaco Conti and Cue Card all having been successful.

Lizzie Kelly created history in 2017 when becoming the first female jockey to win the Betway Bowl aboard Tea For Two.

The G1 Betway Aintree Hurdle moved to Grand National Thursday in 2013, having previously been on Grand National Day. The race is the only British G1 open hurdle run over the distance of two and a half miles.

First staged in 1975, it has proved to be the perfect follow-up for horses who have won the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.

In 2017, Buveur D'Air joined great performers Annie Power, Jezki, Istabraq, Morley Street, Beech Road, Dawn Run, Gaye Brief, Monksfield, Night Nurse and Comedy Of Errors by winning both the Champion Hurdle and the Betway Aintree Hurdle.

Often regarded as the greatest hurdle race of all-time, the 1977 renewal of the Betway Aintree Hurdle saw a dead-heat between Monksfield and Night Nurse, both dual winners of the Champion Hurdle.

The G1 Doom Bar Anniversary 4-Y-O Juvenile Hurdle over two miles and a furlong is the natural next target for horses who competed in the JCB Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival.

Last season Defi Du Seuil followed in the footsteps of Pollardstown, Detroit City, Katchit and Zarkandar by winning both the JCB Triumph Hurdle and the Doom Bar Anniversary 4-Y-O Hurdle.

Racegoers also get an opportunity to see racing over the Grand National fences for the first time at the meeting, with the two mile, five furlong Randox Health Fox Hunters' Chase taking place on Grand National Thursday.

Restricted to horses who have run in point-to-points and hunter chases and ridden by amateur riders, the Randox Health Fox Hunters' Chase is a good race for multiple winners, with Katarino (2005 & 2006) and On The Fringe (2015 & 2016) both having scored twice since the turn of the century.

Ultra-competitive handicap action comes courtesy of the two-mile G3 Betway Red Rum Handicap Chase which commemorates the legendary three-time Grand National winner Red Rum.

LADIES DAY

In the middle of the world-renowned three-day Randox Health Grand National Festival, Friday, April 13, is the stylish and glamorous Ladies Day, first officially established at Aintree Racecourse in the early 2000s.

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BARBARA DALEY HAIR & BEAUTY

The Liverpool-based celebrity salon has been part of the city's style scene for the past 28 years and continues to be one of the leading names in British hairdressing.

The award-winning salon has received international accolades for its architectural design since moving to North Western Halls in the midst of the city's Capital of Culture 10 years ago.

There has been much praise too for its hairdressing work, being named as Best Salon in the UK for 2018 by Marie Claire magazine as well as Hair magazine's Best Hair Salon in the North and L'Oréal Colour Trophy Grand Finalists.

For the past five years the salon has also had Leading Salons of the World status, making it the ideal partner for this year's **#FabulousFriday**.

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The Racecourse is pleased to announce OUTFIT is the new official style partner of Aintree's Ladies Day. OUTFIT is a perfect fit for the aspiration and position of Ladies Day, as well as providing reputable, fashion expertise to the day.

Racegoers will have the opportunity to compete in #FabulousFriday Style Award and be in for a chance of winning one of the biggest-ever Grand National Ladies Day Style Award prizes, a Range Rover Evoque plus £1,000 from OUTFIT and hair & beauty products from Barbara Daley.

A prize worth over £35,000, the Range Rover Evoque, supplied by Hatfield's Land Rover, Liverpool, is a 2.0 SE Tech Diesel Manual with metallic paint and rear privacy glass.

This year the Style Award will be hosted through a digital platform to speed up the entry process.

Racegoers can enter the Style Award competition by being snapped in front of the beautiful Style Award flower walls in the Red Rum Garden at Aintree Racecourse, giving their details and then having the opportunity to download their unique image.

New for 2018 are Style Ambassadors who will be on the look-out for fashionistas perfect for the competition.

The Style Award judging panel will be made up of industry experts who have a wealth of style and fashion knowledge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE STYLE AWARD, HEAD TO THE RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL WEBSITE, RANDOXHEALTHGRANDNATIONAL.CO.UK



HATFIELDS' RANGE ROVER PRIZE

Simon Broughton, Head of Business - Hatfields Land Rover, Liverpool, commented: "We are delighted to be offering a Range Rover Evoque 2.0 SE Tech as the Ladies Day prize this year. It is one of the biggest days in Liverpool and to be a part of the Festival is fantastic!"



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OUTFIT

OUTFIT is the out-of-town Arcadia fashion destination that features all of the latest pieces from the best high street brands.

Top-to-toe collections from Topshop, Miss Selfridge, Dorothy Perkins, Wallis, plus menswear from Burton and Topman are all found under one roof, making it the ultimate one-stop shopping venue.

"We are very proud and excited to be announced as the official style sponsor of Ladies Day at Aintree Racecourse," said James Graham, Managing Director, OUTFIT.

"We have many stores and valued customers in and around the Liverpool area and it's wonderful to be able to share in this fantastic day with the people of Merseyside."

"It is sure to be a brilliant experience for all involved and we can't wait to see how stylish all the racegoers look."

OUTFIT was launched in 1995 and now has a total of 80 stores nationwide.

Local stores to Aintree Racecourse include:

- Outfit Liverpool Shopping Park, Edge Lane
- Outfit New Mersey Shopping Park, Liverpool Speke
- Outfit Cables Retail Park, Prescot
- Outfit Coliseum Shopping Park, Ellesmere Port

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GRAND WOMEN'S SUMMIT

TIMINGS

8.45am	<i>Arrival</i>
9.00am	<i>Grand Women's Summit panel discussion to commence</i>
10.30am	<i>Grand National course walk to begin, led by Katie Walsh, Lucinda Russell and Carrie Ford</i>
12.00pm	<i>Champagne reception and lunch to be served in Paddock Lodge</i>
12.30pm	<i>Mark your card</i>
1.30pm	<i>First race</i>

Ladies Day at the Randox Health Grand National Festival celebrates women in horseracing, sport and business by hosting the popular Grand Women's Summit.

Now in its fourth year, the Grand Women's Summit attracts an exclusive panel of guest speakers to discuss prominent topics related to women's sport, while delegates experience one of the best horseracing festivals in the world.

Sally Nugent hosted the Grand Women's Summit for the first time in 2017 and again will be bringing her media expertise to delve deep into the hot topics of discussion this year. 2016 Rio Olympic Gold Medallist and sports presenter, Sam Quek (below) will be joining the panel line-up. More panellists will be announced soon.

Following the panel discussion in the O'Sullivan facility, which overlooks the world famous parade ring at Aintree Racecourse, delegates will also be treated to an exclusive walk around the iconic Grand National course with jockey Katie Walsh and former rider Carrie Ford plus the 2017 Randox Health Grand National winning trainer Lucinda Russell and her partner Peter Scudamore, an eight-time champion jump jockey.



ITV'S SECOND RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL FESTIVAL

ITV won the battle for the exclusive terrestrial television rights to cover horseracing in Britain, commenced the four-year contract on January 1 last year and thus broadcast the Randox Health Grand National Festival from Aintree for the first time in 2017. The broadcaster put a lot of resources into the programmes over the three days and Ed Chamberlin (below) fronted the coverage. The peak British terrestrial audience for the 2017 Randox Health Grand National was 8.2 million, with a high 62 per cent audience share.

Channel 4 Racing covered the Grand National for four years and before that the BBC had shown the great race since 1960.

RACING UK

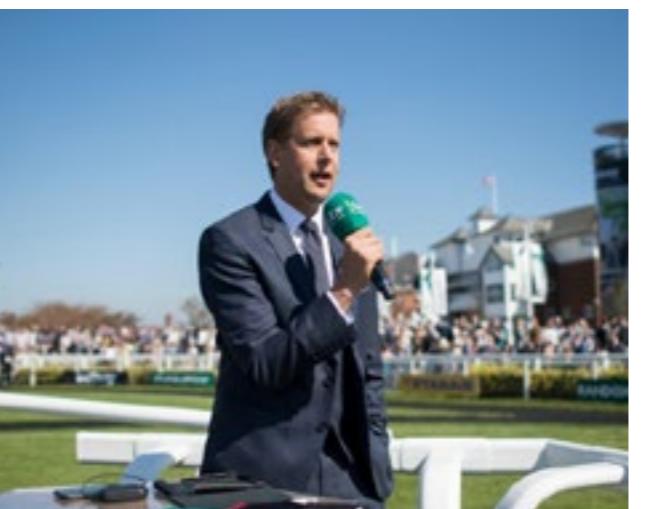
Racing UK is Britain's premier horseracing channel, currently broadcasting live races from 37 of the UK's top racecourses including Aintree. Racing UK was formed and launched in 2004 by 30 UK racecourses, who wanted more control over their media rights and distribution. The company itself is a revolutionary approach to sports media rights management, as it allows the racecourses to own, manage and develop their intellectual property across all platforms. All profits are returned to these racecourses, improving prize monies and facilities for horseracing up and down the country. Racing UK services over 50,000 commercial and residential subscribers and is dedicated to broadcasting more than 750 live race meetings a year with commentary, debate and tipping.

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

BBC Radio 5 Live covers the Randox Health Grand National Festival extensively, with live reporting of all three days from Aintree augmented by a series of preview programmes and specials. Racing correspondent Cornelius Lysaght is at the centre of the BBC Radio 5 Live team at Aintree. The BBC's first radio transmission from Aintree came in 1927 and lasted for over an hour, thus giving the BBC over 90 years of broadcasting experience at the racecourse. Commentator Meyrick Good had to cope with 37 runners and misty conditions when calling home the favourite Sprig in a thrilling finish to the 1927 Grand National. George Allison covered the news aspects before and after the race.

TALKSPORT

talkSPORT, the world's biggest sports station, will broadcast live from Aintree for the fifth successive year with correspondent Rupert Bell in the thick of the action.



PREVIEW

Prize money reaches record £3.21 million at Randox Health Grand National Festival

A new record amount of prize money of £3.21 million is being offered for the 2018 Randox Health Grand National Festival, up from £3 million in 2017 and an increase of seven per cent.

As revealed at the end of last year, race values across every Jockey Club Racecourse - including Aintree - and at all levels of the sport, are benefiting from an £8-million injection during 2018.

The Randox Health Grand National Festival commences with Grand National Thursday on April 12, when the two of the four Grade 1 (G1) highlights on this unique day of high-quality racing receive a substantial prize money boost.

The G1 Betway Aintree Hurdle is now worth £250,000 (up £50,000 on the 2017 total). First staged in 1975, it has proved to be the perfect follow-up for horses who have won the Unibet Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March. Buveur D'Air in 2017 joined other great performers such as Annie Power, Jezki, Istabraq, Morley Street, Beech Road, Dawn Run, Gaye Brief, Monksfield, Night Nurse and Comedy Of Errors by winning both the Champion Hurdle and the Betway Aintree Hurdle.

There is a £40,000 increase for the G1 Betway Bowl, which now has a total prize fund of £190,000. Past winners

of the three mile and a furlong chase include some of the very best performers of the modern era, with Wayward Lad, Desert Orchid, See More Business, Florida Pearl, Siliviniaco Conti and Cue Card all having been successful.

The Randox Health Fox Hunters Chase, staged over the Grand National fences on Grand National Thursday, rises to £45,000, up £5,000.

Friday, April 13 is Ladies Day at the 2018 Randox Health Grand National Festival and a £50,000 boost to the feature race, the G1 JLT Melling Chase, means it has a record total prize fund of £250,000. Established in 1991 and run over two and a half miles, the JLT Melling Chase boasts outstanding winners including Don Cossack, Sprinter Sacre, Master Minded, Moscow Flyer, Viking Flagship and Remittance Man.

The G3 Randox Health Topham Chase, the Grand National course race on Ladies Day, is worth £140,000, up £20,000, while the G3 Alder Hey Children's Charity Handicap Hurdle increases to £75,000 from £70,000.

On Grand National Day, Saturday, April 14, the Randox Health Grand National is the most valuable Jump race in the world with a prize fund of £1 million. A change to the distribution of this total

ORDER OF RUNNING

GRAND NATIONAL THURSDAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 12

TIME	RACE	DISTANCE	PRIZE MONEY 2017	PRIZE MONEY 2018
1.45pm	<i>Manifesto Novices' Chase (G1)</i>	2m 4f	£100,000	£100,000
2.20pm	<i>Doom Bar Anniversary 4YO Juvenile Hurdle (G1)</i>	2m 1f	£100,000	£100,000
2.50pm	<i>Betway Bowl Chase (G1)</i>	3m 1f	£150,000	£190,000
3.25pm	<i>Betway Aintree Hurdle (G1)</i>	2m 4f	£200,000	£250,000
4.05pm	<i>Randox Health Foxhunters' Chase</i>	2m 5f	£40,000	£45,000
4.40pm	<i>Red Rum Handicap Chase (G3)</i>	2m	£90,000	£90,000
5.15pm	<i>Goffs Nickel Coin Mares' Standard Open NHF (G2)</i>	2m 1f	£40,000	£45,000
		<i>Total</i>	<i>£725,000</i>	<i>£820,000</i>

LADIES DAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 13

TIME	RACE	DISTANCE	PRIZE MONEY 2017	PRIZE MONEY 2018
1.40pm	<i>Alder Hey Handicap Hurdle (G3)</i>	2m 4f	£70,000	£75,000
2.20pm	<i>Betway Top Novices' Hurdle (G1)</i>	2m 1/2f	£100,000	£100,000
2.50pm	<i>Betway Mildmay Novices' Chase (G1)</i>	3m 1f	£100,000	£100,000
3.25pm	<i>JLT Melling Chase (G1)</i>	2m 4f	£200,000	£250,000
4.05pm	<i>Randox Health Topham Chase (G3)</i>	2m 5f	£120,000	£140,000
4.40pm	<i>Doom Bar Sefton Novices' Hurdle (G1)</i>	3m 1/2f	£100,000	£100,000
5.15pm	<i>Weatherbys Private Bank Standard Open NHF (G2)</i>	2m 1f	£45,000	£45,000
		<i>Total</i>	<i>£735,000</i>	<i>£810,000</i>

GRAND NATIONAL DAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 14

TIME	RACE	DISTANCE	PRIZE MONEY 2017	PRIZE MONEY 2018
1.45pm	<i>Gaskells Handicap Hurdle (G3)</i>	3m 1/2f	£70,000	£75,000
2.25pm	<i>Betway Mersey Novices' Hurdle (G1)</i>	2m 4f	£100,000	£100,000
3.00pm	<i>Doom Bar Maghull Novices' Chase (G1)</i>	2m	£100,000	£100,000
3.40pm	<i>Betway Handicap Chase (Listed)</i>	3m 1f	£70,000	£75,000
4.20pm	<i>Ryanair Stayers' Hurdle (G1)</i>	3m 1/2f	£150,000	£180,000
5.15pm	<i>Randox Health Grand National (G3)</i>	4m 21/2f	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
6.15pm	<i>Pinsent Masons Handicap Hurdle</i>	2m 1/2f	£50,000	£50,000
		<i>Total</i>	<i>£1,540,000</i>	<i>£1,580,000</i>
		<i>Grand total</i>	<i>£3,000,000</i>	<i>£3,210,000</i>

means more for the horses placed from fourth to tenth. The first three horses home will still receive 80 per cent of the total prize fund, but for those finishing out of the first three, there will be increases ranging between £12,300 for fourth place (£65,000 in 2018 compared to £52,700 in 2017) to £4,000 for the tenth (£5,000 in 2018 compared to £1,000 in 2017). The fifth will now receive £40,000 (£26,500 in 2017), the sixth £30,000 (£13,200), the seventh £20,000 (£6,800), the eighth £15,000 (£3,600) and the ninth £10,000 (£2,000).

The three-mile G1 Ryanair Stayers' Hurdle, won by the brilliant Big Buck's for four consecutive years between 2009 and 2012, climbs by 20 per cent to £180,000 (from £150,000) while the two main supporting handicaps - the G3 Gaskells Handicap Hurdle and the Listed Betway Handicap Chase - each receive a rise of £5,000 increasing, taking them up to £75,000.

RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Randox Health Grand National Festival consists of three days of great sporting action at Aintree Racecourse with the eyes of the world fixed firmly on what is happening.

The renamed Grand National Thursday offers a great way to experience the Randox Health Grand National Festival for the first time and kick starts the action with four Grade One races - a veritable feast of top-class horseracing action. See pages 8 & 9 for more details.

The middle day of this world-renowned Festival is the stylish and glamorous Ladies Day, first officially established at Aintree Racecourse in the early 2000s - see pages 10, 11 and 12 for information.

The final day is a national treasure, Grand National Day where, for nine minutes, the nation stops and is enthralled by the unfolding drama of the most famous chase in the world.

Grand National Day provides excitement and anticipation in abundance as the build-up gradually develops towards the Randox Health Grand National, staged for the 171st time.

Grand National Day has sold out for the last few years so advance booking is a necessity. Tickets and hospitality packages for the 2018 Randox Health Grand National Festival are available to purchase through www.randoxhealthgrandnational.co.uk

Each day of the festival has one race over the Grand National Course, with the six other contests taking place on the separate Mildmay Course, which consists of ordinary fences, and the Hurdle & Flat Courses.

UNIQUE RACE & GLOBAL PHENOMENON

The Randox Health Grand National is unique – the race of dreams and creator of legends.



Therefore, it is no surprise that the Randox Health Grand National receives more attention around the world than any other horse race.

Since the inaugural running at Aintree Racecourse way back in 1839, when Lottery had his name etched first on the exalted roll of honour, victory in the Grand National has been the pinnacle of ambition for owners, trainers and jockeys.

Actors, aristocrats, business people, comedians, coiffeurs, celebrities, moguls, politicians, pop stars, sporting heroes, Kings, Queens and Princes have all tried for glory, but only a fortunate few succeed.

It is one of the biggest tests for racehorse and rider who have to complete two circuits of the iconic Grand National course - with 30 fences to be jumped as four miles, two furlongs and about 74 yards are covered.

Famous landmarks around the course are an integral part of the Grand National experience; with the fences such as Becher's Brook, the Canal Turn,

Valentine's and the Chair so well known to the millions who watch the race at Aintree or on television each year.

Familiar phrases of commentators such as "crossing the Melling Road" are built into people's subconscious, while there is the 'Elbow', with the winning post in sight.

Many are the reversals of fortune on the long run from the final fence to the line, as the last reserves of stamina ebb away and the chance of immortality is lost.

Devon Loch's inexplicable collapse in the 1956 Grand National, a mere 50 yards from a famous victory for his owner, The Queen Mother, serves as a constant reminder that the race is often decided on the final run-in.

And there is nothing quite like the sensation of heart-clutching, wriggling expectation as the 40-strong field for the Randox Health Grand National is persuaded into a fair line, ahead of the dash to the first fence.

Whether at Aintree or at home watching the ITV television coverage, a general hush falls while the starter calls the runners forward. The tape is released to a huge roar - the most anticipated race has begun.

The excitement begins at such a great height, tumbles and hurtles onwards throughout nine minutes of breathtaking action and often afterwards.

Betting slips or thoughts, carefully clutched or pondered on, are not to be fully celebrated until the result has been officially announced. Replays are avidly studied to determine what happened where to each of the runners and riders.

Once-a-year punters come out in force on Randox Health Grand National day, studying the list of runners to locate their selection from the office/shop sweepstake, or placing their wager on a horse with a name they like or one linked to a topical event - for instance, Party Politics was a popular choice when he won the great race in 1992, with the nation on the brink of a general election.

At 5.15pm on Saturday, April 14, 2018, the scheduled off-time of the Randox Health Grand National, there will be few bookmakers willing to lay odds about what many in Britain, and plenty more throughout the world, will be doing for the next quarter of an hour.

Millions and millions of people in Britain bet on the Randox Health Grand National, making the race easily the biggest single turnover event each year, and the most anticipated.

Regular punters and the annually curious can take a financial interest in one of Britain's 8,000 off course betting shops, over the telephone, through the Internet, on their smartphone or at Aintree Racecourse.

Not only is the great race compellingly demanding - the feeling of even completing is one cherished by those involved - but it is also very financially rewarding.

Prize money of £1 million is again on offer for those who compete in the 171st running of the Randox Health Grand National at Aintree in 2018, with the rewards stretching down to the 10th home. It is by far the highest amount of money that any chase can boast.

There are 150,000-plus racegoers at Aintree during the three days of the Randox Health Grand National Festival, while the British television audience numbers over eight million, with more than 600 million worldwide seeing the action.

The Randox Health Grand National is thus a national treasure, both enthralling and fascinating, and something to be cherished.



RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL ANNIVERSARIES

LANDMARKS

The 2018 renewal of the Randox Health Grand National on April 14 marks the 171st running of the great race.

It is the second year of sponsorship by Randox Health and also the second year for ITV as the terrestrial broadcaster (2017 - 8.4 million viewers - a 62% share).

Jockeys Leighton Aspell & Ruby Walsh are both bidding for a third Randox Health Grand National victory in 2018 and either would become only the seventh rider in the race's tremendous history to achieve this feat. The overall riding record is George Stevens' five successes.

Richard Johnson is set to make a record 21st appearance in the 2018 Randox Health Grand National. The champion jockey has yet to succeed, though he finished second on both Whats Up Boys (2002) and Balthazar King (2014).

Nigel Twiston-Davies, successful with Earth Summit (1998) and Bindaree (2002), is trying to become the eighth trainer to win the Randox Health Grand National three times in 2018. Ginger McCain and Fred Rimell are the joint record holders, with four wins apiece.

Aintree, Women in Racing and sponsors JLT have confirmed the Grand Women's Summit will be held for a fourth year on Ladies Day, Friday, April 13, 2018.



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The Randox Health Grand National has a tremendous history and each year sees people and horses associated with the world's greatest chase pass away.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

TOMMY CARBERRY

Tommy Carberry, who died at the age of 75 in July, 2017, was only one of five horsemen since 1900 to win the Grand National both as a jockey and as a trainer.

His riding success came in 1975, when he partnered the classy chaser L'Escargot, then a 12-year-old, to a 15-length victory over the great Red Rum.

L'Escargot, who was trained by Carberry's father-in-law Dan Moore for American owner Raymond Guest, was placed twice in the Grand National, finishing third in 1973 and runner-up in 1974. He won the Cheltenham Gold Cup in both 1970 and 1971.

Following L'Escargot's 1975 victory, there would not be another Irish-trained winner of the Grand National for the next 24 years and remarkably, it was Carberry who ended the drought as he trained the 1999 scorer Bobbyjo.

Carberry's son Paul partnered Bobbyjo who was the subject of a major gamble on the day of the race and started at 10/1.

Tommy Carberry commented after Bobbyjo's success: "It is a great feeling to have won the Grand National as a jockey and then see my son do that as well. I always had plenty of confidence in the ride that Paul would give the horse and it was an amazing one."

"The chances of getting a horse to the Grand National, let alone winning, are great and so it is a wonderful thrill. This is a lot, lot better than when I won the race on L'Escargot."

MERCY RIMELL

Along with Ginger McCain, Fred Rimell holds the record as the most successful Grand National trainer ever with four wins.

His wife Mercy, who passed away aged 98 on July 6, 2017, was an integral part of the training operation at Kinnersley, Worcestershire.

She worked alongside her husband for each of the four Aintree victories - ESB (1956), Nicolaus Silver (1961), Gay Trip (1970) and Rag Trade (1976).

Mercy took over the trainer's licence on Fred's death in 1981 and continued to enjoy great success.

She became the first woman to train a Champion Hurdle winner, thanks to Gaye Brief in 1983.

Her biggest success at the Grand National Festival came in the Aintree Hurdle, which she won with both Gaye Brief (1983) and Celtic Chief (1988).

She retired from training in 1989, but kept her link going with the Grand National by owning a horse called Simon.

The chaser, trained by John Spearing at Kinnersley, raced twice in the Grand National, falling at the 25th in 2007 and unseating his jockey at the same fence in 2008.

NOEL O'BRIEN

Noel O'Brien, who died at 57 on December 19, 2017, was the senior Jump handicapper in Ireland and provided his British counterpart Phil Smith with invaluable assistance in framing the weights for the world's greatest chase, the Randox Health Grand National.

AMBERLEIGH HOUSE

No other horse in history jumped as many Grand National fences as Amberleigh House, who died aged 25 in April, 2017.

Famously, the John Halewood-owned chaser gave Ginger McCain a record-equalling fourth Grand National success in 2004.

Amberleigh House was also third in the 2003 Grand National and won the 2001 Becher Chase. In total, he competed in 11 races over the Grand National fences.

PAPILLON

The Ted Walsh-trained Papillon, who won the 2000 Grand National under Ruby Walsh, passed away in May, 2017 at the age of 26.

Papillon, available at 33/1 on the morning of the race, landed a massive gamble as he was returned at 10/1.

Owned by American Betty Moran, Papillon also finished fourth in 2001 and completed the course on all his 39 starts.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



The Aintree Community Programme (ACP) has been successful in winning the Racecourse Association Showcase Award for Best Community & CSR Programme for three consecutive years – 2015, 2016 & 2017.

Aintree Racecourse launched the programme in December, 2014 at the Becher Chase raceday by opening the doors for people to come and see the racecourse and the Grand National fences for free and to thank them for their support.

Since then the programme has gone from strength to strength and aims to inspire children and adults alike to be the best they can be through the power of the Grand National and the sport.

The programme is driven by three key themes - Health and

Wellbeing, Education & Enterprise and Community Engagement.

The ACP is continuously enhancing and developing long-lasting partnerships including work with Alder Hey Children's Charity, Everton in the Community, Liverpool Military Veterans, Riding for the Disabled Association, Racing Together, Racing to School, Liverpool John Moores University, Walton Centre Charity and Barrie Wells Trust, plus several local schools and community groups.

The disabled riding sessions, in collaboration with Beechley Stables RDA,

have been a great success at Aintree, with lots of local children and adults experiencing horse riding round the iconic Parade Ring as well as learning how to groom and care for horses.

In collaboration with Everton in the Community, the ACP host tours of Aintree Racecourse and use the history of the Grand National to positively support individuals suffering with mental wellbeing concerns and illnesses.

Introduced in 2017, the virtual reality headsets have been hugely popular with both adults and children allowing



Annual visit to Alder Hey

users to experience the Randox Health Grand National Festival. The headsets are taken into schools as well being used on tours of Aintree.

The annual jockey visit to Alder Hey Children's Hospital is now in its 14th year and has been a stalwart of Aintree's community offering. Last year was exceptional in the new Alder Hey Hospital, with lots of jockeys spending their Ladies Day morning visiting ill children at the hospital. There was also a special performance in the atrium by Laura Wright who performed Disney songs for the children and their families.

In 2018, the ACP is launching an initial three-year programme in support of military veterans in our community, in partnership with the Liverpool Military Veterans HQ. This work will help dozens of veterans and their families, both from physical and mental wellbeing perspectives.

Aintree is proud to have been the Beacon Racecourse for Racing Together, British Racing's Community Engagement Programme, for the past three years and to have worked closely with several local schools, including Maricourt School, as part of this, whether through inviting the schoolchildren into Aintree to inspire them around the Grand National and its fabulous history or dozens of Aintree staff going to the school and talking to hundreds of children about jobs at racecourses and the Grand National.

In December, 2016, the Peter O'Sullivan Community Hub was officially opened by Sir A P McCoy and the Mayor of Sefton. It is the main focal point of ACP's



activities and provides an educational environment for all ages and abilities.

John Baker, Regional Director of Aintree Racecourse said: "Community engagement is at the heart of everything that we do at Aintree.

"We're fortunate to be based in a fantastic sporting city and have a very passionate and welcoming community around Aintree and the wider Merseyside region.

"The Grand National has been in their community for nearly 180 years and I'm sure they are very proud of what the Grand National and Aintree means to Merseyside.

"It's the race that stops the nation and is part of British sporting heritage, but it's also very much a local event for the people of Liverpool."

For enquiries and to find more about the Aintree Community Programme, please email Aintree.community@thejockeyclub.co.uk

WELFARE & SAFETY

Modifications to the Grand National course have been made over the years for welfare and safety reasons, which culminated in 2013 with plastic frames being introduced into most of the famous fences and the start being moved forward around 90 yards, thus bringing the horses closer to the first fence.

Both measures have been very successful. Probably for the first time ever in the Grand National's history, the 2013 renewal saw all 40 runners and riders navigate the first seven fences, including Becher's Brook. There were 17 finishers in 2013, 18 in 2014, 19 in 2015, 16 in 2016 and 19 again in 2017.

Andrew Tulloch, Regional Head of Racing at Jockey Club Racecourses North West & Aintree's Clerk of the Course, revealed: "We have made quite a few changes over the years and we are very happy with the plastic frames and how the fences ride."

"We are delighted with what happened during the last five Grand Nationals and no further major changes to the course are planned but, as always, welfare is uppermost in our minds and we do not stand still, reviewing everything on an annual basis."

Minor modifications take place each year and Tulloch continued: "The 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Grand Nationals went well and our thanks go to trainers, owners, jockeys, the welfare organisations with whom we consult, and many others within equestrian disciplines that we involve."

The details of the changes made before the 2013 renewal of the Grand National are listed below.

GRAND NATIONAL START

The start was moved forward by around 90 yards, closer to the first fence and away from the crowds and grandstands. The distance of the Grand National was shortened officially to four miles, three furlongs & about 110 yards in 2013, rather than four and a half miles.

The race distance changed again from 2016 and officially became four miles, two furlongs and about 110 yards due to changes in the measuring methodology used by the British Horseracing Authority. The distance is four miles, two furlongs and 74 yards to be exact, but the trip raced over can alter depending on rail movements to utilise the freshest ground.

The 'no-go' zone is defined by a line on the track and was extended from 15 yards to 30 yards from the starting tape. The starter's rostrum was moved to a position between the starting tape and the 'no-go' zone to reduce the potential for horses to get on top of the starting tape prematurely.

More user-friendly start tapes are used, with increased visibility. A concerted drive to redress the sometimes much faster approaches towards the tape which can occur in bigger races was instituted from the autumn of

2012. It involved a more consistent methodology across the starting teams in the application and enforcement of the Rules at the start of a race.

A specific briefing between the starting team and the jockeys takes place on the day of the Randox Health Grand National. Additional measures were put in place to minimise the possibility of a riderless horse travelling an extended distance before being caught prior to the start.

The British Horseracing Authority introduced a number amendments to starting procedures for Jump races, which were written into the Rules of Racing and came into being on October 13, 2014. The new procedures were ratified by both the BHA Board and Rules Committee after a constructive meeting between the BHA, Professional Jockeys Association (PJA), Aintree and Cheltenham Racecourses led to a series of proposals for the improvements.

The field must come forward at a walk and no faster than a jig-jog, and races will not be started if the field lines up and commences to move forward before the starter raises his flag or if the field approaches the start faster than a jig-jog before the tape is released and the flag lowered. If a false start occurs, the field will regroup at the marker pole and a standing start to the satisfaction of the starter will be effected, with a walk-in start not tried again. The Grand National

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Andrew Tulloch, Regional Head of Racing

of 2015 was the first to experience this new starting procedure. All went smoothly that year and did so again in 2016.

There was a hiccup in 2017 when subsequently 26 jockeys were given a one-day ban after a false start delayed the off of the Randox Health Grand National.

The riders, including Derek Fox on the winner One For Arthur, admitted they did not follow the starter's instructions properly. The Aintree stewards referred 31 of the 40 jockeys who took part to the BHA, with five being cleared at the May 5 hearing. A BHA statement explained the background: "As the runners moved to the start, the starter asked them to take a turn in order for delayed runners to join the group. Although the jockeys did eventually take a turn, they did not do so immediately when requested."

There have been talks between the PJA and the BHA since to try and make sure the start is a smooth one in 2018.

FENCE DESIGN

Aintree and the British Horseracing Authority embarked on a three-year research and development programme looking at alternative fence designs for the Grand National course in 2011 and this focused on utilising materials other than the existing timber and protective rubber padding that made up the central frame of a fence.

A number of Grand National fences with different frames were trialled successfully at the Becher Chase fixture in December, 2012 when two races were run over the Grand National course.

All the timber central frames in the plain fences (fences 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14) on the Grand National course were then replaced with the Easyfix plastic birch unit. The three timber frames in the open ditches (fences 3, 11 & 15) were replaced with natural birch.

BECHER'S BROOK

Forming part of the racecourse's ongoing programme of works, Becher's Brook, the sixth and the 22nd fence jumped in the Grand National, underwent further levelling of the wider landing zone, correcting the settlement which occurred following works carried out in 2011.

This 2012 work did not change the dimensions or the character of the fence (the current drop, i.e. the difference in height between the level of the ground on take-off and landing sides, remains at 10 inches on the inside of the course and six inches on the outside).

LANDING AREAS

Following the 2011 Review, the landing area of the first fence was levelled to smooth out undulations existing in the natural terrain. This process was extended to fences 4, 5 and 13. All works were carried out during summer of 2012.

THE HORSE COMES FIRST

The Horse Comes First is an initiative designed to increase awareness of the first class care and attention racehorses receive throughout and after their careers in racing. British racing is among the best regulated animal activities in the world.

Together with the RSPCA and World Horse Welfare, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) is a co-signatory to the National Equine Welfare Protocol and through its commitment to horse welfare British racing has a track record to be proud of.

In a horse population estimated to be around one million, racehorses in Britain are among the healthiest and best looked after two per cent in the country. British racing is committed to providing the best possible standards of veterinary care and since 2000 the sport has invested over £32 million in veterinary research and education projects, investment from which all breeds of horse benefit.

The Horse Comes First works closely with the charity Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) and the initiative is backed by leading organisations and veterinary surgeons in British racing, including the BHA, the Racecourse Association, the Racehorse Owners Association,

the National Trainers Federation, the PJA, the National Association of Stable Staff, The Jockey Club and the Arena Racing Company.

general racing environment for the welfare of the racehorse, with an important result being a substantial reduction in fatality and injury.

WORLD HORSE WELFARE

World Horse Welfare is a leading international charity that has been improving the lives of horses in the UK and worldwide since 1927. Practical, influential and forward-thinking, the charity supports the responsible use of horses in sport and is an independent welfare advisor to the British Horseracing Authority and International Equestrian Federation. Uniquely, World Horse Welfare's work covers the full spectrum of the horse world. In Britain the charity runs the largest horse rescue and rehoming scheme, each year investigating and resolving thousands of welfare problems. Through its centre near Blackpool and three other nationwide centres, World Horse Welfare provides horses in need with specialist care and rehabilitation before finding them loving new homes. In the developing world, the charity's international programmes alleviate the suffering of many thousands of working horses by providing essential knowledge for horse owning communities who depend on horses for their livelihoods.

Roly Owers, Chief Executive of World Horse Welfare, commented: "World Horse Welfare does not accept the claim that horses are unwilling participants in sport. Horses bred to compete will rise to the challenge, as anyone who has ever taken part in equestrian sport knows.

This notion that sport is bad for horses needs to be challenged - and challenged forcefully. Yes, sport horses are well cared for, but that is no more than one should expect. However, the sheer amount of investment that flows into the horse industry and the resulting research that is conducted on horse health and welfare has done an enormous amount for horses everywhere."

THE BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY

The British Horse Society (BHS) is the UK's largest equestrian charity. Established in 1947, it works to improve the lives of all horses through raising standards and providing the best quality advice and education. The BHS believes education creates a better life for horses - whether that's providing world-renowned qualifications for people working in the industry or advising equestrian enthusiasts how to give horses the utmost care. By offering the best riding schools and instructors, the best places to ride and the best qualifications and training, it can move closer to the goal of ensuring every horse is protected and well cared for. The BHS doesn't just talk about the issues that matter most to equestrians, it takes action.

RACING EXPLAINED

The Jockey Club initiative is designed to help the many people who enjoy a day at the races, but know little about racing, to start to gain a better understanding of the sport.

Developed after extensive focus-group and omnibus research among racegoers, Racing Explained aims to support and inspire more of the six million people who go racing to become, over time, knowledgeable and engaged fans of Britain's second biggest spectator sport.

In 2017, Jockey Club Racecourses welcomed nearly two million racegoers. The vast majority of them had a thoroughly enjoyable day at the races according to customer surveys, but many of them attend without much knowledge of racing as a sport.

This group will go racing, on average, once in a year as a social 'day out', whereas engaged and knowledgeable fans will go racing several times. Yet search term volume shows a desire among social racegoers to engage with and understand the sporting element of their day.

The Jockey Club conceived Racing Explained after identifying links between an appreciation and understanding of racing as a sport not just a day out, and people's levels of enjoyment and likelihood of more frequent return visits and other forms of engagement with the sport, such as through racing stories in the media, terrestrial television and radio coverage and betting on the sport.

The short explainer films for racecourse big screens that form the heart of Racing Explained use a combination of racing and raceday footage from the sport's biggest moments, with sound to help to catch and hold the attention, but on-screen text rather than voiceover to ensure people are not straining to hear them on busy days and that the films are non-invasive, particularly for an expert audience.

The films provide insights into how to read the racecard, Thoroughbred racehorses, what to look out for in the parade ring, Flat racing, Jump racing, jockeys, and how to bet. Racing Explained's website, www.RacingExplained.co.uk acts as a central hub for all content in the initiative and seeks to provide many more helpful insights than those covered by the explainer films.

The site design has recently been redesigned to improve the user experience and to allow popular content to be accessed more quickly as well as tailoring the content structure to reflect the sport's focus at any one time.

After The Jockey Club's research highlighted a feeling of embarrassment or awkwardness at "having to ask" among non-expert racegoers, the website includes a handy Racing Terms tool where users can type in racing words or phrases to find out their meaning and be served related content.

This allows racegoers to quickly check for answers using their smartphone.

Simon Bazalgette, Group Chief Executive of The Jockey Club, said: "As a sport, we're successfully attracting millions of people going racing each year.

"They're having a great time and we've invested hundreds of millions of pounds in the last 10 years into customer facilities and to attract the best horses to race in Britain.

"Now British racing must do more to help and inspire newcomers to want to become informed racing fans, passionate about racing as a sport and not just a great day out.

"Racing is an incredible sport when you have a good handle on the basics. A lot of racegoers tell us they find it difficult to find the first two rungs of the ladder that leads to a good understanding of the sport.

"We see Racing Explained as playing an important role in addressing this challenge, supported by some of the hands on experiences we can give, such as getting up close to a retired racehorse on some of our racedays and the great Racemaker volunteers' initiative.

"Racing Explained is about trying to make things easier until people are reading about racing in the press and tuning into live coverage to develop that knowledge and interest further."



RACING EXPLAINED FEATURES

- Seven short films that combine racing footage, motion graphics and text insights to help to explain different facets of the sport, for broadcast on big and small screens at The Jockey Club's 15 racecourses nationwide.
- A racegoer guide in the form of an app for Apple or Android devices that uses cutting edge augmented reality technology.
- A dedicated website [RacingExplained.co.uk](http://www.RacingExplained.co.uk), fully-optimised for smartphones and tablets to provide a range of resources for non-expert racegoers.
- 12 light-hearted but informative infographics seeded onto social media and available online.
- A 'how to read the racecard' page for racecards at all Jockey Club Racecourses.
- E-communications to The Jockey Club's one million customer database and when new customers book tickets promoting the available resources.
- Promotions of the initiative by The Jockey Club's Official Partners to extend its reach.

RACINGEXPLAINED.CO.UK

THE RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL 2017-1839 ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	HORSE	AGE/WEIGHT	JOKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	SP	TIME	GOING	RUN
THE RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL, 4M 2F 74Y, £1,000,000, 5.15PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018									
2017	<i>One For Arthur</i>	08-10-11	Derek Fox	Lucinda Russell	<i>Two Golf Widows</i>	14/1	9m 3.50s	Gd-Soft	40
2016	<i>Rule the World</i>	09-10-07	David Mullins	Mouse Morris	<i>Gigginstown House Stud</i>	33/1	9m 29.00s	Soft	39
2015	<i>Many Clouds</i>	08-11-09	Leighton Aspell	Oliver Sherwood	Trevor Hemmings	25/1	8m 56.80s	Gd-Soft	39
2014	<i>Pineau De Re</i>	11-10-06	Leighton Aspell	Dr Richard Newland	John Provan	25/1	9m 9.90s	Gd-Soft	40
2013	<i>Auroras Encore</i>	11-10-03	Ryan Mania	Sue Smith	<i>Douglas Pryde, Jim Beaumont & David van der Hoeven</i>	66/1	9m 12s	Gd-Soft	40
2012	<i>Neptune Collonges</i>	11-11-06	Daryl Jacob	Paul Nicholls	<i>John & Lisa Hales</i>	33/1	9m 5.10s	Good	40
2011	<i>Ballabriggs</i>	10-11-00	Jason Maguire	Donald McCain	Trevor Hemmings	14/1	9m 1.20s	Good	40
2010	<i>Don't Push It</i>	10-11-05	A P (Tony) McCay	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	10/1 JtF	9m 4.60s	Good	40
2009	<i>Mon Mome</i>	09-11-00	Liam Treadwell	Venetia Williams	<i>Vida Bingham</i>	100/1	9m 32.90s	Gd-Soft	40
2008	<i>Comply Or Die</i>	09-10-09	Timmy Murphy	David Pipe	David Johnson	7/1 JtF	9m 16.60s	Good	40
2007	<i>Silver Birch</i>	10-10-06	Robbie Power	Gordon Elliott IRE	Brian Walsh	33/1	9m 13.60s	Good	40
2006	<i>Numbersixvalverde</i>	10-10-08	Niall Madden	Martin Brasil IRE	Bernard Carroll	11/1	9m 41.00s	Gd-Soft	40
2005	<i>Hedgehunter</i>	09-11-01	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Trevor Hemmings	7/1 F	9m 20.80s	Gd-Soft	40
2004	<i>Amberleigh House</i>	12-10-10	Graham Lee	Ginger McCain	Halewood Int. Ltd	16/1	9m 20.30s	Good	39
2003	<i>Monty's Pass</i>	10-10-07	Barry Geraghty	Jimmy Mangan IRE	Dee Racing Syndicate	16/1	9m 21.70s	Good	40
2002	<i>Bindaree</i>	08-10-04	Jim Culloty	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Raymond Mould	20/1	9m 9.00s	Good	40
2001	<i>Red Marauder</i>	11-10-11	Richard Guest	Norman Mason	Norman Mason	33/1	11m 0.10s	Heavy	40
2000	<i>Papillon</i>	09-10-12	Ruby Walsh	Ted Walsh IRE	Betty Moran	10/1	9m 9.70s	Gd-Firm	40
1999	<i>Bobbyjo</i>	09-10-00	Paul Carberry	Tommy Carberry IRE	Bobby Burke	10/1	9m 14.0s	Good	32
1998	<i>Earth Summit</i>	10-10-05	Carl Llewellyn	Nigel Twiston-Davies	<i>The Summit Partnership</i>	7/1 F	10m 51.4s	Heavy	37
1997	<i>Lord Gyllene</i>	09-10-00	Tony Dobbin	Steve Brookshaw	Stan Clarke	14/1	9m 5.8s	Good	36
1996	<i>Rough Quest</i>	10-10-07	Mick Fitzgerald	Terry Casey	Andrew Wates	7/1 F	9m 0.8s	Good	27
1995	<i>Royal Athlete</i>	12-10-06	Jason Titley	Jenny Pitman	<i>Gary & Libby Johnson</i>	40/1	9m 4.0s	Good	35
1994	<i>Minnehoma</i>	11-10-08	Richard Dunwoody	Martin Pipe	Freddie Starr	16/1	10m 18.8s	Heavy	36
1993	<i>Void Race</i>								
1992	<i>Party Politics</i>	08-10-07	Carl Llewellyn	Nick Gaselee	Patricia Thompson	14/1	9m 6.3s	Gd-Soft	40
1991	<i>Seagram</i>	11-10-06	Nigel Hawke	David Barons	Sir Eric Parker	12/1	9m 29.9s	Gd-Soft	40
1990	<i>Mr Frisk</i>	11-10-06	Mr Marcus Armitage	Kim Bailey	Lois Duffy	16/1	8m 47.8s	Firm	38
1989	<i>Little Polveir</i>	12-10-03	Jimmy Frost	Toby Balding	Edward Harvey	28/1	10m 6.8s	Heavy	40
1988	<i>Rhyme 'N' Reason</i>	09-11-00	Brendan Powell	David Elsworth	Juliet Reed	10/1	9m 53.5s	Gd-Soft	40
1987	<i>Maori Venture</i>	11-10-13	Steve Knight	Andrew Turnell	Jim Joel	28/1	9m 19.3s	Good	40
1986	<i>West Tip</i>	09-10-11	Richard Dunwoody	Michael Oliver	Peter Luff	15/2	9m 33s	Gd-Soft	40
1985	<i>Last Suspect</i>	11-10-05	Hywel Davies	Tim Forster	Duchess Of Westminster	50/1	9m 42.7s	Gd-Soft	40
1984	<i>Haloo Dandy</i>	10-10-02	Neale Doughty	Gordon Richards	Richard Shaw	13/1	9m 21.4s	Good	40
1983	<i>Corbie</i>	08-11-04	Ben De Haan	Jenny Pitman	Bryan Burrough	13/1	9m 47.4s	Soft	41
1982	<i>Grittar</i>	09-11-05	Mr Dick Saunders	Frank Gilman	Frank Gilman	7/1 F	9m 12.6s	Good	39
1981	<i>Aldaniti</i>	11-10-13	Bob Champion	Josh Gifford	Nick Embiricos	10/1	9m 47.2s	Good	39
1980	<i>Ben Nevis</i>	12-10-12	Mr Charlie Fenwick	Tim Forster	R C Stewart Jnr	40/1	10m 17.4s	Heavy	30
1979	<i>Rubstic</i>	10-10-00	Maurice Barnes	John Leadbetter	John Douglas	25/1	9m 52.9s	Good	34
1978	<i>Lucius</i>	09-10-09	Bob Davies	Gordon Richards	Fiona Whitaker	14/1	9m 33.9s	Firm	37
1977	<i>Red Rum</i>	12-11-08	Tommy Stack	Ginger McCain	Noel Le Mare	9/1	9m 30.3s	Good	42
1976	<i>Rag Trade</i>	10-10-12	John Burke	Fred Rimell	Pierre Raymond	14/1	9m 20.9s	Firm	32
1975	<i>L'Escargot</i>	12-11-03	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Raymond Guest	13/2	9m 31.1s	Good	31
1974	<i>Red Rum</i>	09-12-00	Brian Fletcher	Ginger McCain	Noel Le Mare	11/1	9m 20.3s	Good	42
1973	<i>Red Rum</i>	08-10-05	Brian Fletcher	Ginger McCain	Noel Le Mare	9/1 JtF	9m 1.9s	Firm	38
1972	<i>Well To Do</i>	09-10-01	Graham Thorner	Tim Forster	Tim Forster	14/1	10m 8.40s	Soft	42
1971	<i>Specify</i>	09-10-13	John Cook	John Sutcliffe	Fred Pontin	28/1	9m 34.20s	Good	38
1970	<i>Gay Trip</i>	08-11-05	Pat Taaffe	Fred Rimell	Tony Chambers	15/1	9m 38s	Good	28
1969	<i>Highland Wedding</i>	12-10-04	Eddie Harty	Toby Balding	Thomas McCoy Jnr	100/9	9m 30.80s	Good	30
1968	<i>Red Alligator</i>	09-10-00	Brian Fletcher	Denys Smith	John Manners	100/7	9m 28.80s	Good	45
1967	<i>Foinavon</i>	09-10-00	John Buckingham	John Kempton	Cyril Watkins	100/1	9m 49.60s	Good	44
1966	<i>Anglo</i>	08-10-00	Tim Norman	Fred Winter	Stuart Levy	50/1	9m 52.80s	Good	47
1965	<i>Jay Trump</i>	08-11-05	Mr Tommy Smith	Fred Winter	Mary Stephenson	100/6	9m 30.60s	Good	47
1964	<i>Team Spirit</i>	12-10-03	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	John Goodman	18/1	9m 46.80s	Soft	33
1963	<i>Ayala</i>	09-10-00	Pat Buckley	Keith Piggott	Pierre Raymond	66/1</			

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1958	<i>Mr What</i>	08-10-06	Arthur Freeman	Tom Taaffe IRE	D J Coughlan	18/1	9m 59.80s	Heavy	31
1957	<i>Sundew</i>	11-11-07	Fred Winter	Frank Hudson	Mrs Geoffrey Kohn	20/1	9m 42.40s	Gd-Soft	35
1956	<i>E.S.B.</i>	10-11-03	Dave Dick	Fred Rimell	Stella Carver	100/7	9m 21.40s	Good	29
1955	<i>Quare Times</i>	09-11-00	Pat Taaffe	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs W Welman	100/9	10m 19.20s	Heavy	30
1954	<i>Royal Tan</i>	10-11-07	Bryan Marshall	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Joe Griffin	8/1	9m 32.80s	Soft	29
1953	<i>Early Mist</i>	08-11-02	Bryan Marshall	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Joe Griffin	20/1	9m 22.80s	Good	31
1952	<i>Teal</i>	10-10-12	Arthur Thompson	Neville Crump	Harry Lane	100/7	9m 21.50s	Gd-Firm	47
1951	<i>Nickel Coin</i>	09-10-01	John Bullock	Jack O'Donoghue	Jeffrey Royle	40/1	9m 48.80s	Soft	36
1950	<i>Freebooter</i>	09-11-11	Jimmy Power	Bobby Renton	Lurline Brotherton	10/1	9m 24.20s	Gd-Firm	49
1949	<i>Russian Hero</i>	09-10-08	Leo McMorrow	George Owen	Fearnie Williamson	66/1	9m 24.20s	Gd-Firm	43
1948	<i>Sheila's Cottage</i>	09-10-07	Arthur Thompson	Neville Crump	John Procter	50/1	9m 25.40s	Gd-Firm	43
1947	<i>Caughoo</i>	08-10-00	Eddie Dempsey	Herbert McDowell IRE	John McDowell	100/1	10m 3.80s	Heavy	57
1946	<i>Lovely Cottage</i>	09-10-08	Captain Bobby Petre	Tommy Rayson	John Morant	25/1	9m 38.20s	Good	34
1941-1945	No Race								
1940	<i>Bogskar</i>	07-10-04	Mervyn Jones	Lord Stalbridge	Lord Stalbridge	25/1	9m 20.60s	Gd-Firm	30
1939	<i>Workman</i>	09-10-06	Tim Hyde	Jack Ruttle IRE	Sir Alexander Maguire	100/8	9m 42.20s	Good	37
1938	<i>Battleship</i>	11-11-06	Bruce Hobbs	Reg Hobbs	Marion Scott	40/1	9m 27s	Gd-Firm	36
1937	<i>Royal Mail</i>	08-11-13	Evan Williams	Ivor Anthony	Hugh Lloyd Thomas	100/6	9m 59.80s	Soft	33
1936	<i>Reynoldstown</i>	09-12-02	Mr Fulke Walwyn	Noel Furlong	Noel Furlong	10/1	9m 37.80s	Good	35
1935	<i>Reynoldstown</i>	08-11-04	Mr Frank Furlong	Noel Furlong	Noel Furlong	22/1	9m 20.20s	Gd-Firm	27
1934	<i>Golden Miller</i>	07-12-02	Gerry Wilson	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	8/1	9m 20.40s	Gd-Firm	30
1933	<i>Kellsboro' Jack</i>	07-11-09	Dudley Williams	Ivor Anthony	Florence Ambrose Clark	25/1	9m 28s	Gd-Firm	34
1932	<i>Forbra</i>	07-10-07	Tim Hamey	Tom Rimell	William Parsonage	50/1	9m 44.60s	Good	36
1931	<i>Grakle</i>	09-11-07	Bob Lyall	Tom Coulthwaite	Cecil Taylor	100/6	9m 32.80s	Perfect	43
1930	<i>Shaun Goilin</i>	10-11-07	Tommy Cullinan	Frank Hartigan	Walter Midwood	100/8	9m 40.60s	Perfect	41
1929	<i>Gregalach</i>	07-11-04	Bob Everett	Tom Leader	Mrs M A Gemmell	100/1	9m 47.40s	Average	66
1928	<i>Tipperary Tim</i>	10-10-00	Mr Bill Dutton	Joseph Dodd	Harold Kenyon	100/1	10m 23.40s	Heavy	42
1927	<i>Sprig</i>	10-12-04	Ted Leader	Tom Leader	Mary Partridge	8/1 F	10m 20.20s	Heavy	37
1926	<i>Jack Horner</i>	09-10-05	Billy Watkinson	Harvey Leader	Charles Schwartz	25/1	9m 36s	Good	30
1925	<i>Double Chance</i>	09-10-09	Major John Wilson	Fred Archer	David Goold	100/9	9m 42.60s	Average	33
1924	<i>Master Robert</i>	11-10-05	Bob Trudgill	Aubrey Hastings	Lord Airlie	25/1	9m 40s	Good	30
1923	<i>Sergeant Murphy</i>	13-11-03	Captain Tuppy Bennet	George Blackwell	Stephen Sanford	100/6	9m 36s	Good	28
1922	<i>Music Hall</i>	09-11-08	Lewis Rees	Owen Anthony	Hugh Kershaw	100/9	9m 55.80s	Good	32
1921	<i>Shaun Spadah</i>	10-11-07	Dick Rees	George Poole	Malcolm McAlpine	100/9	10m 26s	Heavy	35
1920	<i>Troytown</i>	07-11-09	Mr Jack Anthony	Algy Anthony IRE	Thomas Collins-Gerrard	6/1	10m 20.40s	Heavy	24
1919	<i>Poethlyn</i>	09-12-07	Ernie Piggott	Harry Escott	Gwladys Peel	11/4 F	10m 8.40s	Average	22
1916-1918	No Race at Aintree with a substitute staged at Gatwick (see page 25)								
1915	<i>Ally Sloper</i>	06-10-06	Mr Jack Anthony	Aubrey Hastings	Lady Nelson	100/8	9m 47.80s	Good	20
1914	<i>Sunloch</i>	08-09-07	Bill Smith	Tom Tyler	Tom Tyler	100/6	9m 58.80s	Good	20
1913	<i>Covertoat</i>	07-11-06	Percy Woodland	Robert Gore	Sir Charles Asheton-Smith	100/9	10m 19s	Average	22
1912	<i>Jerry M</i>	09-12-07	Ernie Piggott	Robert Gore	Sir Charles Asheton-Smith	4/1 JtF	10m 13.40s	Average	24
1911	<i>Glenside</i>	09-10-03	Mr Jack Anthony	Robert Collis	Frank Bibby	20/1	10m 35s	Heavy	26
1910	<i>Jenkinstown</i>	09-10-05	Bob Chadwick	Tom Coulthwaite	Stanley Howard	100/8	10m 44.20s	Snow	25
1909	<i>Lutteur III</i>	05-10-11	Georges Parfment	Harry Escott	James Hennessy	100/9	9m 53.80s	Good	32
1908	<i>Rubio</i>	10-10-05	Henry Bletsöe	Fred Withington	Frank Douglas-Pennant	66/1	10m 33.20s	Heavy	24
1907	<i>Eremon</i>	07-10-01	Alf Newey	Tom Coulthwaite	Stanley Howard	8/1	9m 47.50s	Good	23
1906	<i>Asetic's Silver</i>	09-10-09	Mr Aubrey Hastings	Aubrey Hastings	Prince Franz von Hatzfeldt	20/1	9m 34.40s	Good	23
1905	<i>Kirkland</i>	09-11-05	Frank Mason	Freddy Lort-Phillips	Frank Bibby	6/1	9m 48.80s	Average	27
1904	<i>Moifaa</i>	08-10-07	Arthur Birch	James Hickey	Spencer Gollan	25/1	9m 58.60s	Average	26
1903	<i>Drumcree</i>	09-11-03	Percy Woodland	Sir Charles Nugent	John Morrison	13/2 F	10m 9.40s	Good	23
1902	<i>Shannon Lass</i>	07-10-01	David Read	James Hackett	Ambrose Gorham	20/1	10m 3.60s	Heavy	21
1901	<i>Grudon</i>	11-10-00	Arthur Nightingall	Bernard Bletsöe	Bernard Bletsöe	9/1	9m 47.80s	Snow	24
1900	<i>Ambush II</i>	06-11-03	Algy Anthony	Algy Anthony IRE	HRH Prince of Wales	4/1	10m 1.40s	Good	16
1899	<i>Manifesto</i>	11-12-07	George Williamson	Willie Moore	John Bulteel	5/1	9m 49.80s	Good	19
1898	<i>Drogheda</i>	06-10-12	John Gourley	Richard Dawson	C G M Adams	25/1	9m 43.60s	Snow	25
1897	<i>Manifesto</i>	09-11-03	Terry Kavanagh	Willie McAuliffe	Harry Dyas	6/1 F	9m 49s	Good	28
1896	<i>The Soarer</i>	07-09-13	Captain David Campbell	Willie Moore	William Hall-Walker	40/1	10m 11.20s	Average	28
1895	<i>Wild Man From Borneo</i>	07-10-11	Mr Joe Widger	James Gatland	John Widger	10/1	10m 32s	Heavy	19
1894	<i>Why Not</i>	13-11-13	Arthur Nightingall	Willie Moore	C H Fenwick	5/1 JtF	9m 45.40s	Good	14
1893	<i>Cloister</i>	09-12-07	Bill Dillery	Arthur Yates	Charles Duff	9/2 F	9m 32.40s	Hard	15
1892	<i>Father O'Flynn</i>	07-10-05	Capt Ruddy Owen	Gordon Wilson	Gordon Wilson	20/1	9m 48.20s	Good	25
1891	<i>Come Away</i>	07-11-12	Mr Harry Beasley	Harry Beasley IRE	Willie Jameson	4/1 F	9m 58s	Good	21
1890	<i>Ilex</i>	06-10-05	Arthur Nightingall	John Nightingall	George Masterman	4/1 F	10m 41.80s	Average	16
1889	<i>Frigate</i>	11-11-04	Mr Tommy Beasley	M A Maher IRE	Matthew Maher	8/1	10m 1.20s	Good	20
1888	<i>Playfair</i>	07-10-07	George Mawson	Tom Cannon	Ned Baird	40/1	10m 12s	Good	20
1887	<i>Gamecock</i>	08-11-00	Bill Daniels	James Gordon	E Jay	20/1	10m 10.20s	Good	16
1886	<i>Old Joe</i>	07-10-09	Tom Skelton	George Mulcaster	A J Douglas	25/1	10m 14.60s	Average	23
1885	<i>Roquefort</i>	06-11-00	Mr Ted Wilson	Arthur Yates	Arthur Cooper	100/30 F	10m 10s	Good	19

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1884	<i>Voluptuary</i>	06-10-05	Mr Ted Wilson	William Wilson	H				

RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL RACE REPORT 2017



“Scottish flags are flying high” declared ITV Racing’s commentator Richard Hoiles as One For Arthur and Derek Fox powered to an impressive victory in the £1-million Randox Health Grand National at Aintree late on the afternoon of Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Trained in the County of Kinross, between Edinburgh and Perth, by Lucinda Russell, One For Arthur is only the second winner of the Randox Health Grand National from a Scottish base.

The first was Rubstic, representing Denholm-based trainer John Leadbetter and ridden by Maurice Barnes, in 1979.

Russell, who is assisted by her partner, eight-time champion Jump jockey Peter Scudamore, is only the fourth woman to saddle the winner of the world's greatest chase, joining Jenny Pitman, Venetia Williams and Sue Smith.

It was a warm day at Aintree and watering of all courses had taken place overnight, with five millimetres applied to the Grand National Course, the Mildmay Course and the Hurdle Course.

The official going on the Grand National Course for the 170th running of the world's greatest chase was Good to Soft, Good in places.

A sell-out crowd of 70,000 attended and Randox Health, the Northern Ireland medical diagnostics company founded by Dr Peter Fitzgerald, backed the

famous feature race for the first time as part of a five-year sponsorship deal.

One For Arthur, owned by the Two Golf Widows, started a 14/1 chance on the back of his excellent six-length victory in the G3 Classic Handicap Chase on soft going at Warwick in January, 2017, making him the shortest-priced winner of the four and a quarter mile showpiece over 30 fences since Ballabriggs in 2011.

After two false starts, Fox settled One For Arthur in the rear of the maximum field of 40 on the first circuit as a strong pace was set up front by the Gigginstown House Stud-owned pair of Roi Des Francs (Gordon Elliott/Jack Kennedy) and Rogue Angel (Mouse Morris/Bryan Cooper).

High-profile fallers early on included Scottish National hero Vicente (Paul Nicholls/Brian Hughes, 16/1), who went at the first, and The Young Master (Neil Mulholland/Mr Sam Waley-Cohen, 20/1), whose departure at Becher's Brook first time caused Raz De Maree (Gavin Cromwell, 33/1) to jink and part company with Ger Fox, while 10/1 hope Definitely Red (Brian Ellison/Danny Cook) was pulled up with a tack problem before Valentine's Brook.



Scudamore, whose father Michael won the 1959 Grand National on Oxo, added: “It is very satisfying. One For Arthur looked well in the paddock and I felt that we had done everything we possibly could to get this horse here.

“I was worried about the ground – if you had said to me an hour before the race, ‘you could take him home now because the ground is too fast’, I would have put him in the lorry and done so.

“Lucinda and I fight like cats and dogs to do this together. It's not me and it's not her.

“It's lovely to give a young man like Derek the opportunity – he is a very, very good horseman. He was hurt and Jack Berry House got him back. It's a great advert for Jack Berry House and they must be as delighted as I am that he has won.

“Sometimes loyalty is still a great thing and I was very pleased that we stuck by Derek and he won the National. It is a great thrill.

“This is granddad's lucky tie. I don't usually believe in things, but there must be something in it. I would wear lucky underpants if I thought they did any good!”

Irishman Derek Fox joined a growing list of riders to win the world's greatest chase at the first attempt, following on from countryman David Mullins, Ryan Mania and Liam Treadwell in recent years.

“It's unbelievable!” exclaimed Fox. “He's won so easily. The only concern I had was that he'd be too slow and get too far back – it's tricky to win a National if that happens as you need more things to go your way, but he jumped so well.

“After we had gone one circuit, I was thinking ‘I can't be going as well as I am’ as we were so near the leaders. He jumped all the way down the back – he was going so well that I thought I might take him a bit wider as he was making two or three lengths with every jump.

“He's the gamest horse I've ever ridden and he galloped all the way to the line. It's a sign of a true racehorse to win the Grand National.”

Fox faced a race against time to be fit for the ride after sustaining a fractured wrist and dislocated shoulder in a fall at Carlisle a month beforehand.

“I'd just like to thank Jack Berry House for getting me back after the injury,” added the 24-year-old.

THE HUSBANDS ARE HERE TODAY – THEY WERE NOT GOING TO MISS OUT!

Blaklion (Noel Fehily), sent off the 8/1 favourite and bidding to give trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies his third Grand National victory, moved through to take the lead jumping the 27th fence and extended his advantage to four lengths crossing the Melling Road.

One For Arthur latched on to the back of the chasing pack approaching the home turn and then made eye-catching headway to join Blaklion in the air over the penultimate fence.

The eight-year-old jumped the 30th and last obstacle with a narrow advantage and, after shrugging off Irish challenger Cause Of Causes (Gordon Elliott/Mr Jamie Codd, 16/1), stayed on willingly to score by four and a half lengths.

Cause Of Causes held on to second, with Saint Are (Tom George/Paddy Brennan, 25/1), who was runner-up to Many Clouds in 2015, relegating the tiring Blaklion to fourth in the closing stages. There were 19 finishers out of the 40 runners.

Russell, who saddled the first of her four Grand National runners back in 1996, said: “This means everything.

“It's incredible. One For Arthur jumped fantastically and Derek gave him a great ride.

“One For Arthur has done us proud, he's done Scotland proud, and he's done everyone at the yard proud.

“Derek is amazing – I know he's a horseman and everything, but his timing is fantastic as well, and the self-confidence he has is brilliant. He had One For Arthur jumping brilliantly.

“Before the Melling Road, I turned to the owners and shouted, ‘We're going to win the National!’ With a horse like that and a jockey like that, what could be better? It was a bold call, but it was right.”

"I kept the wrist out of plaster and I asked the doctor if I'd be able to ride in the National. He did say that if I kept it out of plaster and worked hard, then I should have some sort of chance of being fit."

"I was so determined to get back and it if it wasn't for Jack Berry House, I never would have got back in time so I'd like to thank them, the owners and Lucinda and Scu for putting me on the horse. Some might have thought I wasn't fit enough, but they kept the faith."

For the owners, the Two Golf Widows, named so because they wanted a separate interest while their menfolk were at the golf course, it was a dream result.

Debs Thomson, who along with Bel McClung owns the horse, declared: "I thought at Aintree on Grand National morning, it's baking hot and at Warwick One For Arthur preferred the soft".

"I said there is no pressure now because is not going to win on that ground. I must say though, he showed his class."

"We have had horses before with Lucinda, and Lucinda and Scu were thinking of getting another horse."

"We decided to have a horse together and that is when we found Arthur. We didn't realise we had just bought



such an amazing horse, but he has given us such a wonderful journey."

"The husbands are here today - they were not going to miss out!"

"I have been a lucky owner, with quite a few wins. One For Arthur is the best horse I have been involved with."

One For Arthur will miss the 2018 Randox Health Grand National due to a slight tendon injury, but connections are hoping to have him back racing for the 2018/19 season.

RESULT AND REVIEW: 2016

The 2016 Grand National saw Irish chaser Rule The World become the first novice to win the race since Mr What in 1958 as he shed his maiden tag over fences in fine style for trainer Mouse Morris, jockey David Mullins and Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary's Gigginstown House Stud.

The nine-year-old, sent off at 33/1 following 13 unsuccessful attempts over fences, did boast good form in staying handicap chases, having finished second in the 2015 Irish Grand National and third in that year's Kerry National.

Rule The World stayed on powerfully to prevail by six lengths, with The Last Samuri taking second, another eight lengths ahead of Vics Canvas. Of the first six, all bar the 28/1 fourth Gilgambo, carried 10st 8lb or less, suggesting that rain softened-ground had proved decisive.

Rule The World became the first Irish-trained winner of the Grand National since Silver Birch in 2007 and completed a rare double for his trainer.

Morris had landed the Irish Grand National on Easter Monday with Rogue Angel, who also raced in the colours of Gigginstown House Stud, and dedicated both victories to his son Christopher who died in a carbon monoxide poisoning accident while travelling in Argentina in 2015.

An emotional Morris said: "I would have settled for third place, I would have been delighted with the way Rule The World ran if he had finished third. We got a bit of help from somewhere - he

was doing overtime for me, poor old Tiff. It's just Disneyland, fairytale stuff."

Morris was quick to praise his winner who looked potentially top-class as a young horse before injury and setbacks intervened.

"Rule The World has had two fractured pelvises and, before that, I always thought that he was the best that I had ever had," said the trainer who lifted the Cheltenham Gold Cup with War Of Attrition in 2006. "I still think I am right, so how good would he have been with a proper arse on him?"

Rule The World's success came hot on the heels of Don Cossack's victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, with victories in the two richest races of the British Jump season clinching the Jump owners' title for Gigginstown House Stud.

"I never thought I would win a Grand National - I cannot believe it," said O'Leary.

"I think it is wonderful for Mouse. To do an Irish National and then a Grand National here, it's an unspeakable achievement. Particularly with this horse - he's had two broken pelvises over the years - and David Mullins, who has ridden in the National for the first time. To win the National on your first go, he gave him a peach of a ride."

"To be fair, Rule The World has always been that great stayer, he has just been unlucky. He has been an amazing horse but what a trainer Mouse is. He doesn't have a big number of

horses but, when he gets them there on the day, they tend to perform extraordinarily well. I am delighted for Mouse - he has had a difficult year and I think this will be the cream on top."

"I don't know what to feel, I am numb. Genuinely, I thought I had no chance today. I wanted to win the Gold Cup and it is beyond dreams that we would ever win a Grand National."

"To win a Gold Cup, a Grand National and an Irish National in one year - I think that I should stop because it is not going to get any better than this!"

David Mullins turned professional just 18 months before his Grand National success and the then 19-year-old was having his first ride in the Aintree race.

"It is unbelievable," said the rider who is the son of Tom Mullins and nephew of Willie Mullins.

"I could not have expected things to go better. There was one little mishap at the fourth last and I said thank god that came now. Everything went to plan really. Credit to Mouse for producing this horse without winning a race over fences. He is a genius and the best man in the world to prepare one for the big day."

Rule The World made one more appearance following his Aintree heroics, coming home sixth in a G1 novices' chase at Punchestown later the same month. He was retired from racing shortly afterwards, despite being perfectly sound, and now resides at Gigginstown House Stud.

2017 RANOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL, 5.15PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 8

1	One For Arthur (T)	Two Golf Widows	Lucinda Russell	08-10-11	Derek Fox	14/1
2	Cause Of Causes (T) (P)	J P McManus	Gordon Elliott IRE	09-10-13	Mr Jamie Codd	16/1
3	Saint Are (B) (T)	David Fox	Tom George	11-10-10	Davy Russell	25/1
4	Blaklion	Simon Sutch & Gino Paletta	Nigel Twiston-Davies	08-11-01	Noel Fehily	8/1 Fav
5	Gas Line Boy (V)	The Three Graces	Ian Williams	11-10-07	Robert Dunne	50/1
6	Vieux Lion Rouge (P)	Professor Caroline Tisdall & John Gent	David Pipe	08-10-12	Tom Scudamore	12/1
7	Lord Windermere (T)	Dr Ronan Lambe	Jim Culloty IRE	11-10-10	Leighton Aspell	33/1
8	Regal Encore (T)	J P McManus	Anthony Honeyball	09-10-13	Robbie Power	33/1
9	Pleasant Company (H)	Malcolm Denmark	Willie Mullins IRE	09-10-12	Ruby Walsh	11/1
10	Houblon Des Obeaux (P)	Jennifer Blackwell	Venetia Williams	10-10-12	Charlie Deutsch	50/1
11	Ballynagour (H) (T)	Allan Stennett	David Pipe	11-10-11	David Noonan	66/1
12	Le Mercure (B) (T)	Patricia Thompson	Paul Nicholls	07-11-00	Sean Bowen	50/1
13	Goodtoknow (B)	Burling Daresbury MacEichern Nolan Potter	Kerry Lee	09-10-07	Jake Greenall	66/1
14	Just A Par (B)	Paul Barber & the late Graham Roach	Paul Nicholls	10-10-09	Harry Cobden	33/1
15	La Vaticane (B) (T)	Maria Bukhotaarova	David Pipe	08-10-06	Richie McLernon	80/1
16	The Last Samuri	Paul & Clare Rooney	Kim Bailey	09-11-10	David Bass	16/1
17	Tenor Nivernais	Boulbee Brooks Ltd	Venetia Williams	10-11-01	Aidan Coleman	40/1
18	Roi Des Francs (B)	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE	08-11-03	Jack Kennedy	50/1
19	Wonderful Charm (T) (P)	Robin Geffen & Sir John Ritblat	Paul Nicholls	09-11-02	Ms Katie Walsh	28/1
F 1	Vicente (H)	Trevor Hemmings	Paul Nicholls	08-10-10	Brian Hughes	16/1
F 1	Cocktails At Dawn	Robin Geffen & Sir John Ritblat	Nicky Henderson	09-10-08	Nico de Boinville	33/1
F 6	The Young Master (P)	Dajam & The Old Masters	Neil Mulholland	08-10-13	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	20/1
UR 6	Raz De Maree	James Swan	Gavin Cromwell IRE	12-10-09	Ger Fox	33/1
PU 9	Definitely Red	Phil Martin	Brian Ellison	08-10-12	Danny Cook	10/1
UR 9	Thunder And Roses (T) (P)	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE	09-10-07	Mark Enright	25/1
F 11	Saphir Du Rhei	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	08-11-05	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1
PU 13	Stellar Notion	Roger Brookhouse	Henry de Bromhead IRE	09-10-09	David Mullins	50/1
UR 15	Measureofmydreams (P)	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE	09-10-09	Donagh Meyler	40/1
UR 22	Ucello Conti (T)	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Gordon Elliott IRE	09-10-12	Daryl Jacob	20/1
PU 27	Shantou Flyer (T)	Carl Hinchy	Rebecca Curtis	07-11-05	Jonathan Moore	50/1
PU 27	Perfect Candidate (P)	ISL Recruitment	Fergal O'Brien	10-11-05	Paddy Brennan	33/1
PU 29	Doctor Harper (B) (T)	The Johnson Family	David Pipe	09-10-06	Conor O'Farrell	50/1
PU 29	Wounded Warrior	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE	08-11-02	Sean Flanagan	33/1
PU 29	Double Shuffle (H)	Crossed Fingers Partnership	Tom George	07-10-12	Adrian Heskin	33/1
PU 30	Highland Lodge (P)	Patricia Thompson	James Moffatt	11-10-11	Henry Brooke	25/1
PU 30	Bishops Road	Alan Halsall	Kerry Lee	09-10-10	Jamie Moore	66/1
PU 30	Drop Out Joe (P)	The Jesters	Charlie Longdon	09-11-01	Tom O'Brien	33/1
PU 30	More Of That (P)	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	09-11-06	Barry Geraghty	16/1
PU 30	O'Faolains Boy	Trembath Hyde Outhart & Hill	Rebecca Curtis	10-10-11	Paul Townend	50/1
PU 30	Rogue Angel (B) (T)	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE	09-10-08	Bryan Cooper	20/1

£1 million. 4m 2½f. Penalty Values: 1st £561,300; 2nd £211,100; 3rd £105,500; 4th £52,700; 5th £26,500; 6th £13200; 7th £6,800; 8th £3,600; 9th £2,000; 10th £1,000. 40 ran. Distances: 4½, 3¾, ½, 8, 10, 1, nk, hd, 14, 2¾, 1¼, 3½, 3½, 6, 7, 6, 7, 11. Tote Win: £14.70 Places: £3.60, £4.70, £8.40. £3.50 Exacta: £330.50. Time: 9 minutes 5.50 seconds. Breeder: J P (John) Dwan. Breeding: b g Milan - Nonnetia (FR) (Tremplino (USA))

2016 CRABBIE'S GRAND NATIONAL, 5.15PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 9

1	Rule the World	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE	09-10-07	David Mullins	33/1
2	The Last Samuri	Paul & Clare Rooney	Kim Bailey	08-10-08	David Bass	8/11F
3	Vics Canvas (P)	Booden Bandits Partnership	Dermot McGoughlin IRE	13-10-06	Robert Dunn	100/1
4	Gilgambo	J P McManus	Enda Bolger IRE	08-11-01	Robbie Power	28/1
5	Gonyella (T) (P)	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Jim Dreaper IRE	09-10-08	Jonathan Burke	12/1
6	Ucello Conti (T)	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Gordon Elliott IRE	08-10-08	Daryl Jacob	25/1
7	Vieux Lion Rouge (P)	Professor Caroline Tisdall & John Gent	David Pipe	07-10-05	James Revelley	66/1
8	Morning Assembly	Clipper Logistics Group Ltd	Pat Fahy IRE	09-10-09	Davy Russell	16/1
9	Shutthefrontdoor (T) (P)	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	09-10-11	Barry Geraghty	12/1
10	Unioniste	John Hales	Paul Nicholls	08-10-08	Nick Scholfield	28/1
11	Le Reve (BL)	Pat Betts	Lucy Wadham	08-10-08	Harry Skelton	50/1
12	Buywise	T Hywel Jones	Ewan Williams	09-10-10	Paul Moloney	33/1
13	Pendra (P)	J P McManus	Charlie Longdon	08-10-05	Aidan Coleman	50/1
14	Triolo D'Alene	Sandy & Caroline Orr	Nicky Henderson	09-11-00	Jeremiah McGrath	50/1
15	Just A Par (BL)	Graham Roach & Paul Barber	Paul Nicholls	09-10-06	Sean Bowen	40/1
16	Many Clouds	Trevor Hemming	Oliver Sherwood	09-11-10	Leighton Aspell	8/11F
UR 1	Hadrian's Approach	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes	Nicky Henderson	09-10-06	Nico de Boinville	50/1
F 2	First Lieutenant (P)	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE	11-11-04	Bryan Cooper	50/1
F 2	Holywell (BL)	Gay Smith	Jonjo O'Neill	09-10-12	Richie McLernon	11/1
UR 8	The Romford Pele (BL)	Trembath & Outhart	Rebecca Curtis	09-10-04	Trevor Whelan	33/1
PU 12	Rocky Creek (T)	The Johnson & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls	10-10-13	Andrew Thornton	66/1
PU 14	Silvinaco Conti (BL					

RESULT AND REVIEW: 2015

Many Clouds, who produced an outstanding weight-carrying performance in the 2015 Crabbie's Grand National, provided owner Trevor Hemmings with a joint-record third success and jockey Leighton Aspell with a second consecutive victory.

Trained by Oliver Sherwood in Upper Lambourn, Berkshire, Many Clouds shouldered 11st 9lb, the highest weight carried to victory since Red Rum defied 12st in 1974, and became the first horse to win both Newbury's Hennessy Gold Cup and the Grand National.

Many Clouds, an eight-year-old at the time of victory, had long been considered an ideal type for the Grand National by connections, though Sherwood had intended going for the big race in 2016, but Hemmings was insistent on a 2015 challenge.

"I thought that it was a year too soon and Trevor knows that," said Sherwood, who took part in the race as an amateur rider. Uniquely, his wife Tanya also had a ride in the Grand National as a professional jockey.

"It was Trevor's decision. I said: 'the horse is healthy, he's fit, he's well and, if you want to run, we will run'. It wasn't my decision, so he must get all the credit, not me."

"Many Clouds was foot perfect, I don't think that he made a mistake. I can't

2015 CRABBIE'S GRAND NATIONAL 4.15PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 11

1	Many Clouds	Trevor Hemmings	Oliver Sherwood	08-11-09	Leighton Aspell	25/1
2	Saint Are (T) (P)	David Fox	Tom George	09-10-06	Paddy Brennan	25/1
3	Monbeg Dude	Oydnouw	Michael Scudamore	10-10-07	Liam Treadwell	40/1
4	Alvarado	William & Angela Rucker	Fergal O'Brien	10-10-03	Paul Moloney	20/1
5	Shutthefrontdoor	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	08-11-02	A P McCoy	6/1F
6	Royale Knight	Chris Stedman & R Corsan	Dr Richard Newland	09-10-02	Brendan Powell	25/1
7	Tranquill Sea (T)	Jean & Clemmie Shipp	Warren Greatrex	13-10-05	Gavin Sheehan	33/1
8	Cause Of Causes (T) (P)	J P McManus	Gordon Elliott IRE	07-10-09	Paul Carberry	14/1
9	Soll (T) (B)	Derrick Mossop	David Pipe	10-10-02	Tom Scudamore	9/1
10	Chance Du Roy (P)	Daphne Du Pre	Philip Hobbs	11-10-04	Tom O'Brien	40/1
11	Mon Parrain (T) (B)	John & Barbara Cotton	Paul Nicholls	09-10-11	Sean Bowen	33/1
12	Pineau De Re	John Provan	Dr Richard Newland	12-11-00	Daryl Jacob	25/1
13	Owega Star (T)	Anthony & Siobhan Callan	Peter Fahey IRE	08-10-03	Robert Power	50/1
14	Spring Heeled (P)	Dr Ronan Lambe	Jim Culloty IRE	08-10-12	Nick Scholfield	25/1
15	Oscar Time	Robert Waley-Cohen	Robert Waley-Cohen	14-10-05	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	20/1
16	First Lieutenant (T) (P)	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE	10-11-03	Ms Nina Carberry	14/1
17	Rocky Creek	The Johnson & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls	09-11-03	Sam Twiston-Davies	8/1
18	Night In Milan (B)	Richard Collins	Keith Reveyly	09-10-09	James Reveyly	20/1
19	Dolatulo (T) (P)	Chasemore Farm	Warren Greatrex	08-10-11	Dougie Costello	66/1
F 1	Ely Brown (P)	Countrywide Vehicle Rentals Taxi Hire	Charlie Longsdon	10-10-02	Brian Hughes	100/1
F 1	Gas Line Boy	Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club	Philip Hobbs	09-10-04	James Best	66/1
UR 1	Al Co	Frank Lloyd	Peter Bowen	10-10-08	Denis O'Regan	18/1
UR 3	Rubi Light (T)	Bill Hennessy	Robert Hennessy IRE	10-10-09	Andrew Lynch	50/1
P 4	Corrin Wood	Dermot Hanafin Robert Rose & Ian Whitfield	Donald McCain	08-10-07	David Casey	66/1
F 5	Unioniste (P)	John Hales	Paul Nicholls	07-11-06	Noel Fehily	16/1
F 6	River Choice (T) (B)	Fergus Wilson	Richard Chotard FR	12-10-05 (2lb)	David Cottin	100/1
F 8	Balthazar King	The Brushmakers	Philip Hobbs	11-11-02	Richard Johnson	17/2
BD 8	Ballycasey	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE	08-10-13	Ruby Walsh	25/1
PU 18	Court By Surprise	Nick Mustoe	Emma Lavelle	10-10-03	Ricbie McLernon	33/1
PU 25	Across The Bay (T) (B)	Scotch Piper Syndicate	Donald McCain	11-10-06	Henry Brooke	33/1
PU 25	Super Duty	Brannon, Dick, Hermon & Holden	Ian Williams	09-10-04	Will Kennedy	66/1
PU 25	Lord Windermere (V)	Dr Ronan Lambe	Jim Culloty IRE	09-11-10	Brian O'Connell	33/1
F 26	The Rainbow Hunter	May We Never Be Found Partnership	Kim Bailey	11-10-07	David Bass	33/1
F 26	The Druids Nephew (P)	The Stonebenge Druids	Neil Mulholland	08-10-09	Aidan Coleman	10/1
PU 27	Rebel Rebellion (T) (B)	Woodhouse Sutton & Dobson	Paul Nicholls	10-10-12	Ryan Mahon	33/1
F 28	Portrait King (P)	Marie Davis	Maurice Phelan IRE	10-10-03	Davy Condon	50/1
PU 29	Godsmejudge	Favourites Racing	Alan King	09-10-08	Wayne Hutchinson	18/1
PU 29	Wych Hill (T)	J P McManus	David Bridgewater	11-10-04	Tom Cannon	66/1
PU 29	Bob Ford (H)	The JJ Partnership	Rebecca Curtis	08-10-04	Paul Townend	50/1

£1,000,000, 4m 3½f. Penalty values: 1st £561,300; 2nd £211,100; 3rd £105,500; 4th £52,700; 5th £26,500; 6th £13,200; 7th £6,800; 8th £3,600; 9th £2,000; 10th £1,000.39

Ran - non-runner: Carlito Brigante (withdrawn day before at 11.12am). Distances: 1½, 6, 3½, 1½, 2½, 10, 2½, 14, 10, 5, 1½, 6, 25, 2½, 3½, 5, 2½, 3½. Tote Win £32.90 Places £8.80; £3.90; £3.60; £2.00; £1.00. 40 ran. Distances: 5, 1½, 10, 2½, sh, 3, 16, sh, 4½, 2½, 18, 6, 2, 7, 3½, 33, 1. Tote Win: £32.80 Places £8.80; £3.90; £3.60; £10.30. Exacta £580.30. Time: 9m 09.90s. Breeder: Michel Hardy. Breeding: b g Maresca Sorrento (FR) - Elfe Du Perche (FR) (Abdonski (FR))

RESULT AND REVIEW: 2014

The 2014 Crabbie's Grand National, worth a record £1 million and the first for the new sponsor, proved that small trainers can still overcome the big boys with 25/1 chance Pineau De Re the winner for Worcestershire-based Dr Richard Newland, who only has 12 horses in training at any one time.

him when he was 10, he's 11 now but he doesn't act like an 11-year-old, he's got loads of ability and still has all the enthusiasm to do the job.

"He has the combination of stamina and a touch of speed and it was just a wonderful performance even though he made a few errors.

"Training is a hobby for me really and I have no real plans to change anything at the minute. I'm lucky enough to be able to do this and enjoy it but if you do it as a full-time job there's a higher level of stress and less fun.

"John Provan, Pineau De Re's owner, and I met 25 years ago. He's my oldest racing friend and we've been coming here to Aintree for 20 years together, long before I trained or even owned horses. It was always our dream to have a National runner."

Aspell, whose best previous Grand National performance came in 2003 when he partnered Supreme Glory to finish second, said: "It's a dream

come true. The feeling is just of elation when you cross the line. "At my age, I won't have many more chances to win! Every year, you share winning the National with your friends but obviously you want to do it yourself."

Provan commented: "I thought we could maybe win a Midlands National and Scottish National but we could only dream of winning the Grand National. We decided to come here and chase the prize put up by Crabbie's and it's a fantastic sponsorship."

The winner galloped on strongly after taking the lead at the penultimate fence to beat Balthazar King (Philip Hobbs/ Richard Johnson) by five lengths, with 10/1 joint favourite Double Seven (Martin Brassil/A P McCoy) a further length and a quarter back in third and Alvarado (Fergal O'Brien/Paul Moloney) in fourth. It was the sixth consecutive year that Moloney reached the places.

French-bred Pineau De Re returned to Aintree in 2015, finishing 12th behind Many Clouds. He was retired in 2016.

2014 CRABBIE'S GRAND NATIONAL, SATURDAY, APRIL 5

1	Pineau De Re	John Provan	11-10-06	Dr Richard Newland	Leighton Aspell	25/1
2	Balthazar King	The Brushmakers	10-10-13	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	14/1
3	Double Seven (T) (P)	J P McManus	08-10-11	Martin Brassil IRE	A P McCoy	10/1F
4	Alvarado	William & Angela Rucker	09-10-02	Fergal O'Brien	Paul Moloney	33/1
5	Rocky Creek	The Johnson & Stewart Families	08-11-05	Paul Nicholls	Noel Fehily	16/1
6	Chance Du Roy (P)	Daphne Du Pre	10-10-06	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	33/1
7	Monbeg Dude	Oydnouw	09-10-09	Michael Scudamore	Paul Carberry	16/1
8	Raz de Maree (V)	James Swan	13-10-01	Dessie Hughes IRE	Davy Condon	50/1
9	Swing Bill	Halewood International Ltd	13-10-01	David Pipe	Conor O'Farrell	66/1
10	Kruzhlinin	Paul & Clare Rooney	07-10-06	Donald McCain	Wilson Renwick	100/1
11	Buckers Bridge	Ann & Alan Potts	08-10-10	Henry de Bromhead IRE	Andrew Lynch	66/1
12	The Package (T) (P)	The Johnson Family	11-10-04	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	14/1
13	Vesper Bell	Susannah Ricci	08-10-05	Willie Mullins IRE	Ms Katie Walsh	40/1
14	Across The Bay (T) (B)	Scotch Piper Syndicate	10-10-11	Donald McCain	Henry Brooke	50/1
15	Mr Moonshine	Douglas Pryde Jim Beaumont & David van der Hoeven	10-10-12	Sue Smith	Ryan Mania	20/1
16	Prince de Beauchene	Andrea & Graham Wylie	11-10-10	Willie Mullins IRE	Paul Townend	20/1
17	Hunt Ball	Atlantic Equine	09-11-07	Nicky Henderson	Andrew Tinkler	50/1
18	Hawkes Point	Graham Roach	09-10-06	Paul Nicholls	Ryan Mahon	50/1
RR	Battle Group (P)	Jolly Boys Outing	09-10-10	Johnny Farrelly	Bendan Powell	40/1
F 1	Twirling Magnet (T) (P)	Gay Smith	08-10-05	Jonjo O'Neill	Richie McLernon	100/1
UR 2	Burton Port (T) (P)	Trevor Hemmings	10-10-08	Jonjo O'Neill	Brian Harding	16/1
F 3	Big Shu (T)	Hugh Duffy Richard Robinson & Caroline Woods	09-10-08	Peter Maher IRE	Peter Buchanan	14/1
UR 6	Last Time D'Albain	Fontstown Syndicate	10-10-02	Liam Cusack IRE	Robbie Colgan	50/1
F 8	Golan Way	WRB Racing	10-10-05	Tim Vaughan	Michael Byrne	66/1
UR 8	Our Father (B)	The Ives & Johnson Families	08-10-08	David Pipe	Denis O'Regan	25/1
UR 8	Tidal Bay	Andrea & Graham Wylie	13-11-10	Paul Nicholls	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1
F 9	Long Run (P)	Robert Waley-Cohen	09-11-09	Nicky Henderson	Sam Waley-Cohen	12/1
F 9	Mountainous	Walters Plant Hire & James & Jean Potter	09-10-07	Richard Lee	Jamie Moore	40/1
UR 9	The Rainbow Hunter	May We Never Be Found Partnership	10-10-07	Kim Bailey	Aidan Coleman	25/1
UR 15	Teaforthree	Conyers O'Reilly Rodders Zeffman	10-10-12	Rebecca Curtis	Nick Scholfield	10/1F
PU 20	Shakalakaboomboom (P)	Liam Breslin	10-10-03	Nicky Henderson	David Bass	16/1
PU 21	Quito De La Roque (P)	Gigginstown House Stud	10-11-01	Colm Murphy IRE	Brian O'Connell	40/1
PU 22	Triolo D'Alene	Sandy & Caroline Orr	7-11-06	Nicky Henderson	Barry Geraghty	16/1
F 22	One In A Milan (V)	Paul Langford	09-10-02	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	40/1
PU 25						

2017 WINNING JOCKEY



DEREK FOX

Irishman Derek Fox continued the excellent recent record of first-time riders in the Randox Health Grand National as he guided One For Arthur to an impressive victory in 2017.

Fox rode One For Arthur with plenty of confidence towards the rear of the 40-strong field before making eye-catching headway on the outside rounding the home turn.

The pair jumped into the lead at the last and stayed on strongly to win by four and a half lengths.

"As we crossed Valentine's, I was closing and closing and thought I might be there too soon," reflected Fox. "For a brief moment, I took a small pull on him. I ended up in front earlier than I wanted to."

"It's a lonely run for a horse on his own and the sound of the crowd started to distract him, so I just kept him up to his work all the way to the line. He's an eight-year-old by Milan and only just coming to his prime."

Since the turn of the century, David Mullins (2016), Ryan Mania (2013), Liam Treadwell (2009), Niall Madden (2006) and Ruby Walsh (2000) have all landed the world's greatest chase at their first attempt.

"It's a dream come true," said Fox. "Not everyone can be champion jockey as it's a very tricky thing to achieve, but this

race just gives a standard jockey like me, a chance to shine on the big stage."

"It's amazing - there are loads of good lads that never get the opportunity to ride a big winner so I do appreciate exactly what this means."

"I couldn't believe I was coming to win the National. You see the footage of horses like Many Clouds and you never think it's going to happen to you. It's better than I thought it could be."

The Sligo native, who had his first winner on Saoirse's Sister at Clonmel on March 10, 2011, was a major doubt to be able to take the



came in 2015/16 when he rode 26 winners in Britain and five in Ireland.

He was appointed first rider to Russell in April, 2016, upon the retirement of long-standing stable jockey Peter Buchanan.

"I could not work for nicer people," said Fox. "Lucinda is one of the best trainers around - especially when it comes to training staying chasers."

"She's primed One For Arthur for the Randox Health Grand National and thought he'd improved 10lb from his last run - which I didn't think was possible, but who am I to say any different?"

"I hadn't sat on a horse for over three weeks so for Lucinda and Scu to put me on and keep the faith in me, it's the best feeling I've ever had - there's not too many chances to ride a horse like that."

"My uncle Mark Michael McNiff trains in Sligo and taught me everything I know about racing. He's taught me all I know since a very early age - he got me into racing and got me going."

"He's very helpful to speak to and always rings me after racing. He's very good for advice and very blunt - he's quite difficult to please!"

All the advice and lots of input from many skilled people helped Fox recover from his injuries in time for his moment of destiny on One For Arthur.

There won't be a repeat for One For Arthur in the 2018 Randox Health Grand National as the horse sustained a slight tendon injury in October and is spending this season on the sidelines.

"I WAS VERY LOW AND SOME DAYS I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T MAKE IT"

from Russell and her partner Peter Scudamore, the eight-time champion Jump jockey between 1981 and 1992.

Fox recalled: "I had two rides at Carlisle and then two rides at Aintree before reuniting with One For Arthur.

"I was so determined to get back. Luckily, I've had a great partnership with the horse all season and he's obviously an improving sort. I'm very lucky to have got the ride on him in the first place."

Fox, born on May 14, 1992, started his career in Ireland, working for Mark McNiff and Noel Kelly, before moving to Scotland to team up with Russell in 2013. His best tally in a season

ride, having sustained a fractured wrist and dislocated shoulder in a fall at Carlisle on March 9, with the Randox Health Grand National on April 8. It was a race against time.

He spent three weeks at the Injured Jockeys Fund Rehabilitation Centre in Malton, Yorkshire, Jack Berry House, receiving a range of treatments to hurry along his recovery.

"For the first two weeks after I was injured, I was very hot and cold," said Fox, "I was very low and some days I thought I wouldn't make it."

"As soon as I had the fall Lucinda [Russell] sent me down to the Jack Berry House and she was always trying to get me back (into the saddle) in time."

"But no matter how much anybody does, a bone can only heal as quickly as it heals. I just had to try and stay as fit as I could and hope that I would pass the doctor. Luckily I did."

He returned to the saddle on April 5, after lots of encouragement





JOCKEY RECORDS

CURRENT RIDERS

LEIGHTON ASPELL - 10 RIDES

2003 Supreme Glory 2nd
2004 Skycab UR 6th
2005 Take The Stand UR 15th
2006 Ballycassidy FELL 25th
2007 Billyvoddan PU 19th
2011 In Compliance 13th
2014 PINEAU DE RE WON
2015 MANY CLOUDS WON
2016 Many Clouds 16th
2017 Lord Windermere 7th

PADDY ASPELL - 1

2011 Chief Dan George 17th

DAVID BASS - 4

2014 Shakalakaboomboom PU 20th
2015 The Rainbow Hunter FELL 26th
2016 The Last Samuri 2nd
2017 The Last Samuri 16th

JAMES BEST - 1

2015 Gas Line Boy FELL 1st

NICO DE BOINVILLE - 2

2016 Hadrian's Approach UR 1st
2017 Cocktails At Dawn FELL 1st

SEAN BOWEN - 3

2015 Mon Parrain 11th
2016 Just A Par 15th
2017 Le Mercurey 12th

PADDY BRENNAN - 9

2005 Double Honour UR 21st
2007 Bewleys Berry FELL 22nd
2008 Fundamentalist FELL 3rd
2009 Knowhere PU 25th
2010 Irish Raptor FELL 14th
2012 Giles Cross PU 11th
2015 Saint Are 2nd
2016 Saint Are PU 30th
2017 Perfect Candidate PU 27th

HENRY BROOKE - 5

2013 Across The Bay 14th
2014 Across The Bay 14th
2015 Across The Bay PU 25th
2016 Aachen PU 22nd
2017 Highland Lodge PU 30th

JOHNNY BURKE - 1

2016 Goonyella 5th

MICHAEL BYRNE - 1

2014 Golan Way FELL 8th

TOM CANNON - 1

2015 Wyck Hill PU 29th

MS NINA CARBERRY - 6

2006 Forest Gunner 9th
2010 Character Building 7th
2011 Character Building 15th
2012 Organisedconfusion UR 8th
2015 First Lieutenant 16th
2016 Sir Des Champs FELL 15th

HARRY COBDEN - 1

2017 Just A Par 14th

MR JAMIE CODD - 1

2017 Cause Of Causes 2nd

AIDAN COLEMAN - 10

2008 Mon Mome 10th
2009 Stan FELL 7th
2010 Mon Mome FELL 26th
2011 Grand Slam Hero FELL 13th
2012 Mon Mome PU 22nd
2013 The Rainbow Hunter UR 8th
2014 The Rainbow Hunter UR 9th
2015 The Druids Nephew FELL 26th
2016 Pendra 13th
2017 Tenor Nivernais 17th

ROBBIE COLGAN - 1

2014 Last Time D'Albain UR 6th

DANNY COOK - 2

2010 Pablo Du Charmil FELL 2nd
2017 Definitely Red PU 9th

BRYAN COOPER - 4

2012 Rare Bob BD 5th
2013 Rare Bob 5th
2016 First Lieutenant FELL 2nd
2017 Rogue Angel PU 30th

DOUGIE COSTELLO - 3

2012 Postmaster PU 22nd
2013 Saint Are 9th
2015 Dolatulo 19th

DAVID COTTIN - 1

2015 River Choice FELL 6th

JIM CROWLEY - 1

2001 Art Prince FELL 1st

JAMES DAVIES - 1

2004 Bramblehill Duke
REF 6th

CHARLIE DEUTSCH - 1

2017 Houblon Des Obeaux 10th

JACK DOYLE - 1

2014 Wayward Prince
FELL 28th

ROBBIE DUNNE - 2

2016 Vics Canvas 3rd
2017 Gas Line Boy 5th

MR DAVID DUNSDON - 1

2005 Joly Bey 14th

DAVID ENGLAND - 3

2008 Ardaghay FELL 4th
2009 Fundamentalist PU 21st
2010 Ballyfitz FELL 22nd

MARK ENRIGHT - 1

2017 Thunder And
Roses UR 9th

PHILLIP ENRIGHT - 2

2009 Preists Leap 14th
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NOEL FEHILY - 15

2001 Moral Support REF 8th
2002 Celibate 6th
2003 Good Shuil PU 19th
2004 Alcapone PU 25th
2005 Merchants Friend
FELL 10th
2006 Risk Accessor 5th
2007 Naunton Brook PU 23rd
2008 Bob Hall PU 19th
2009 Can't Buy Time
FELL 18th
2012 State Of Play UR 5th
2013 Treacle UR 8th
2014 Rocky Creek 5th
2015 Unioniste FELL 5th
2016 Silviniaco Conti PU 14th
2017 Blaklion 4th

MARTIN FERRIS - 1

2013 Becauseicouldntsee
PU 21st

SEAN FLANAGAN - 2

2010 Conna Castle PU 29th
2017 Wounded
Warrior PU 30th

DEREK FOX - 1

2017 ONE FOR ARTHUR WON

GER FOX - 1

2017 Raz De Maree UR 6th

BARRY GERAHTY - 17

2000 Call It A Day 6th
2001 Hanakham FELL 2nd
2002 Alexander Banquet
UR 6th

2012 NEPTUNE COLLONGES WON

2013 Join Together 12th
2015 Pineau De Re 12th
2016 Ucello Conti 6th
2017 Ucello Conti UR 22nd

RICHARD JOHNSON - 20

1997 Celtic Abbey UR 15th
1998 Banjo FELL 1st

1999 Baronet FELL 4th

2000 Star Traveller PU 27th

2001 Edmond FELL 15th

2002 What's Up Boys 2nd

2003 Behrajan 10th

2004 What's Up Boys BD 6th

2005 Jakari PU 20th

2006 Therealbandit PU 27th

2007 Monkerhostin REF 7th

2008 Turko FELL 25th

2009 Parsons Legacy
FELL 22nd

2010 Tricky Trickster 9th

2011 Quinz PU 16th

2012 Planet Of Sound 12th

2013 Balthazar King 15th

2014 Balthazar King 2nd

2015 Balthazar King FELL 8th

2016 Kruzhlinin PU 27th

JACK KENNEDY - 1

2017 Roi Des Francs 18th

WILL KENNEDY - 2

2015 Super Duty PU 25th

2016 Katenko FELL 22nd

GRAHAM LEE - 8

2003 Amberleigh House 3rd

2004 AMBERLEIGH HOUSE WON

2005 Amberleigh House 10th

2006 Flaked Oats FELL 20th

2001 Smarty 2nd

2002 Davids Lad UR 20th

2003 Torduff Express UR 27th

2004 Davids Lad 11th

2005 It Takes Time 4th

2006 It Takes Time PU 29th

2007 Celtic Son PU 22nd

2008 COMPLY OR DIE WON

2009 Comply Or Die 2nd

2010 Comply Or Die 12th

2011 Comply Or Die PU 29th

2012 Weird AI FELL 27th

2013 Weird AI PU 25th

DAVID NOONAN - 1

2017 Ballynagour 11th

TONY O'BRIEN - 9

2007 McKelvey 2nd

2008 McKelvey UR 20th

2009 Zabenz FELL 16th

2010 Dream Alliance PU 24th

2014 Walkon PU 29th

2015 Godsmejudge PU 29th

2009 Southern Vic 8th

2010 Made In Taipan FELL 5th

2012 In Compliance 5th

2013 Ninetieth Minute PU 11th

RICHIE MCLERNON - 8

2010 Can't Buy Time FELL 8th

2011 Can't Buy Time FELL 18th

2012 Sunnyhillboy 2nd

2013 Sunnyhillboy UR 30th

2014 Twirling Magnet FELL 1st

2015 Court By Surprise PU 18th

2016 Holywell FELL 2nd

2017 La Vaticane 15th

DONAGH MEYLER - 1

2017 Measureofmydreams
UR 15th

JAMIE MOORE - 8

2003 Royal Predica 13th

2006 Le Duc UR 8th

2007 Thisthatandtother
PU 30th

2011 Santa's Son PU 27th

JOCKEYS

2013 Always Waining 10th
2014 Chance Du Roy 6th
2015 Chance Du Roy 10th
2016 Onenightinvienna
UR 22nd
2017 Drop Out Joe PU 30th

BRIAN O'CONNELL - 3
2012 Tharawaat 8th
2014 Quito De La
Roque PU 21st
2015 Lord Windermere PU 25th

CONOR O'FARRELL - 5
2012 Swing Bill 10th
2013 Swing Bill 6th
2014 Swing Bill 9th
2016 Soll PU 21st
2017 Doctor Harper PU 29th

DENIS O'REGAN - 10
2007 Ballycassidy UR 24th
2008 Bewleys Berry 5th
2009 Black Apalachi UR 22nd
2010 Black Apalachi 2nd
2011 King Fontaine 11th
2012 Black Apalachi FELL 8th
2013 Big Fella Thanks UR 8th
2014 Our Father UR 8th
2015 Al Co UR 1st
2016 The Druids
Nephew PU 21st

IAN POPHAM - 1
2013 Any Currency 17th

BRENDAN POWELL - 2
2014 Battle Group
REF TO RACE
2015 Royale Knight 6th

ROBERT POWER - 10
2005 Spot Thedifference 18th
2007 SILVER BIRCH WON
2008 Nadover 7th
2009 Silver Birch FELL 22nd
2011 Killyglen FELL 27th
2012 Killyglen UR 8th
2013 Joncol PU 19th
2015 Owega Star 13th
2016 Gilgamboa 4th
2017 Regal Encore 8th

SEAN QUINLAN - 1
2012 Midnight Haze 15th

JAMES REVELEY - 5
2009 Rambling Minster
PU 19th
2011 That's Rhythm FELL 1st
2012 Always Right UR 15th
2015 Night In Milan 18th
2016 Vieux Lion Rouge 7th

DAVY RUSSELL - 13
2003 Ballinclay King PU 15th
2004 Takagi UR 15th
2005 Arctic Copper 19th
2006 Joes Edge 7th
2007 Livingstonebramble
UR 6th
2008 Chelsea Harbour 9th

2009 Hear The Echo
FELL 30th
2010 Cerium 11th
2011 Becauseicouldntsee
FELL 2nd
2012 Alfa Beat FELL 7th
2014 Lion Na Bearnai PU 27th
2016 Morning Assembly 8th
2017 Saint Are 3rd

NICK SCHOLFIELD - 8
2008 Cornish Sett 12th
2009 Cornish Sett 17th
2010 My Will FELL 4th
2011 Ornais FELL 4th
2013 Teaforthree 3rd
2014 Teaforthree UR 15th
2015 Spring Heeled 14th
2016 Unioniste 10th

TOM SCUDAMORE - 16
2001 Northern Starlight UR 6th
2002 Smarty PU 9th
2003 Blowing Wind 8th
2004 Shardam UR 3rd
2005 Iznogoud 12th
2006 Iznogoud PU 27th
2014 Tidal Bay UR 8th
2015 Rocky Creek 17th
2016 Wonderful Charm PU 21st
2017 Saphir Du Rheu FELL 11th

MR SAM WALEY-COHEN - 8
2007 Liberthine 5th
2009 Ollie Magern FELL 2nd
2011 Oscar Time 2nd
2013 Oscar Time 4th
2014 Long Run FELL 9th
2015 Oscar Time 15th
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MS KATIE WALSH - 5
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GAVIN SHEEHAN - 1
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ANDREW TINKLER - 7
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2008 Naunton Brook PU 19th
2009 Fleet Street UR 18th
2010 Flintoff PU 21st
2012 The Midnight Club 11th
2014 Hunt Ball 17th

ADAM WEDGE - 2
2013 Viking Blond PU 15th
2014 One In A Milan FELL 22nd

TREVOR WHELAN - 1
2016 The Romford Pele UR 8th

PAUL TOWNEND - 8
2009 Irish Invader 11th
2010 Arbor Supreme UR 15th
2012 On His Own FELL 22nd
2013 Quel Esprit PU 24th
2014 Prince De Beauchene 16th
2015 Bob Ford PU 29th
2016 Boston Bob PU 22nd
2017 O'Faolains Boy PU 30th

LIAM TREADWELL - 3
2009 MON MOME WON
2010 Nozic UR 20th
2015 Monbeg Dude 3rd

SAM TWISTON-DAVIES - 8
2010 Hello Bud 5th
2011 Hello Bud PU 29th
2012 Hello Bud 7th
2013 Imperial Commander
PU 22nd

TOM SCUDAMORE - 16
2001 Northern Starlight UR 6th
2002 Smarty PU 9th
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2013 Viking Blond PU 15th
2014 One In A Milan FELL 22nd

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TONY DOBBIN - 11
1994 Ushers Island UR 3rd
1997 LORD GYLLENE WON
1999 Avro Anson 17th
2000 Listen Timmy PU 17th
2001 Listen Timmy PU 16th
2003 Killusty FELL 22nd
2004 Gunner Welburn PU 20th
2005 Just In Debt 9th

1998 EARTH SUMMIT WON
1999 Earth Summit 8th
2000 Senor El Betrutt PU 1st
2001 Beau UR 20th
2002 Beau UR 14th
2003 Bindaree 6th
2004 Bindaree UR 6th
2005 Bindaree 11th

MR JIM DREAPER - 1
1971 Black Spirit 2nd
2008 Point Barrow PU 17th

DOMINIC ELSWORTH - 8
2003 Southern Star 14th
2004 Artic Jack FELL 1st
2005 Native Emperor UR 9th
2006 Ross Comm FELL 4th
2007 Le Duc UR 6th
2008 Simon UR 25th
2011 Skippers Brig 9th
2012 Calgary Bay 14th

MICK FITZGERALD - 13
1995 Tinryland FELL 1st
1996 ROUGH QUEST WON
1997 Go Ballistic PU 29th
1998 Rough Quest PU 29th
1999 Fiddling The
Facts FELL 22nd
2000 Esprit De Cotte FELL 22nd
2002 Marlborough FELL 1st
2003 Katarino UR 15th
2004 Kingsmark 9th
2005 Fondmort PU 28th
2006 Juveigneur FELL 1st
2007 Kelami PU 29th
2008 L'Ami FELL 2nd

RICHARD GUEST - 10
1992 Roman King 2nd
1994 Roman King FELL 4th
1995 Into the Red 5th
1996 Into the Red 15th
1998 Yeoman Warrior PU 19th
1999 Frazer Island FELL 22nd
2000 Red Marauder FELL 6th

2001 RED MARAUDER WON
2002 Paris Pike FELL 1st
2003 Chives PU 12th

MR NICKY HENDERSON - 1
1976 Indian Diva 16th

PHILIP HOBBS - 4
1981 Kininvie FELL 10th
1983 Colonel Christy 9th
1985 Northern Bay FELL 2nd

2010 DON'T PUSH IT WON
2011 Don't Push It 3rd
2012 Synchronised FELL 6th

2013 GLENKILN WON
1995 Glenrue UR 3rd

1998 RHYME 'N' REASON
WON
1989 Stearsby REF 11th

1999 MERIDIAN II
1996 Meridian II FELL 13th

2000 GELNRUE
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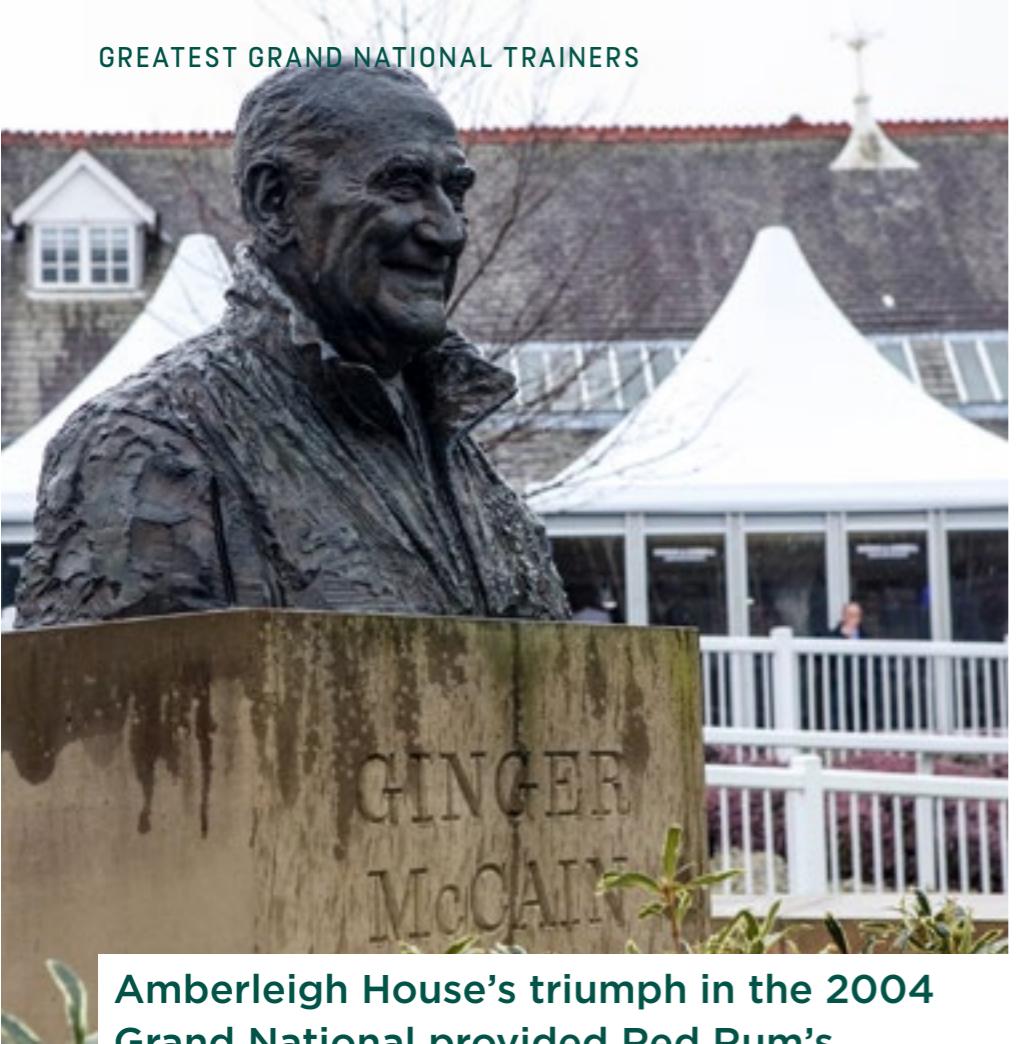
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GINGER MCCAIN & FRED RIMELL

witnessed a remarkable transformation as the horse returned sound. Red Rum went and won his first five races for Ginger.

The horse's success under 10st 5lb in the 1973 Grand National at the age of eight became the stuff of legend as the 9/1 joint-favourite wore down gallant top-weight, the Australian horse Crisp (12st), in the dying strides for a remarkable victory by three quarters of a length in a then course record time of 9m 1.9s under Brian Fletcher.

Red Rum was never better than during the 1973/74 campaign when he won four more races before collecting his second Grand National, this time carrying top-weight of 12st. Giving 1lb to the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner L'Escargot, Red Rum started third favourite at 11/1. He won easily by seven lengths when again partnered by Brian Fletcher and, only three weeks later, Red Rum captured the Scottish Grand National too.

Between the autumn of 1974 and spring of 1976, the horse ran in 18 chases, winning twice and being placed seven times including his second when Irish challenger L'Escargot turned the tables in the 1975 Grand National. Red Rum carried 12st again and was beaten 15 lengths.

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sixth in his prep race to the 1977 Grand National, the Greenall Whitley Chase at Haydock Park. He then dazzled the trainer in his last gallop before Aintree.

Again ridden by Stack, Red Rum at the age of 12 tackled his fifth Grand National in 1977 and Churcgtown Boy's mistake at the second last fence settled things in the former's favour, with an easy success by 25 lengths under 11st 8lb.

Sir Peter O'Sullivan's now legendary commentary for BBC Television was heard in millions of living rooms up and down the country as Red Rum took his place among the racing immortals: "The 12-year-old Red Rum, being preceded only by loose horses ... they're coming to the "Elbow" with a furlong now between Red Rum and his third Grand National triumph. He's coming up to the line to win it like a fresh horse in great style. It's hats off and a tremendous reception - you've never heard one like it at Liverpool. Red Rum wins the National."

The phenomenal chaser - the best Grand National horse ever - was trained for a sixth attempt at the race in 1978 as a 13-year-old but, the day before, he pulled up lame. The problem proved to be a hairline fracture and the great horse had to be retired.

There was time for a glorious final chapter to Ginger's training career as, 27 years after Red Rum's tremendous final Grand National victory, he walked back into the hallowed Aintree winner's enclosure alongside Amberleigh House.

Amberleigh House was owned by Halewood International, whose founder and driving force John Halewood died in October, 2011. Halewood International, through its brand Crabbie's, sponsored the Grand National from 2014 to 2016 in his memory.

Ginger's son Donald was by now an integral part of the family's training establishment, having returned to the fold after the move from Southport to Cholmondeley in Cheshire. The handover of the training licence from father to son occurred in June, 2006.

Donald, who had one Grand National ride when Sure Metal finished 17th in 1996, continued the strong McCain link with the Grand National as he saddled Ballabriggs to an emotional victory in the 2011 renewal, just five months before Ginger passed away peacefully at home, aged 80, on September 19 that year.

Ginger's achievements and long association with Aintree were commemorated at the Grand National meeting in 2012 with the unveiling of a one-and-a-half time life-size bronze overlooking the parade ring. A life-size bronze of Red Rum, produced by former jockey Philip Blacker, has stood at Aintree Racecourse since 1988.

While Ginger forged a legend from nothing in the small yard behind his Southport car showroom, Fred Rimell inherited a Grand National-winning tradition from his father Tom, who sent out Forbra from the famous Kinnersley yard in Worcestershire to win the Aintree feature in 1932.

Regardless of his family heritage in racing, Rimell's achievements were remarkable. He was Britain's champion Jump jockey four times - 1938/39, 1939/40, 1944/45 (jointly) and 1945/46 - but, as a rider, he endured wretched luck at Aintree.

He missed out on partnering Forbra due to his inexperience and never rode a winner at the course. In five attempts in the Grand National, Rimell completed only once when Provocative finished a distant 12th behind Battleship in 1938. His career in the saddle was cut short when he broke his neck for a second time in the space of eight months in 1947, after which he took over the training licence from his father.

Rimell, born on June 24, 1913, turned Kinnersley into one of the most powerful yards in England, winning four champion Jump trainer titles and almost every big race in the calendar before his death in 1981, including the Cheltenham Gold Cup with Woodland Venture (1967) and Royal Frolic (1976), plus the Champion Hurdle with Comedy Of Errors (1973 and 1975).

At Aintree, Rimell reigned supreme, complementing his four Grand National triumphs with three victories in the

Grand Sefton Chase, courtesy of Nicolaus Silver (1961), Red Thorn (1964) and his subsequent Scottish Grand National hero The Fossa (1965).

E.S.B.'s 1956 Grand National victory under Dave Dick was memorable for the sensational collapse of The Queen Mother's Devon Loch 50 yards from the line, with the race all but won. Devon Loch's mishap under Dick Francis left E.S.B. to stride home 10 lengths clear of Gentle Moya. The 10-year-old was a fine horse in his own right and also gained the 1957 Great Yorkshire Chase and the Lancashire Chase two years later.

Gaye Brief's victory in the Champion Hurdle and the Aintree Hurdle in 1983, while the gelding's full-brother Gaye Chance captured the Liverpool Hurdle at Aintree in 1982 and was successful in Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham two years later.

But she did not enjoy a similar level of success in the Grand National. Gala's Image, previously successful in the two-mile Arkle Challenge Trophy at the Cheltenham Festival, fared best of her runners when completing in seventh behind Little Polveir in 1989.

Two of Fred and Mercy's grandchildren have competed over the Grand National fences. Katie Rimell finished third on Three Counties, trained by her grandmother, in the 1989 Fox Hunters' Chase, while her brother Mark, who became a trainer himself, fell at the 21st fence on Camelot Knight in the 1995 Grand National.

Amberleigh House's triumph in the 2004 Grand National provided Red Rum's trainer Ginger McCain with a fourth success in the great Aintree race.

The victory of John Halewood's horse saw McCain join Fred Rimell in the record books as the winning-most trainer in the Grand National's long history.

The son of a dispatch manager, Donald McCain, or Ginger as he would universally become known due to the colour of his hair, was born on September 21, 1930 in humble surroundings at Birkdale, Southport, not far from Aintree Racecourse.

He watched his first Grand National in 1940 and was immediately taken by the sense of occasion that surrounded the famous race. "To a young boy, it seemed like the whole world had turned up ... It made a big impression on me and ended up changing my life in ways I could never have dreamed of," he recollects in his autobiography some 65 years later.

While dividing his time between driving a taxi and running a second-hand car showroom in Southport, Ginger also trained a horse or two under a permit from 1953 until taking out a full licence in 1969. Among his fares was his future wife Beryl and they were married on March 25, 1961, the same day that Fred Rimell sent out the second of his four Grand National successes with Nicolaus Silver.

Ginger also had Frank Sinatra and Norman Wisdom in the back of his cab, but it was another passenger, Noel Le Mare, who would ignite the dream of winning the Grand National.

Le Mare, who made his fortune in civil engineering, had been seduced by the magic of the Grand National ever since he watched the spectacle unfold when working as an apprentice fitter for a Fleetwood, Lancashire firm in 1906, but it was not until he was nearly 80 that the retired millionaire found a trusted ally to share his long-held ambition.

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IRISH-TRAINED WINNERS

YEAR	HORSE	AGE/WGT	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	SP
IRISH WINNERS SINCE 1900						
2016	<i>Rule The World</i>	09-10-07	David Mullins	Mouse Morris	Gigginstown House Stud	33/1
2007	<i>Silver Birch</i>	10-10-06	Robbie Power	Gordon Elliott	Brian Walsh	33/1
2006	<i>Numbersixvalverde</i>	10-10-08	Niall Madden	Martin Brassil	Bernard Carroll	11/1
2005	<i>Hedgehunter</i>	09-11-01	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins	Trevor Hemmings	7/1F
2003	<i>Monty's Pass</i>	10-10-07	Barry Geraghty	Jimmy Mangan	Dee Racing Syndicate	16/1
2000	<i>Papillon</i>	09-10-12	Ruby Walsh	Ted Walsh	Betty Moran	10/1
1999	<i>Bobbyjo</i>	09-10-10	Paul Carberry	Tommy Carberry	Bobby Burke	10/1
1975	<i>L'Escargot</i>	12-11-03	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore	Raymond Guest	13/2
1958	<i>Mr What</i>	08-10-06	Arthur Freeman	Tom Taaffe	David Coughlan	18/1
1955	<i>Quare Times</i>	09-11-00	Pat Taaffe	Vincent O'Brien	Mrs W Welman	100/9
1954	<i>Royal Tan</i>	10-11-07	Bryan Marshall	Vincent O'Brien	Joe Griffin	8/1
1953	<i>Early Mist</i>	08-11-02	Bryan Marshall	Vincent O'Brien	Joe Griffin	20/1
1947	<i>Caughoo</i>	08-10-00	Eddie Dempsey	H McDowell	John McDowell	100/1
1939	<i>Workman</i>	09-10-06	Tim Hyde	Jack Ruttle	Sir Alexander Maguire	100/8
1920	<i>Troytown</i>	07-11-09	Mr Jack Anthony	Agy Anthony	T Collins-Gerrard	6/1
1900	<i>Ambush II</i>	06-11-03	Agy Anthony	Agy Anthony	Prince Of Wales	4/1

- Matthew was the first Irish-trained victor of the Grand National in 1847 when he saw off 26 rivals. Returned as the 10/1 joint favourite, he was the subject of a minor gamble after a woman magician in a mesmeric state had foreseen his victory.
- Abd-El-Kader landed successive gambles for his owner/trainer Joseph Osborne when the bay gelding became the first dual winner of the Grand National in 1850 and 1851. A regular contributor to racing newspaper Bell's Life, County Meath-based Osborne reportedly won £10,000 from a bet of £150 when the rank outsider triumphed for the first time. The small bay gelding returned 12 months later and obliged at the much shorter odds of 7/1, netting his owner/trainer a further £10,000 in successful ante-post bets.
- In 1855, Wanderer scored in heavy ground at 25/1, but the Irish then had to wait 24 years for another Grand National triumph.
- The Liberator, a 5/1 chance, won on his third Grand National attempt in 1879, having finished third behind Austerlitz two years earlier, and was partnered to victory by amateur Garrett Moore, the owner too and son of John Moore the trainer. The Liberator returned the following season to finish the two-length runner-up under top-weight of 12st 7lb to another Irish-trained victor, 8/1 hope Empress, whose amateur jockey Tommy Beasley and trainer Henry Linde were
- back at Aintree in 1881, sending out Woodbrook to win in the snow.
- Beasley gained his third victory in 1889 aboard the tough 11-year-old mare Frigate, an 11/2 chance trained and owned by Matthew Maher. His brother Harry triumphed in 1891, training and riding the 4/1 favourite Come Away to a popular victory, despite squeezing Cloister for room in the closing stages. Captain Roddy Owen, who partnered the runner-up, threatened to punish Harry "in an old-fashioned manner" after the race.
- Agy Anthony also rode and trained a Grand National winner but in different years. He was in the saddle when Ambush II, sent off at 4/1, beat dual winner Manifesto in 1900 for owner the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII). Ambush II has a place in history as the only horse to carry the colours of a British monarch to victory in the famous race.
- Winner of the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, the Agy Anthony-trained Troytown hardly saw another rival in the 1920 renewal, making all to record a thrilling 12-length victory under amateur Jack Anthony at 6/1.
- The Jack Ruttle-trained Workman landed a gamble in 1939, beating Macmoffat by three lengths. The nine-year-old, sent off at 100/8, was owned by the Liverpool-born industrialist Sir Alexander Maguire and ridden by a champion showjumper Tim Hyde.

- L'Escargot was owned by Raymond Guest, former American ambassador to Ireland, and captured the Cheltenham Gold Cup in both 1970 and 1971. Guest also owned two Epsom Derby winners, Larkspur in 1962 and Sir Ivor in 1968.
- Having ridden L'Escargot to victory, Tommy Carberry returned in 1999 as the trainer of 10/1 shot Bobbyjo. Landing a major gamble, the nine-year-old was ridden by Tommy's son Paul, and became the fourth horse to achieve the Grand National and Irish National double.
- A year later, another famous father/son combination prevailed, also at a well-backed 10/1 when the Ted Walsh-trained Papillon triumphed under Ruby, giving the jockey Grand National success at his first attempt.
- Trainer Vincent O'Brien made the Grand National his own between 1953 and 1955 with Early Mist, Royal Tan and Quare Times in a remarkable and record-breaking run of success.
- 20/1 chance Early Mist was an impressive 12-length winner under Bryan Marshall in 1953, while Royal Tan was successful by a neck at 8/1 in an exciting finish a year later for the same jockey, with both horses owned by Joe 'Mincemeat' Griffin.
- Pat Taaffe took the ride on Quare Times in 1955 and the gelding destroyed the opposition in bottomless ground, beating Tudor Line by 12 lengths when sent off at 100/9. Subsequently, the great trainer sent out six winners of the Epsom Derby, the most famous Flat race, while Taaffe partnered Arkle to three Cheltenham Gold Cup victories and also had a second National winner at the age of 40 on Gay Trip in 1970.
- The jockey's father Tom Taaffe also enjoyed Grand National success as a trainer with Mr What in 1958. The eight-year-old, an 18/1 chance, had previously raced solely in Ireland, but took a liking to the Aintree fences and the heavy going to beat Tiberetta by 30 lengths, one of the widest winning margins. He won the race as a novice.
- L'Escargot emulated the great Golden Miller in 1975 when becoming only the second horse to triumph in the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National, although he did not complete the double in the same season, something achieved by Golden Miller back in 1934. The Dan Moore-trained gelding, sent off at 13/2, was the comfortable winner by 15 lengths under 11st 3lb, beating Red Rum who had been victorious in the previous two seasons (when L'Escargot was third and second) and went on to record a record-breaking third triumph in 1977.
- Cause Of Causes, owned by J P McManus, trained by Gordon Elliott and ridden by amateur Jamie Codd, finished runner-up in the 2017 Randox Health Grand National, only failing to cope with the British-trained winner One For Arthur.
- Jenny Pitman, who became the first woman to train a Grand National winner, sent out Corbiere (1983) and Royal Athlete (1995) to succeed. Her Esha Ness also 'won' the void race in 1993.
- Three other women have trained a winner of the Grand National

TRAINER FACTS

- Venetia Williams (Mon Mome 2009)
- Sue Smith (Auroras Encore 2013)
- Lucinda Russell (One For Arthur 2017)
- Nigel Twiston-Davies is the only current trainer to have won the Grand National more than once - being successful with Earth Summit (1998) and Bindaree (2002).
- Martin Pipe, who broke many records during his training career, had more runners in a Grand National than any other trainer when saddling 10 of the 40-strong field in 2001 - with the remounted Blowing Wind doing best in third place. He saddled the 1994 winner Minnehoma.
- Martin Pipe's son David, who became the trainer at Pond House Stables on the Devon/Somerset border in 2006, followed the family tradition by winning the 2008 Grand National with Comply Or Die, owned by the late David Johnson.
- The two other father and son combinations to train at least one winner each have been Ginger and Donald McCain, and Tom and Fred Rimell. Ginger's tremendous achievements are listed on pages 46 & 47, while Donald McCain sent out Ballabriggs in 2011. Dad Tom Rimell was responsible for the 1932 scorer Forbra, while Rimell junior's terrific exploits are also spelt out on pages 46 & 47.
- A select band of five trainers have managed to win Britain's two most famous races - the Grand National and the Derby. George Blackwell (GN: 1923 Sergeant Murphy; D: 1903 Rock Sand), Richard Dawson (GN: 1898 Droghead; D: 1916 Fifinella, 1929 Trigo, 1930 Blenheim), James Jewitt (GN: 1876 Regal; D: 1884 Harvester, 1892 Sir Hugo), Vincent O'Brien (GN: 1953 Early Mist, 1954 Royal Tan, 1955 Quare Times; D: 1962 Larkspur, 1968 Sir Ivor, 1970 Nijinsky, 1972 Roberto, 1977 The Minstrel, 1982 Golden Fleece) and Willie Stephenson (GN: 1959 Oxo; D: 1951 Arctic Prince).
- Oliver Sherwood and his wife Tanya, responsible for the 2015 winner Many Clouds, both rode in the Grand National. Oliver partnered Venture To Cognac to finish eighth in 1983, while the then Tanya Davis, a professional jockey, pulled up Numerate at the 21st fence in 1989.
- The last two permit-holders (train just horses they or their family own) to send out Grand National winners were Norman Mason, who triumphed with Red Marauder in 2001 and Frank Gilman, the Leicestershire-based farmer, who was responsible for Grittar in 1982.

2017 WINNING TRAINER

LUCINDA RUSSELL

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Lucinda Russell became only the second Scottish-based trainer to win the Randox Health Grand National as One For Arthur stormed to an impressive victory in 2017, 38 years after the success of Rubstic in 1979.

Scotland's leading trainer, who has sent out over 600 winners from her family's Arlary House Stables near Milnafort in the County of Kinross since starting out in 1995, also joined a select group of women handlers to taste glory in the world's greatest chase, emulating Jenny Pitman, Venetia Williams and Sue Smith.

Having moved from Edinburgh as a young child (born on June 24, 1966), Russell grew up surrounded by horses and credits an early Grand National memory as a defining moment that eventually put her on the path to training.

"I remember getting a real kick out of Red Rum winning his third Grand National (1977) and I think that's when I fell in love with racing," she explained.

"The Grand National is such an incredible race, everyone has their own story about it. Straight after the race I kept thinking, 'This is incredible, I've just won the Grand National!' and it doesn't really sink in. It's just been my ambition all the time.

"Everyone kept saying beforehand that the worst question a journalist can ask you is "how would it feel to win the National?" and you think "Oh for goodness sake, what would it mean? - it means everything, of course it does.

"It's really funny how everything went right. The preparation for One For Arthur - when we worked out what training he was going to have, we built in an extra week for something to go wrong like lose a shoe.

Russell, who holds a degree in psychology from St Andrews University, enjoyed a successful career as a three-day eventer and at bringing on horses to Badminton standards and selling them on.

She did well as a point-to-point trainer and won on one of her three rides in that sphere, but she recalls that it was a two-horse race - at Fife in April, 1993, when she guided Panegyrist to victory. She trained a hunter chase winner with Gunmetal Boy at Kelso on April 5, 1993.

After a brief career in marketing, she took out a full trainers licence in August, 1995, and the following month she saddled her first winner with her first runner, Fiveleigh Builds at Perth in September, 1995.

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"We had the race in mind for him all season and we were dead keen that he should get to Aintree in the best possible shape.

"We had all bases covered with lots of people doing all different things - massage people, vets, our farrier - and it has been amazing to produce a horse to win the greatest chase in the world."

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Two subsequent runners prior to One For Arthur also completed the course without being able to mount serious challenges, with Strong Resolve coming home 17th in 2005 and Silver By Nature finishing 12th six years later.

Her father Peter is chairman of Ian Macleod Distillers, which produces Isle of Skye Scotch Whisky and Glengoyne Single Malt Whisky.

Russell was formerly married to leading three-day eventer Magnus Nicholson and she is assisted by her current partner, legendary Jump jockey Peter Scudamore, the eight-time champion jockey who was closest to winning the Grand National when third on Corbiere in 1985 from 12 rides in the race.

Her best season numerically came in 2013/2014 when she sent out 66 winners.

Irish point-to-point graduate One For Arthur was purchased for £60,000 by Russell and bloodstock agent Tom Malone at Brightwells sale at Cheltenham Racecourse in December, 2013, on behalf of the Two Golf Widows, Bel McClung and Debs Thomson.

They had considered quite a few horses in the sale, but Russell and the two owners were adamant it had to One For Arthur.

Before the Randox Health Grand National victory, he had already established himself as a progressive staying chaser.

The son of Milan had shaped well over the Grand National fences when a close fifth in the Becher Handicap Chase earlier in the season before warming up for the big race with an impressive victory in the G3 Classic Handicap Chase at Warwick on soft going in January - a performance that guaranteed his place in the Grand National.

"One For Arthur jumped fantastically and I thought Derek gave him a great ride," commented Russell after seeing the eight-year-old triumph at Aintree. "I have such



faith in the horse and Derek, and I knew that we had produced him for the minute.

"He's a fabulous horse and you only have to ride him once or twice to know he's a real superstar. I think that the first time that Derek rode him at Kelso at the start of the season, he came back and said 'I've never ridden a horse like that' and it's just great for him now to win the Grand National.

"Very, very good horses have something about them and One For Arthur certainly has it."

One For Arthur's Aintree success also capped a tremendous season for jockey Derek Fox, who had been appointed stable jockey to Russell following the retirement of Peter Buchanan in April, 2016.

"Derek is amazing," Russell commented. "I know he's a horseman and everything, but his timing is fantastic as well, and the self-confidence he has is brilliant. He had One For Arthur jumping brilliantly.

"He is so mentally and physically tough. He had a broken wrist four weeks beforehand and we were really worried about him, but he has absolutely come back and given the horse the ride of his life.

"Before the Melling Road, I was up with the owners and we just shouted 'We're going to win the National'."

"With a horse like that and a jockey like that, what could be better? Derek is great at getting these horses to finish strongly and I knew that he would stay, so maybe it was a bit bold but it was right."

Russell was quick to pay tribute to her team for getting One For Arthur to Aintree in peak condition, including Scudamore whose father Michael won the 1959 Grand National on Oxo.

Scudamore said: "There were times before Christmas when I thought: 'I have been champion jockey, why am I exposing myself to this poor humiliation?'

"We changed a few things at Christmas-time and it picked up again. Sometimes loyalty is still a great thing and I was very pleased that we stuck by Derek and he won the National."

Russell added: "I always say that it's fine, I am the figurehead and I am saying what is going on, but actually it is everyone back home who have done so much, from the farrier getting up on a Saturday morning to our vet coming here.

"We have got a fantastic team behind us and it is great - long may it continue."

"One For Arthur is owned by two fantastic ladies from the Borders, who have really come on board with us and are having the greatest times of their lives as well."

"They have been so loyal to us and have let us get on and train the horse. They have been behind us the whole way and the great thing is how much they are enjoying it now."

"Winning the Grand National has elevated my confidence that I can train at the highest level and that's important to me."

"But, it's not really about me. I'm getting all of this publicity just now but in truth it's about everyone behind you - they're the ones that look after all these horses and do all the hard work for all of us."

One For Arthur was ruled out of this year's Randox Health Grand National with a slight tendon injury, but Russell is hoping that the chaser can return to Aintree for the 2019 renewal of the Randox Health Grand National.



TRAINER RECORDS

SELECTED TRAINERS FROM 1980 EVERY RUNNER, BEFORE IN ITALICS

CONRAD ALLEN - 2 RUNNERS

1988 Smartside FELL 19th
2004 Royal Atala PU 29th

KIM BAILEY - 24

1983 Menford REF 19th
1986 Late Night Extra PU 12th

1990 MR FRISK WON

1991 Docklands Express FELL 1st
1991 Mr Frisk PU 22nd
1992 Docklands Express 4th
1994 Master Oats FELL 13th
1995 Romany King 6th
1995 Master Oats 7th
1996 Over The Stream 13th
1997 Master Oats 5th
1997 Glemot UR 7th
2000 Druid's Brook UR 12th
2001 Supreme Charm UR 15th
2002 Supreme Charm 5th
2003 Wonder Weasel FELL 3rd
2004 Wonder Weasel PU 28th
2007 Longshanks 7th

2012 MIDNIGHT HAZE

2013 The Rainbow Hunter
UR 8th

2014 THE RAINBOW HUNTER

UR 9th

2015 THE RAINBOW HUNTER

FELL 26th

2016 THE LAST SAMURI

2nd

2017 THE LAST SAMURI

16th

ANDREW BALDING - 2

2003 Gunner Welburn 4th
2004 Gunner Welburn PU 20th

CHRIS BEALBY - 1

2011 Surface To Air 8th

ENDA BOLGER IRE - 6

2000 Lucky Town 8th
2002 Spot Thedifference
UR 27th

2004 Spot Thedifference 5th
2005 Spot Thedifference 18th
2009 L'Ami PU 30th
2016 Gilgamboa 4th

PETER BOWEN - 10

2005 Ballycassidy UR 2nd
2005 Take The Stand UR 15th
2006 Ballycassidy FELL 25th
2007 McKelvey 2nd
2007 Ballycassidy UR 24th
2008 Iron Man UR 3rd
2008 McKelvey UR 20th
2013 Always Waining 10th
2013 Mumbles Head REF 30th
2015 Al Co UR 1st

MARK BRADSTOCK - 1

1998 Do Rightly FELL 4th

SUE BRAMALL IRE - 2

1996 Antonin 8th
1997 Antonin 11th

MARTIN BRASSIL IRE - 3

2006 NUMBERSIXVALVERDE WON

2007 Numbersixvalverde 6th
2014 Double Seven 3rd

JOHN BRIDGER - 1

1981 No Gypsy FELL 9th

DAVID BRIDGWATER - 1

2015 Wyck Hill PU 29th

HENRY DE BROMHEAD IRE - 3

2014 Buckers Bridge 11th
2016 Home Farm PU 21st
2017 Stellar Notion PU 13th

BOB BUCKLER - 1

2010 Niche Market PU 29th

CHARLES BYRNES IRE - 2

2002 Super Franky FELL 18th
2007 Cloudy Bays REF 15th

JULIE CAMACHO - 1

1999 Avro Anson 17th

MICHAEL CHAPMAN - 3

1987 Preben Fur 17th
1988 Preben Fur PU 21st
1992 Why So Hasty PU 26th

RICHARD CHOTARD FR - 1

2015 River Choice FELL 6th

THOMAS COOPER IRE - 1

2013 Forpadydeplasterer
PU 24th

FRANCOIS COTTIN FR - 1

2009 Musica Bella FELL 12th

STUART CRAWFORD IRE - 2

2011 Killyglen FELL 27th
2012 Killyglen UR 8th

GAVIN CROMWELL IRE - 1

2017 Raz De Maree UR 6th

JIM CULLOTY IRE - 3

2015 Spring Heeled 14th
2015 Lord Windermere PU 25th
2017 Lord Windermere 7th

SIMON EARLE - 1

1997 Dextra Dove PU 27th

MICK EASTERBY - 2

1985 Mr Snugfit 2nd
1986 Mr Snugfit 4th

TIM EASTERBY - 1

1998 Scotton Banks UR 26th

GORDON ELLIOTT IRE - 13

2007 SILVER BIRCH WON

2009 Silver Birch FELL 22nd
2010 Backstage UR 20th
2011 Backstage 10th
2012 Tharawaat 8th
2012 Chicago Grey BD 5th
2013 Tarquinius 8th
2013 Chicago Grey PU 30th
2015 Cause Of Causes 8th
2016 Ucello Conti 6th
2017 Cause Of Causes 2nd
2017 Roi Des Francs 18th
2017 Ucello Conti UR 22nd

BRIAN ELLISON - 2

2012 Neptune Equester 13th
2017 Definitely Red PU 9th

DAVID ELSWORTH - 9

1983 Canford Ginger PU 16th
1984 Canford Ginger 23rd

1988 RHYME 'N' REASON WON

1989 Cerimau FELL 1st
1990 Ghofar 14th
1992 Ghofar 11th
1992 Mighty Falcon 18th
1994 Mighty Falcon UR 13th
1995 Cool Ground 11th

PETER FAHEY IRE - 1

2015 Owega Star 13th

PAT FAHY IRE - 4

1995 Nuaffe FELL 20th
1997 Nuaffe FELL 11th
1998 Dun Belle UR 9th
2016 Morning Assembly 8th

JOHNNY FARRELLY - 1

2014 Battle Group
REF TO RACE

RICHARD FORD - 2

2005 Forest Gunner 5th
2006 Forest Gunner 9th

TOM GEORGE - 8

2003 Tremallt 9th
2006 Lord Of Illusion PU 17th
2009 Kilbeggan Blade PU 21st
2013 Big Fella Thanks UR 8th
2015 Saint Are 2nd
2016 Saint Are PU 30th
2017 Saint Are 3rd
2017 Double Shuffle PU 29th

TOM GIBNEY IRE - 1

2014 Lion Na Bearnai PU 27th

NICK GIFFORD - 2

2004 Skycab UR 6th
2005 Joly Bey 14th

NOEL GLYNN IRE - 3

2011 Becauseicouldntsee
FELL 2nd
2012 Becauseicouldntsee
FELL 8th
2013 Becauseicouldntsee PU 21st

WARREN GREATREX - 2

2015 Tranquil Sea 7th

2015 Dolatulo 19th

RICHARD GUEST - 3

2003 Red Ark PU 25th
2003 Red Striker UR 27th
2006 Shotgun Willy PU 18th

EDDIE HALES IRE - 1

2002 Wicked Crack FELL 1st

MICKY HAMMOND - 3

1996 Sir Peter Lely 4th
1997 Valiant Warrior 10th
1997 Pink Gin 14th

JOHN HANLON IRE - 1

2012 Alfa Beat FELL 7th

DONAL HASSETT IRE - 1

1996 Rust Never Sleeps PU 13th

RUNE HAUGEN NOR - 1

2000 Trinitro FELL 1st

NIGEL HAWKE - 1

1999 Kendal Cavalier 7th

NICKY HENDERSON - 40+

1980 Zongalero REF 20th
1981 Zongalero FELL 22nd
1982 Sun Lion FELL 3rd
1983 Spartan Missile UR 22nd
1984 Spartan Missile 16th

1985 Classified 5th
1986 Classified 3rd
1986 The Tsarevich 7th
1987 The Tsarevich 2nd
1987 Classified UR 25th

1988 The Tsarevich 7th

1990 Brown Windsor 4th

1991 Ten Of Spades 14th

1991 Master Bob PU 19th

1992 Brown Windsor FELL 6th

1994 Henry Mann FELL 1st

1995 Tinnyland FELL 1st

1998 Pashto FELL 1st

1999 Fiddling The Facts

FELL 22nd

2000 Esprit De Cotte

FELL 22nd

2001 Esprit De Cotte UR 11th

2002 Marlborough FELL 1st

2002 Goguenard FELL 1st

2003 Katarino UR 15th

2005 Fondmort PU 28th

2006 Juveigneur FELL 1st

2006 Iris Royal PU 17th

2007 Liberthine 5th

2009 Golden Flight FELL 1st

2009 Fleet Street UR 18th

2012 Shakalaboomboom 9th

2013 Roberto Goldback UR 30th

2014 Hunt Ball 17th

2014 Long Run FELL 9th

2014 Shakalaboomboom

PU 20th

2014 Triolo D'Alene PU 22nd

2016 Triolo D'Alene 14th

TRAINERS

DERMOT MCLOUGHLIN - 1
2016 Vics Canvas 3rd

ANDREW McNAMARA IRE - 3
1983 Yer Man 3rd
1984 Yer Man 17th
1995 Desert Lord FELL 21st

NOEL MEADE IRE - 6
2003 The Bunny Boiler UR 1st
2004 The Bunny Boiler 10th
2005 Arctic Copper 19th
2006 Sir Oj FELL 22nd
2017 Wounded Warrior PU 30th
2017 Measureofmydreams UR 15th

NED MITCHELL IRE - 2
1989 Seeandem FELL 6th
2006 Garvivonnian PU 17th

NICK MITCHELL - 1
2010 Ellerslie George UR 23rd

JAMES MOFFATT - 2
2011 Chief Dan George 17th
2017 Highland Lodge PU 30th

ARTHUR MOORE IRE - 16
1982 Mullacurry FELL 1st
1984 Clonhturtin FELL 6th
1985 Clonhturtin PU 24th
1990 Thinking Cap FELL 3rd
1994 New Mill House FELL 6th
1996 Wynde Hide UR 24th
1997 Back Bar FELL 7th
1997 Wynde Hide UR 22nd
1997 Feathered Gale PU 27th
2002 Lyreen Wonder UR 20th
2005 Marcus Du Berlais UR 22nd
2005 Glenelly Gale PU 28th
2006 Native Upmanship REF 27th
2008 King Johns Castle 2nd
2010 King Johns Castle REF TO RACE
2012 Organisedconfusion UR 8th

MOUSE MORRIS IRE - 22
1984 Door Step FELL 18th
1987 Attitude Adjuster 8th
1987 Hi Harry REF 19th
1988 Attitude Adjuster 5th
1988 Lastofthebrownies FELL 28th
1989 Lastofthebrownies 4th
1989 Attitude Adjuster 12th
1989 Cranlome FELL 2nd
1990 Lastofthebrownies 5th
1991 Mick's Star 13th
1992 Rawhide UR 1st
1995 For William 15th
1996 Three Brownies 6th
1997 New Co 15th
2004 Alcapone PU 25th
2008 Baily Breeze 8th
2009 Hear The Echo FELL 30th
2015 First Lieutenant 16th

2016 RULE THE WORLD WON
2016 First Lieutenant FELL 2nd
2017 Rogue Angel PU 30th
2017 Thunder And Roses UR 9th

HUGHIE MORRISON - 1
2005 Frenchman's Creek UR 1st

JAMES MOTHERWAY IRE - 1
2011 Blusesa Cracker 14th

NEIL MULHOLLAND - 3

2015 The Druids Nephew FELL 26th
2016 The Druids Nephew PU 21st
2017 The Young Master FELL 6th

TOM MULLINS IRE - 3
2008 Chelsea Harbour 9th
2009 Chelsea Harbour FELL 3rd
2010 Made In Taipan FELL 5th

WILLIE MULLINS IRE - 33

2000 Micko's Dream FELL 1st
2002 Alexander Banquet UR 6th
2004 Alexander Banquet FELL 18th

JAMES MOFFATT - 2

2011 Chief Dan George 17th
2017 Highland Lodge PU 30th

ARTHUR MOORE IRE - 16

1982 Mullacurry FELL 1st
1984 Clonhturtin FELL 6th
1985 Clonhturtin PU 24th
1990 Thinking Cap FELL 3rd
1994 New Mill House FELL 6th
1996 Wynde Hide UR 24th
1997 Back Bar FELL 7th
1997 Wynde Hide UR 22nd
1997 Feathered Gale PU 27th
2002 Lyreen Wonder UR 20th
2005 Marcus Du Berlais UR 22nd
2005 Glenelly Gale PU 28th
2006 Native Upmanship REF 27th
2008 King Johns Castle 2nd
2010 King Johns Castle REF TO RACE
2012 Organisedconfusion UR 8th

MOUSE MORRIS IRE - 22
1984 Door Step FELL 18th
1987 Attitude Adjuster 8th
1987 Hi Harry REF 19th
1988 Attitude Adjuster 5th
1988 Lastofthebrownies FELL 28th
1989 Lastofthebrownies 4th
1989 Attitude Adjuster 12th
1989 Cranlome FELL 2nd
1990 Lastofthebrownies 5th
1991 Mick's Star 13th
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1995 For William 15th
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2004 Alcapone PU 25th
2008 Baily Breeze 8th
2009 Hear The Echo FELL 30th
2015 First Lieutenant 16th

2016 RULE THE WORLD WON
2016 First Lieutenant FELL 2nd
2017 Rogue Angel PU 30th
2017 Thunder And Roses UR 9th

PAT MURPHY - 1
2003 Supreme Glory 2nd

DR RICHARD NEWLAND - 3
2014 PINEAU DE RE WON

2015 Royale Knight 6th
2015 Pineau De Re 12th

PAUL NICHOLLS - 74

1992 Just So 6th
1996 Vicompt De Valmont 10th
1996 Brackenfield UR 19th

1996 Deep Bramble PU 29th
1997 Straight Talk FELL 14th
1998 What A Hand FELL 1st

1998 Court Melody FELL 6th
1998 General Crack PU 11th
1999 Strong Chairman 15th

1999 Double Thriller FELL 1st
2000 Earthmover FELL 4th
2000 Torduff Express FELL 13th

2000 Flaked Oats FELL 20th
2000 Escartefigue UR 30th
2001 Earthmover FELL 4th

2002 Murt's Man PU 17th
2002 Ad Hoc BD 27th
2003 Montifault 5th

2003 Fadalko UR 6th
2003 Ad Hoc UR 19th

2003 Shotgum Willy PU 22nd
2003 Torduff Express UR 27th

2004 Exit To Wave PU 9th
2005 Royal Auclair 2nd

2005 Heros Collonges 8th
2005 L'Aventure 15th

2005 Ad Hoc FELL 22nd
2006 Royal Auclair FELL 1st

2006 Le Duc UR 8th
2006 Silver Birch FELL 15th

2006 Heros Collonges UR 15th
2011 Dooney's Gate FELL 6th

2011 Arbor Supreme FELL 28th
2012 The Midnight Club 11th

2012 Quiscover Fontaine FELL 17th
2012 On His Own FELL 22nd

2013 Quiscover Fontaine 16th
2013 Quel Esprit PU 24th

2013 On His Own FELL 25th
2014 Vesper Bell 13th

2014 Prince De Beauchene 16th
2015 Ballycasey BD 8th

2016 On His Own FELL 15th
2016 Sir Des Champs FELL 15th

2016 Boston Bob PU 22nd
2016 Ballycasey UR 29th

2017 Pleasant Company 9th

FERDY MURPHY FR - 15

1999 Addington Boy 4th
2000 Addington Boy 5th

2001 Addington Boy UR 2nd
2001 Paddy's Return FELL 3rd

2002 Streamstown 9th
2002 Birkdale 10th

2002 Paris Pike FELL 1st
2002 Ackzo PU 20th

2003 Ballinlay King PU 15th
2004 Luzcadou FELL 1st

2005 Europa 20th
2006 Joe's Edge 7th

2006 Haute De Gamme FELL 20th

2007 Joes Edge PU 20th
2011 Big Fella Thanks 7th

JACQUES ORTEL FR - 1

2003 Empereur River PU 22nd

2016 Rocky Creek PU 12th
2016 Wonderful Charm PU 21st
2016 Black Thunder PU 21st
2017 Le Mercurey 12th
2017 Just A Par 14th
2017 Wonderful Charm 19th
2017 Vicente FELL 1st
2017 Saphir Du Rhei FELL 11th

PAUL NOLAN IRE - 3
2005 Colnel Rayburn PU 27th
2006 Colnel Rayburn PU 27th
2013 Joncol PU 19th

AIDAN O'BRIEN IRE - 1
1996 Life Of A Lord 7th

FERGAL O'BRIEN - 3
2014 Alvarado 4th
2015 Alvarado 4th
2017 Perfect Candidate PU 27th

EDWARD O'GRADY IRE - 5
1982 Deep Gale FELL 1st
1985 Drumlargan PU 22nd
1986 Drumlargan FELL 15th
1998 Gimme Five 5th
2004 Takagi UR 15th

THOMAS O'LEARY IRE - 2
2009 Preists Leap 14th
2010 Preists Leap 14th

DAVID O'MEARA - 1
2014 Rose Of The Moon FELL 26th

JONJO O'NEILL - 31
2003 Carbury Cross 7th
2004 Clan Royal 2nd
2004 Joss Naylor PU 19th
2005 Simply Gifted 3rd
2005 Shamawan 21st

2005 Clan Royal CO 22nd
2005 Native Emperor UR 9th

2006 Clan Royal 3rd
2006 Risk Accessor 5th

2007 Clan Royal 11th
2008 Bob Hall PU 19th

2008 Butler's Cabin FELL 22nd
2009 Butler's Cabin 7th

2009 Reveillez BD 3rd
2010 My Will 3rd

2010 Tricky Trickster 9th
2010 Nozic UR 20th

2011 Niche Market 5th
2011 Ornais FELL 4th

2011 The Tother One FELL 6th
2011 What A Friend PU 27th

2012 NEPTUNE COLLONGES WON

2013 Join Together 12th
2013 What A Friend PU 19th

2013 Harry The Viking PU 26th

2014 Rocky Creek 5th
2014 Hawkes Point 18th

2014 Tidal Bay UR 8th

2015 Mon Parrain 11th

2015 Rocky Creek 17th

2015 Unioniste FELL 5th

2015 Royal Rebellion PU 26th

2016 Unioniste 10th

2016 Just A Par 15th

2016 Silviniaco Conti PU 14th

JOHN O'SHEA - 1
1997 Go Ballistic PU 29th

MAURICE PHELAN IRE - 1
2015 Portrait King FELL 28th

RICHARD PHILLIPS - 1
2001 Noble Lord FELL 13th

DAVID PIPE - 31
2007 Puntal 8th
2007 Celtic Son PU 22nd

2008 COMPLY OR DIE WON

2008 Milan Deux Mille 15th
2008 Madison Du Berlais FELL 8th

2008 Vodka Bleu PU 19th
2008 Joaaci FELL 20th

2009 Comply Or Die 2nd
2009 Artea 10th

2010 Pablo Du Charmil FELL 2nd

2010 Madison Du Berlais FELL 19th

2010 The Package UR 19th
2011 Piraya 19th

2011 Or Noir De Somoza FELL 6th

2011 Comply Or Die PU 29th
2012 Swing Bill 10th

2012 Junior FELL 2nd
2013 Swing Bill 6th

2014 Swing Bill 9th
2014 The Package 12th

2014 Our Father UR 8th
2015 Soll 9th

2016 Vieux Lion Rouge 7th
2016 Ballynagour UR 19th

2016 Soll PU 21st
2017 Vieux Lion Rouge 6th

2017 Ballynagour 11th
2017 La Vaticane 15th

2017 Doctor Harper PU 29th

JOHN QUEALLY IRE - 3
1999 Merry People 16th

2000 Merry People UR 14th

2001 Merry People UR 7th

CHRISTY ROCHE IRE - 5

2003 Youlneverwalkalone PU 13th

2017 WINNING OWNER



THE TWO GOLF WIDOWS

The Two Golf Widows, a partnership between Bel McClung and Debs Thomson, won the Randox Health Grand National with their first runner in the world's greatest chase, when One For Arthur proudly prevailed at Aintree on April 8, 2017.

It was a tremendous thrill for the two Scots to see One For Arthur win so well, receive the winner's trophy and enjoy the prolonged celebrations at Aintree, then at trainer Lucinda Russell's base near Milnathort and long beyond.

Belinda (Bel) McClung, who is married to Fraser, hails from Ancrum near Jedburgh, while Kelso native Deborah (Debs) is based in Gullane near Jedburgh, where she lives with her partner Colin Dempster.

The pair went to school and pony club together, but drifted out of each other's lives. Both women went on to own horses in various partnerships at trainer Lucinda Russell's yard and met up again there.

They got into racehorse ownership together as they wanted an activity they could enjoy while their menfolk played golf.

McClung has also acted as a raceday steward at Ayr, Kelso and Musselburgh racecourses in Scotland.



Speaking after their success last year, Thomson said: "It was just a great feeling. One For Arthur was at the back quite a bit and people thought he had fallen.

"He was only mentioned at the second last and he was going so well we were confident he was going to win.

"Coming down the home straight, we thought we had got a definite chance.

"When he crossed the Melling Road, the trainer said we had got a Grand National winner, but I was not quite as confident.

"The way he jumps is like a stag and he just knocked them off one by one.

"We were just screaming when he came over the last fence till he crossed the line - it was an amazing feeling. It was a dream just getting him to the Grand National and then to win!"

McClung added: "One For Arthur showed his class. I thought at Warwick (on his previous start) he looked the best he ever had and Tom Malone, who bought him, said the same.

"I thought the going might be a bit too quick for him at Aintree and then he was out the back. But he was lobbing along and demonstrated his class."

Recalling how the Two Golf Widows was formed, McClung explained: "We were at Kelso races and had had a lot of gin and decided to get a horse together.

"We went to Cheltenham sales and got One For Arthur [for £60,000 in December, 2013]."

The son of Milan had by that time run in five Irish point-to-points, being placed twice and winning his final one, a 12-runner three-mile maiden at Lingstown by three lengths the month before.

Bred by John Dwan at his Ballyreddin Stud in Co. Kilkenny, One For Arthur was sold for 14,000 euros as a yearling and then for 34,000 euros as a three-year-old in 2012.

He has since won seven of his 19 races for Russell and been placed second or third in another eight of those outings.

Thomson added: "We always hoped he'd be a National horse in the making. When he was hurdling, we always thought he'd be a chaser - he's a fabulous jumper and a stayer.

"Our dream was to get him to Aintree, but to actually win, well I'm lost for words. I'm just delighted.

"When we were younger, we had ponies and hunted. We liked racing and we both have had horses before with Lucinda,

"The partnership name is slightly tongue-in-cheek - but my partner Colin is on the golf course every weekend. There's probably two weekends a year when he's not! And Fraser's a keen golfer.

"Bel and I decided to have a horse together and that is when we found Arthur. We didn't realise we had just bought such an amazing horse, but he has given us such a wonderful journey."

Although One For Arthur was only the second Scottish-trained winner of the Randox Health Grand National after Rubstic in 1979, One Arthur's success in 2017 for the Two Golf Widows continued a good recent run for Scottish-owned horses.

The 2014 hero Pineau De Re was owned by Scottish-born John Provan, while the three owners of the 2013 winner Auroras Encore all had connections with Scotland.

One For Arthur sustained a slight tendon injury late last year and therefore will miss the 2017/2018 season, but it is expected he will back in pre-training by late summer.

The horse, who had had four months of rest in his box and walking, was allowed out in a field for the first time since the injury on January 24, 2018, after his tendon had scanned well.

He will commence work on a water treadmill in a month or so and is on target for a return to pre-training.



SUCCESSFUL OWNERS

2017 TWO GOLF WIDOWS

ONE FOR ARTHUR

School friends Belinda McClung and Deborah Thomson, who both live in Scotland, decided to buy One For Arthur to give themselves an interest while their partners were playing golf. They chose well and One For Arthur became only the second Scottish-trained winner of the Randox Health Grand National.

2016 GIGGINSTOWN HOUSE STUD

RULE THE WORLD

Gigginstown House Stud in Co Westmeath, Ireland belongs to Michael O'Leary, chief executive of Ryanair, Europe's largest budget airline. As well as winning the Grand National with Rule The World, O'Leary also saw his colours carried to victory by Don Cossack in the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Rogue Angel in the Irish Grand National, both the month before. Gigginstown House Stud ended the 2015/2016 season as champion owner in both Britain & Ireland.

2015 TREVOR HEMMINGS

MANY CLOUDS (2015), BALLABRIGGS (2011) & HEDGEHUNTER (2005)

Trevor Hemmings started his working life as an apprentice bricklayer and was involved with a Southport holiday village for Pontins - a company he would later own alongside

a host of other business interests. The Isle of Man resident followed Fred Pontin (Specify - 1971) and outdid his mentor with Grand National success - becoming the joint winning-most owner in the race's history with a third victory, all with different horses, in 2015 at the age of 80 thanks to Many Clouds.

2014 JOHN PROVAN PINEAU DE RE

Derbyshire-based John Provan, who was born in Glasgow, once rode against Princess Anne as an amateur rider on the Flat. He runs a printing company in Birmingham and met Dr Richard Newland after moving to the same village as the trainer.

2013 DOUGLAS PRYDE, JIM BEAUMONT & DAVID VAN DER HOEVEN

Auroras Encore

Douglas Pryde, Jim Beaumont and David van der Hoeven are based in Scotland, but both Pryde and Beaumont boast strong connections with Liverpool, having been residents in the city. They met each other at Aintree during the Grand National in the 1980s and entered racehorse ownership with the aim of winning the big race at Aintree and their fairytale came true.

2012 JOHN HALES NEPTUNE COLLONGES

The year 2012 proved very fruitful for John Hales. Not only did he win the Grand National with the grey Neptune Collonges, but his company Golden Bear Products produced the official soft toys for the Olympics in London.

2010 J P McMANUS DON'T PUSH IT

Legendary Irish owner J P McManus' persistence was rewarded when Don't Push gave him a first Grand National success after 28 years of trying.

2009 VIDA BINGHAM MON MOME

Mon Mome was former England international bridge player Vida Bingham's third racehorse, although the 75-year-old had been going racing ever since she was a child.

2008 DAVID JOHNSON COMPLY OR DIE

The son of a docker from London's East End, David Johnson started work at Midland Bank at the age of 16 and subsequently made a fortune in the money business. Johnson died in July, 2013, aged 67.

2007 BRIAN WALSH SILVER BIRCH

One of the youngest owners ever to win the Grand National, 26-year-old Irishman Brian Walsh bought Silver Birch with a view to running him in the Pardubicka in the Czech Republic, but ended up winning the Grand National.

2006 BERNARD CARROLL

NUMBERSIXVALVERDE

The winner was named after the Irish owner's holiday home in the Algarve, Portugal. Bernard Carroll, a Dublin-based property developer, had owned racehorses since 1975.

2004 JOHN HALEWOOD

AMBERLEIGH HOUSE

Merseyside native John Halewood founded Halewood International, a major producer and importer of speciality drinks, in 1978 from his garage. He passed away in October, 2011, but his company's close links to the great race and the area led to it sponsoring the Grand National through the Crabbie's brand between 2014 and 2016.

2002 RAYMOND MOULD

BINDAREE

Raymond Mould reputedly sold his Arlington Group for £20 million in 1989 and was chairman of Pillar Property when it was purchased by British Land for £811 million in 2005. He owned plenty of racehorses before his death in September, 2015.

2001 NORMAN MASON

RED MARAUDER

The son of a master baker from Sunderland, Norman Mason made his millions from a network of bingo halls and amusement arcades in his native North East.

2000 BETTY MORAN PAPILLON

Better known in her native America as a leading Flat owner and breeder, Betty Moran's family wealth derived from the pharmaceutical giant SmithKline Beecham.

1998 THE SUMMIT PARTNERSHIP

EARTH SUMMIT

The six members of the Summit Partnership included Nigel Payne, Aintree's press officer, and ex-professional footballer Ricky George.

1997 SIR STAN CLARKE

LORD GYLLENE

Sir Stan Clarke started his working life as a plumber and built his fortune largely through property development. He also founded Northern Racing. He died aged 71 in September, 2004.

1995 GARY & LIBBY JOHNSON

ROYAL ATHLETE

Wokingham car dealer Gary Johnson bought Royal Athlete for only £1,500, but the fragile horse proved to be a money spinner for his owner.

1994 FREDDIE STARR MIINNEHOMA

The comedian did not attend Aintree due to superstition, but instead chose to link up by mobile phone after the triumph with trainer Martin Pipe and presenter Des Lynam on BBC television.

1992 PATRICIA THOMPSON

PARTY POLITICS

Patricia and her husband David are best known as the owners of Cheveley Park Stud in Newmarket and for their Flat performers who run in the stud's colours. Mrs Thompson has purchased other Grand National prospects since.

1991 SIR ERIC PARKER SEAGRAM

Ivan Straker, chairman of Seagram Distillers which sponsored the Grand National through Seagram and then Martell, turned down the chance to buy the racehorse Seagram, who won in the colours of Sir Eric Parker, former chief executive of Trafalgar House. Parker, who bred racehorses as well as owning them, passed away at the age of 81 in October, 2014.

1990 LOIS DUFFEY

MR FRISK

The American owner was 80 when successful with the Kim Bailey-trained Mr Frisk and lived until the age of 96.

THREE WINS

- James Machell (Disturbance 1873, Reugny 1874 and Regal 1876).
- Sir Charles Assheton-Smith, previously Charles Duff, (Cloister 1893, Jerry M 1912 and Covertcoat 1913).
- Noel Le Mare (Red Rum 1973, 1974 and 1977).
- Trevor Hemmings (Hedgehunter 2005, Ballabriggs 2011 and Many Clouds 2015).

TWO WINS

- John Elmore (Lottery 1839, Gay Lad 1842).
- Joseph Osborne (also trainer of Abd-El-Kader 1850 and 1851).
- Christopher Capel (Little Charley 1858, Anatis 1860).
- Lord Coventry (Emblem 1863, Emblematic 1864).
- Lord Poulett (The Lamb 1868 and 1871).
- Noel Furlong (also trainer of Reynoldstown 1935 and 1936).
- Stanley Howard (Eremon 1907 and Jenkinstown 1910).
- Joe Griffin (Early Mist 1953, Royal Tan 1954).
- Pierre "Teasie Weasie" Raymond (Ayala 1963, Rag Trade 1976).

OLDEST WINNING OWNER

Jim Joel was 92 when Maori Venture won the 1987 Grand National, while Noel Le Mare came in at three years younger (89) when Red Rum gained his record-breaking third Grand National success in 1977.

YOUNGEST WINNING OWNER

Bryan Burrough, a 23-year-old stockbroker from Henley, owned Corbiere, who was trained by Jenny Pitman to win in 1983. Brian Walsh was 26 when Silver Birch took the 2007 renewal.

FACTS & FIGURES



GREYS

WINNERS

Three different grey horses have won the Grand National four times:

- The Lamb (1868 and 1871)
- Nicolaus Silver (1961)
- Neptune Collonges (2012).

GREYS PLACED SINCE 1997

1997	Suny Bay (2nd)
1998	Suny Bay (2nd)
2002	What's Up Boys (2nd)
2002	Kingsmark (4th)
2008	King Johns Castle (2nd)

STARTERS & FINISHERS

SMALLEST NUMBER OF FINISHERS

- Two horses finished in 1928 when 42 started, with Tipperary Tim beating the remounted Billy Barton by a distance.
- Three finished in both 1913 and 1951.
- The remounting of horses was banned in all races by the British Horseracing Authority in November, 2009.

MOST FINISHERS

- 23 went past the winning post in 1984, from 40 starters.
- There were 22 finishers in 1963, 1987 and 1992.

MOST RUNNERS

- 66 in 1929, while 57 lined up in 1947.
- The maximum field size is now 40.

LEAST RUNNERS

10 lined up in 1883.

GOING

YEAR	GOING	F	R
2017	Good to Soft	19	40
2016	Soft	16	39
2015	Good to Soft	19	39
2014	Good to Soft	18	40
2013	Good to Soft	17	40
2012	Good	15	40
2011	Good	19	40
2010	Good	14	40
2009	Good to Soft	17	40
2008	Good	15	40
2007	Good	12	40
2006	Good to Soft	9	40
2005	Good to Soft	21	40
2004	Good	11	39
2003	Good	14	40
2002	Good	11	40
2001	Heavy	4	40
2000	Good/Good to Firm	17	40
1999	Good	18	32
1998	Heavy	6	37
1997	Good	17	36
1996	Good	17	27
1995	Good	15	35
1994	Heavy	6	36
1993	Void race	-	-
1992	Good to Soft	22	40
1991	Good to Soft	17	40
1990	Firm	20	38
1989	Heavy	14	40
1988	Good to Soft	9	40
1987	Good	22	40
1986	Good to Soft	17	40
1985	Good to Soft	11	40
1984	Good	23	40
1983	Soft	10	41
1982	Good	8	39
1981	Good	12	39
1980	Heavy	4	30
1979	Good	7	34
1978	Firm	15	37
1977	Good	11	42
1976	Firm	16	32
1975	Good	10	31
1974	Good	17	42
1973	Firm	10	38
1972	Soft	9	42
1971	Good	13	38

MARES

WINNING MARES

1. Charity (1841)
2. Miss Mowbray (1852)
3. Anatis (1860)
4. Jealousy (1861)
5. Emblem (1863)
6. Emblematic (1864)
7. Casse Tete (1872)
8. Empress (1880)
9. Zoedone (1883)
10. Frigate (1889)
11. Shannon Lass (1902)
12. Sheila's Cottage (1948)
13. Nickel Coin (1951)

PLACED MARES SINCE 1951

1. Gentle Moya (2nd 1956)
2. Tiberetta (3rd 1957, 2nd 1958 & 4th 1959)
3. Miss Hunter (3rd 1970)
4. Eyecatcher (3rd 1976 and 1977)
5. Auntie Dot (3rd 1991)
6. Ebony Jane (4th 1994)
7. Dubacilla (4th 1995)

TIME

FASTEAST

Mr Frisk (1990) 8m 47.8s.

SLOWEST

Lottery (1839) 14m 53s.

These times are based on the distance of about four and a half miles which was run over up to and including 2012.

The race has taken place over four miles, two furlongs and 74 yards since 2013, with the fastest time of the four runnings to date being 8m 56.8s by Many Clouds in 2015.

WINNING DISTANCES

SHORTEST WINNING DISTANCE

Neptune Collonges won by a nose from Sunnyhillboy in 2012.

FURTHEST WINNING DISTANCE

A distance - Cloister (1893), Covercoat (1913), Shaun Splash (1921), Tipperary Tim (1928), Mr What (1958), Red Marauder (2001).

AGE OF THE WINNERS

MOST COMMON WINNING AGE

- Nine-year-olds have won 45 of the 170 runnings of the Grand National where the winner's age was recorded.
- The best recent record is by 11-year-olds, accounting for three of the last six winners - Neptune Collonges (2012), Auroras Encore (2013) and Pineau De Re (2014), though eight-year-olds Many Clouds (2015) and One For Arthur (2017) have triumphed since 2015.

OLDEST WINNER

Peter Simple (1853), aged 15.

YOUNGEST WINNER

- Alcibiade (1865), Regal (1876), Austerlitz (1877), Empress (1880) and Lutteur III (1909) were all aged five when successful in the Grand National.
- Since 2012, only seven-year-olds and upwards can take part.

WINNING AGES IN THE LAST 30 RUNNINGS

8-y-o	1. Party Politics (1992)
	2. Bindaree (2002)
	3. Many Clouds (2015)
	4. One For Arthur (2017)
9-y-o	1. Rhyme 'N' Reason (1988)
	2. Lord Gyllene (1997)
	3. Bobbyjo (1999)
	4. Papillon (2000)
	5. Hedgehunter (2005)
	6. Comply Or Die (2008)
	7. Mon Mome (2009)
	8. Rule The World (2016)
10-y-o	1. Rough Quest (1996)
	2. Earth Summit (1998)
	3. Monty's Pass (2003)
	4. Numbersixvalverde (2006)
	5. Silver Birch (2007)
	6. Don't Push It (2010)
	7. Ballabriggs (2011)
11-y-o	1. Maori Venture
	2. Mr Frisk (1990)
	3. Seagram (1991)
	4. Miinnehoma (1994)
	5. Red Marauder (2001)
	6. Neptune Collonges (2012)
	7. Auroras Encore (2013)
	8. Pineau De Re (2014)
12-y-o	1. Little Polveir (1989)
	2. Royal Athlete (1995)
	3. Amberleigh House (2004)

RESERVES

- Since 2000, every year bar three (2004-39, 2015-39 & 2016-39) has seen a full field of 40 line up. This is partly due to a system of reserves begun in 2000.
- Runners are declared 48 hours before the race and up to four reserves can be utilised if one of the original declarations is a non-runner by 1pm (used to be 9am up to and including 2015) on the day before the race. The change to the deadline for reserves was made after Carlito Brigante was taken out in 2015 at 11.12am on the Friday, leaving 39 to face the starter.
- A total of eight reserves have run in the Randox Health Grand National. Cerium and Royal Rosa were the latest to line up in 2010.

DETAILS OF RESERVES

2017	no reserves utilised
2016	no reserves utilised
2015	no reserves utilised
2014	no reserves utilised
2013	no reserves utilised
2012	no reserves utilised
2011	no reserves utilised
2010	1. CERIUM (FR) (Mr Pointment vet's certificate) 2. ROYAL ROSA (FR) (Abbeybraney self-certificate)
2009	no reserves utilised
2008	ARDAGHEY (IRE) (Opera Mundi vet's certificate)
2007	no reserves utilised
2006	no reserves utilised
2005	NATIVE EMPEROR (Turnium lame)
2004	1. MONTREAL (FR) (Silver Streak vet's certificate) 2. BRAMBLEHILL DUKE (IRE) (Red Striker ground)
2003	BRAMBLEHILL DUKE (IRE) (Kingsmark vet's certificate)
2002	no reserves utilised
2001	MERRY PEOPLE (Inn At The Top ground)
2000	no reserves utilised

AMATEUR WINNERS

In the 170 runnings of the Grand National, 41 have been won by amateur riders. Many of the top riders in the early days of Jump racing were non-professional and 27 19th century Grand Nationals went to amateurs.

FIRST AMATEUR WINNER

Mr Bartholomew Bretherton, aboard Jerry in 1840.

MOST SUCCESSFUL AMATEUR

- Three wins for Jack Anthony on Glenside (1911), Ally Sloper (1915) and Troytown (1920)
- Tommy Beasley on Empress (1880), Woodbrook (1881) and Frigate (1889)
- Tommy Pickernell on Anatis (1860), The Lamb (1871) and Pathfinder (1875).

MOST RECENT AMATEUR WINNER

Marcus Armytage on Mr Frisk in 1990. Armytage is racing correspondent of The Daily Telegraph and Horse & Hound.

MOST RECENT AMATEUR PLACING

Jamie Codd finished second on Cause Of Causes in 2017.

MOST SUCCESSFUL RIDER OVER GRAND NATIONAL FENCES

Sam Waley-Cohen, with six wins over the Grand National fences, is the most successful current rider over the Grand National fences, followed by leading professional Ruby Walsh who has enjoyed five victories.

Amateur jockey Waley-Cohen came fourth on Oscar Time in the 2013 Grand National and finished second on the same horse in 2011. His victories have included back-to-back victories on Katarino in the 2005 and 2006 Fox Hunters' Chases. In 2006, uniquely he won two races over the famous fences at the same Grand National Festival, also capturing the Topham Chase on Liberthine.

His other victories over the unique fences have come through Warne in the 2014 Fox Hunters', Oscar Time in the 2014 Becher Chase and Rajdhani Express in the 2015 Topham Chase.

OLDEST WINNER

Amateur Dick Saunders aged 48 on Grittar in 1982 on his first and only ride.

OLDEST TO COMPLETE

American Tim Durant was 68 when 15th on Highlandie in 1968 after he remounted at Becher's second time).

QUALIFIED TO RIDE

Since 2012, any jockey - amateur or professional - riding in the Grand National must have partnered at least 10 winners over fences and a minimum of 15 winners in total in hurdles and chases.

WINNING AMATEURS SINCE 1900

1990	Mr Marcus Armytage	Mr Frisk	16/1
1982	Mr Dick Saunders	Grittar	7/1F
1980	Mr Charlie Fenwick	Ben Nevis	40/1
1965	Mr Tommy Smith	Jay Trump	100/6
1946	Captain Bobby Petre	Lovely Cottage	25/1
1936	Mr Fulke Walwyn	Reynoldstown	10/1
1935	Mr Frank Furlong	Reynoldstown	22/1
1928	Mr Bill Dutton	Tipperary Tim	100/1
1925	Major John Wilson	Double Chance	100/9
1923	Capt Tuppy Bennet	Sergeant Murphy	100/6
1920	Mr Jack Anthony	Troytown	6/1
1915	Mr Jack Anthony	Ally Sloper	100/8
1911	Mr Jack Anthony	Glenside	20/1
1906	Mr Aubrey Hastings	Ascetic's Silver	20/1

AMATEURS IN THE LAST 12 RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONALS

2017	Mr Jamie Codd, Ms Katie Walsh, Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	Cause Of Causes, Wonderful Charm The Young Master	2nd 19th Fell 19th
2016	Ms Nina Carberry Mr Patrick Mullins Mr Sam Waley-Cohen Ms Katie Walsh	Sir Des Champs On His Own Black Thunder Balleycasey	Fell 15th Fell 15th PU 21st UR 29th
2015	Mr Sam-Waley-Cohen Ms Nina Carberry	Oscar Time First Lieutenant	15th 16th
2014	Ms Katie Walsh Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	Vesper Bell Long Run	13th Fell 9th
2013	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen Ms Katie Walsh	Oscar Time Seabass	4th 13th
2012	Ms Katie Walsh Ms Nina Carberry	Seabass Organisedconfusion	3rd UR 8th
2011	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen Ms Nina Carberry Mr Ryan Mahon Mr Patrick Mullins Mr Robbie McNamara	Oscar Time Character Building The Tother One Dooney's Gate Majestic Concorde	2nd 15th Fell 6th Fell 6th UR 24th
2010	Mr Sam Twiston-Davies Ms Nina Carberry	Hello Bud Character Building	5th 7th
2009	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	Ollie Magern	Fell 2nd
2008	Mr Nick Scholfield	Cornish Sett	12th
2007	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen Mr J T McNamara Mr Tom Greenall	Liberthine Clan Royal Sonevafushi	5th 11th PU 29th
2006	Ms Nina Carberry	Forest Gunner	9th
2005	Mr David Dunsdon Mr Tom Greenall	Joly Bey Glenelly Gale	14th PU 28th



John Francome, who went closest twice on Rough And Tumble - third in 1979 and second the following year.

Of current jockeys, Richard Johnson, so long in Sir A P McCoy's shadow, has tried 20 times without success, coming nearest to victory with two seconds - What's Up Boys in 2002 & Balthazar King in 2014.

MCCOY RECORD

Sir A P McCoy, who retired following a record-breaking career which included his 20th consecutive British champion Jump jockey title, in April, 2015, holds the joint record for the most rides in the Grand National, with 20 mounts between 1995 and 2015. The current champion Jump jockey Richard Johnson had his 20th ride in 2016. McCoy had to wait until his 15th ride in the Grand National - on Don't Push It in 2010 - for success. He was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June, 2010, voted the 2010 BBC Sports Personality of the Year and knighted following his retirement in 2015.

FIRST-TIME SUCCESS

Plenty of riders have won the Randox Health Grand National on their first attempt.

The most recent are:

Derek Fox (2017 One For Arthur), David Mullins (2016 Rule The World), Ryan Mania (2013 Auroras Encore), Liam Treadwell (2009 Mon Mome), Niall 'Slippers' Madden (2006 Numbersixvalverde), Ruby Walsh (2000 Papillon), Jason Titley (1995 Royal Athlete), Nigel Hawke (1991 Seagram), Jimmy Frost (1989 Littler Polveir), Mr Dick Saunders (1982 Grittar) and Maurice Barnes (1979 Rubstic).

RODE & TRAINED

Since 1900 five successful jockeys went on to train Grand National winners as well - Algy Anthony, Tommy Carberry, Aubrey Hastings, Fulke Walwyn and Fred Winter.

SPRING DOUBLE

Together with the Lincoln Handicap run on the Flat at Doncaster, the Randox Health Grand National forms leg two of the 'Spring Double'. The only jockey to have won both contests is Dave Dick, who captured the Lincoln on Gloaming in 1941 and the Grand National on E.S.B. in 1956.

BETTING

SOME FAMOUS GAMBLERS

- The very first winner Lottery (1839) was made 5/1 favourite following his earlier success in the Cheltenham Steeplechase.
- Another successful 19th century punt came to fruition in 1866 when owner/trainer Edward Studd had £1,000 at 40/1 about Salamander. His £40,000 winnings would equate to nearly £3 million at today's values.
- Manifesto hit the bookies hard on both occasions he won the Grand National; in 1897 and 1899. He was sent off 6/1 favourite for his first win when owned by heavy-gambling Irish solicitor Harry Dyas. He was 5/1 second favourite two years later when scoring for new owner John Bulteel - the 4/1 favourite was his half-sister Gentle Ida, who fell.
- Golden Miller was the 2/1 market leader in 1935, making him the shortest-priced runner in the long history of the Grand National. Dorothy Paget's great chaser had captured the Aintree race in 1934 (at 8/1), but unseated his jockey Gerry Wilson at the 11th fence the following year when 22/1 chance Reynoldstown prevailed. Golden Miller, trained by Basil Briscoe for owner Dorothy Paget, won the Cheltenham Gold Cup a record five times.

- A confident Vincent O'Brien told owner Joe 'Mincemeat' Griffin to have a good bet on Early Mist, who started 20/1 for the 1953 renewal. Griffin won £100,000 when his horse came in and he also owned the 1954 winner Royal Tan, trained by Irish-based O'Brien too.
- Prolific gambler Terry Ramsden bet £50,000 each-way at 8/1 about Mr Snugfit from Mick Easterby's Yorkshire stables in the 1986. The horse, who was also combined in doubles and trebles, returned a profit when coming home fourth.
- Papillon's success in 2000 for trainer Ted Walsh and his jockey son Ruby was a popular victory. Tipped by the Racing Post's Pricewise column at 33/1 on the morning, he was sent off at 10/1 by race time.
- Part-owner Mike Futter estimated his total winnings were £800,000 when Monty's Pass scored in 2003. The five-person Dee Racing syndicate netted over £1 million on the winner, who started at 16/1 but had been backed down from 66/1 by his owners and others.

SHORTEST-PRICED WINNERS

Poethlyn (1919) at 11/4
Huntsman (1862) at 3/1
Roquefort (1885) at 100/30

PRIZE MONEY

- Prize money for the Randox Health Grand National has reached a colossal £1 million.
- The level of prize money has rocketed - £250,000 was on offer when Lord Gyllene won in 1997 before reaching £975,000 in 2012 and 2013, with the first £1-million Grand National in 2014.
- The Randox Health Grand National is by far the richest Jump race in Britain, with the Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup, worth £625,000, the next most valuable, and indeed the world. A soaring pound against the yen has meant the Randox Health Grand National is now worth more than both of Japan's top chases, the Nakayama Grand Jump and Nakayama Daishogai, which each have prize money of JPY142,660,000 in 2018.

OUTSIDERS WINNING

100/1	Mon Mome (2009) Foinavon (1967) Caughoo (1947) Grelach (1929) Tipperary Tim (1928)
66/1	Auroras Encore (2013) Ayala (1963) Russian Hero (1949) Rubio (1908)
50/1	Last Suspect (1985) Anglo (1966) Sheila's Cottage (1948) Forbra (1932)

WEIGHTS

HIGHEST WINNING WEIGHT

- 12st 7lb carried by four winners to victory: Poethlyn (1919), Jerry M (1912), Manifesto (1899) and Cloister (1893).
- This is a record that will not be broken as the top-weight was lowered to 12st in 1956, then went down to 11st 12lb in 2002 and reduced to 11st 10lb in 2009.
- Since Poethlyn, only four horses have triumphed with 12st or more - Red Rum (12st in 1974), Reynoldstown (12st 2lb in 1936), Golden Miller (12st 2lb in 1934) and Sprig (12st 4lb in 1927).

LOWEST WINNING WEIGHT

- 9st 6lb was carried by Freetrader in 1856.
- The minimum weight now is 10st, regardless whether a horse's rating merits less (termed "racing from out of the handicap").
- The Randox Health Grand National's popularity in recent years has seen few entries, if any, from out of the handicap make the final field.

He was rewarded with the closest finish in Grand National history in 2012 when Neptune Collonges defied 11st 6lb to beat Sunyhillboy by a nose, while Many Clouds, the 2015 Grand National winner, carried 11st 9lb, the highest victorious weight since Red Rum's 12st in 1974.

SPECIAL DISCRETION

- The Randox Health Grand National is the only race where the official handicapper specially frames the weights, often taking into account past Aintree form.
- The weights are announced at a launch in London (February 13, 2018) and do not change afterwards as there are no penalties for success subsequently.
- British Horseracing Authority Head of Handicapping Phil Smith, who is due to retire in July, 2018, has framed the weights since 1999. Smith has encouraged the best horses to take part by compressing the weights at the top of the handicap since 2001 - giving them a more lenient mark than their official rating, mainly because of the race's long distance of over four and a quarter miles.

WEIGHTS CARRIED BY LAST 20 WINNERS

11st 9lb	Many Clouds (2015)
11st 6lb	Neptune Collonges (2012)
11st 5lb	Don't Push It (2010)
11st 1lb	Hedgehunter (2005)
11st 0lb	Mon Mome (2009) Ballabriggs (2011)
10st 12lb	Papillon (2000)
10st 11lb	Red Marauder (2001) One For Arthur (2017)
10st 10lb	Amberleigh House (2004)
10st 9lb	Comply Or Die (2008)
10st 8lb	Numbersixvalverde (2006), Monty's Pass (2003)
10st 7lb	Rule The World (2016)
10st 6lb	Silver Birch (2007), Pineau De Re (2014)
10st 5lb	Earth Summit (1998)
10st 4lb	Bindaree (2002)
10st 3lb	Auroras Encore (2013)
10st 0lb	Bobbyjo (1999)

FEMALE RIDERS

FIRST TO TAKE PART

Charlotte Brew on Barony Fort in 1977.

FIRST TO COMPLETE

Geraldine Rees, eighth on Cheers in 1982.

BEST POSITION

Katie Walsh, third on Seabass in 2012.

Charlotte Brew attracted huge media attention when partnering her own horse Barony Fort who refused four out in 1977. She was a guest on the BBC Sports Personality of the Year show and the Daily Mirror arranged a day-trip on Concorde to Washington. She was also unseated in the 1982 race.

Geraldine Rees was 26 when completing the course (albeit in last place) in 1982. She fell at the first a year later and went on to train for 12 years in Lancashire, retiring in 2010.

Venetia Williams is the only female trainer to have saddled a Randox Health Grand National winner who has also ridden in the race. She fell at Becher's first time when partnering 200/1 chance Marco Polo in 1988 and trained 100/1 shot Mon Mome to score in 2009.

Gee Armytage had to pull up her aptly-named mount, Gee-A, in 1988. A dual Cheltenham Festival-winning rider, she is the sister of Marcus Armytage - amateur rider of the 1990 winner Mr Frisk.

Rosemary Henderson finished fifth when aged 51 on her own 100/1 shot Fiddlers Pike in 1994. She subsequently wrote a book, 'Road To The National', about her exploits.

There was huge media interest in **Carrie Ford** when she finished fifth in 2005 on Forest Gunner, trained by her then husband Richard Ford, 33 at the time, had given birth to her daughter Hannah 10 weeks earlier.

Tanya Davis partnered 100/1 chance Numerate in 1989 and pulled him up at before the 21st fence. She subsequently married amateur rider Oliver Sherwood, who finished eighth on Venture To Cognac in 1983. In 2015, Oliver and Tanya Sherwood were responsible for training the Grand National winner Many Clouds.



Lizzie Kelly after her success in the 2017 Betway Bowl Chase

Katie Walsh has gained the best position by a female rider in the Grand National, finishing third on Seabass in 2012. She led up Papillon, when trained by her father and ridden by Ruby to win in 2000. A photograph of a mud-splattered Walsh in Seabass's colours, taken by Spencer Murphy, won the 2013 Taylor Wessing photographic portrait prize. Katie Walsh is an Ambassador for Aintree Racecourse and has participated in the Randox Health Grand National five times.

COMPLETE RECORD OF FEMALE RIDERS

2017	Ms Katie Walsh	Wonderful Charm	28/1 19th
2016	Ms Nina Carberry	Sir Des Champs	20/1 F 15th
	Ms Katie Walsh	Ballycasey	50/1 UR 29th
2015	Ms Nina Carberry	First Lieutenant	14/1 16th
2014	Ms Katie Walsh	Vesper Bell	40/1 13th
2013	Ms Katie Walsh	Seabass	11/2 F 13th
2012	Ms Nina Carberry	Organisedconfusion	20/1 UR 8th
2012	Ms Katie Walsh	Seabass	8/1 JtF 3rd
2011	Ms Nina Carberry	Character Building	25/1 15th
2010	Ms Nina Carberry	Character Building	16/1 7th
2006	Ms Nina Carberry	Forest Gunner	33/1 9th (last)
2005	Carrie Ford	Forest Gunner	8/1 5th
1994	Mrs Rosemary Henderson	Fiddlers Pike	100/1 5th
1989	Tanya Davis	Numerate	100/1 PU 21st
1988	Penny Ffitch-Heyes	Hettinger	200/1 F 1st
1988	Gee Armytage	Gee-A	33/1 PU 26th
1988	Miss Venetia Williams	Marco Polo	200/1 F 6th
1987	Jacqui Oliver	Eamons Owen	200/1 UR 15th
1984	Mrs Valerie Alder	Bush Guide	33/1 F 8th
1983	Mrs Joy Carrier	King Spruce	28/1 UR 6th
1983	Mrs Geraldine Rees	Midday Welcome	500/1 F 1st
1982	Miss Charlotte Brew	Martinstown	100/1 UR 3rd
1982	Mrs Geraldine Rees	Cheers	66/18th (last)
1981	Mrs Linda Sheedy	Deiopea	100/1 Ref 19th
1980	Mrs Jenny Hembrow	Sandwilan	100/1 PU 19th
1979	Mrs Jenny Hembrow	Sandwilan	100/1 F 1st
1977	Miss Charlotte Brew	Barony Fort	200/1 Ref 4 out

(Ms, Miss, Mrs denotes an amateur rider)

Mon Mome



Pineau De Re



OVERSEAS INTEREST

The Grand National has attracted global interest and challenges throughout its long and distinguished history.

USA

- American owners have long been captivated by the Grand National. Olympic Gold-winning polo player Foxhall Keene, one of the founding fathers of Jump racing in the USA, was represented by Chorus (8th) and Prophet III (fell) in 1908. The winner that year, Rubio, also boasted trans-Atlantic connections, having been bred at the Rancho del Paso Stud in California.
- The first success for an American owner came in 1923. Sergeant Murphy had been bought by John Sanford, a carpet trader, and given to his son, Stephen, who was then at Cambridge University.
- That victory proved the catalyst for renewed interest in the USA and a second triumph followed when Jack Horner prevailed in 1926, having been bought by another US polo player, Charles Schwartz, two weeks before the race for £4,000 from fellow American and amateur rider Morgan Blair.

Kentucky-bred gelding Billy Barton had proved himself to be a champion in both America and Cuba, gracing the cover of Time magazine, but Howard Bruce's chaser fell when leading at the final fence in the 1928 Grand National. Jockey Tommy Cullinan remounted Billy Barton and came home a gallant second as only two horses finished in desperate conditions.

Jock Hay Whitney was one of the unluckiest owners in the history of the Grand National. The US Ambassador to the United Kingdom won the Cheltenham Gold Cup with Easter Hero in 1929 and the nine-year-old was a gallant second in that year's Grand National under the mammoth weight of 12st 7lb.

Whitney was responsible for 14 Grand National runners in total between 1929 and 1951, with Sir Lindsay finishing third in 1930 and Thomond II occupying the same position in both 1934 and 1935. The multi-millionaire also had the opportunity to buy future dual Grand National winner Reynoldstown when the great chaser was five, but could not travel to Ireland to see the horse due to work commitments.

American sewing-machine heir F Ambrose Clark sold the seven-year-old Kellsboro' Jack to his wife Florence for £1 in 1933 on the advice of trainer Ivor Anthony in the hope that the new owner would bring more luck. Kellsboro' Jack, who started at 25/1, won by three lengths.

Another Grand National win for America came in 1938 via Battleship, owned like Trouble Maker by Marion du Pont Scott, wife of Hollywood star Randolph Scott. The 11-year-old entire Battleship stood at just 15.2 hands, but had won the American Grand National in 1934 before being sent to England to be trained by Reg Hobbs. He was ridden at Aintree by 17-year-old Bruce Hobbs, the youngest victorious rider.

An American flavour returned in 1963 with the seventh home Owen's Sedge being owned by Gregory Peck and the Oscar-winning film actor also saw his colours carried in the race by Different Class, who was brought down in 1967 and returned to Aintree 12 months later to take third.

American owners were back in the winner's circle in 1964 with the Fulke Walwyn-trained 18/1 chance Team Spirit, a 12-year-old having his fifth start in the race owned by Ronald B Woodard and John K Goodman along with Englishman Gamble North.

There was an even stronger US connection to the 1965 winner as the Pennsylvanian bred Jay Trump, a dual Maryland Hunt Cup victor for owner Mary Stephenson, was ridden by American amateur Tommy Crompton Smith. Jay Trump was trained by Fred Winter in Lambourn.

This North American run of success continued with Highland Wedding in 1969, co-owned by Thomas H McCoy Jnr and Canadian Charles Burn, while The Beeches, who finished fourth, carried the famous colours of philanthropist Paul Mellon.

American-owned horses continued to make their mark, thanks to Raymond Guest's L'Escargot in 1975, Redmond C Stewart's dual Maryland Hunt Cup winner Ben Nevis (ridden by American amateur Charlie Fenwick) in 1980, Lois Duffey's Mr Frisk in 1990 and most recently Betty Moran's Papillon in 2000.

EUROPE

Two French-trained horses have been successful in the Grand National. Huntsman in 1862 and Cortolvin in 1867 were both English-bred chasers trained at Chantilly, France's main training centre to the north of Paris, by a Yorkshire-born expatriate, Harry Lamplugh.

Six other winners have been bred in France - Alcibiade (1865), Reugny (1874), Lutteur III (1909), Mon Mome (2009), Neptune Collonges (2012) and Pineau De Re (2014).

Lutteur III, noted as a British-trained Grand National victor in 1909, held plenty of allegiance to France. His jockey Georges Parfremont and owner James Hennessy were Frenchmen and the horse had only arrived at the Epsom yard of trainer Harry Escott that season to get accustomed to the English style of racing.

The current century has seen many more French-bred horses race in Britain and the recent success of three French-bred horses in the Randox Health Grand National is no surprise.

Mon Mome, who broke a 100-year hoodoo as far as French-breds were concerned, caused a Grand National shock when storming to a 100/1 victory under Liam Treadwell in 2009. Born in West France on April 29, 2000, and whose name means 'My Kid', he had just one run in his native country, finishing second in a 13.5-furlong Flat race at Pontivy in Brittany. Trainer Venetia Williams then purchased the horse and later passed him on to owner Vida Bingham.

Neptune Collonges, a rare grey Grand National winner in 2012, started his career in France under the care of Jacques Ortet, racing six times for five successes, before joining Paul Nicholls, while Pineau De Re (2014), bred by the Ile de Re-based Michel Hardy, was sold as an unraced three-year-old for 20,000 euros at a sale at Saint-Cloud and moved first to Ireland and then England.

Neptune Collonges



The Fellow, trained by Francois Doumen in France, fell at the 24th fence in the 1994 Grand National when attempting to become only the second horse to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National in the same season. He was the first of Doumen's 14 attempts to win the Grand National, with Innox in 2005 doing best when seventh. His son Thierry rode the challengers up to and including 2004.

Prince Karl Kinsky, an Austro-Hungarian nobleman, was the first jockey from outside Britain and Ireland to ride when he made a winning debut on board his own mare Zoedone in 1883.

Beltran de Osorio y Diez de Rivera, the 18th Duke of Alburquerque, who was born in 1919, made seven appearances. The Iron Duke, as the Spanish nobleman became known, completed (one week after breaking his collarbone) in eighth place on Nero in 1974, but was better known for his failures and long list of injuries.

Horses trained in Hungary, the former Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic and Norway have all run in Grand Nationals, although none has ever completed the course.

Former Russian premier Georgi Malenkov was the guest of Aintree's owner, Mirabel Topham, in 1956 and five years later the Russians sent over National challengers Grifel and Reljef. Grifel's jockey Vladimir Prakhov was forced out of the saddle by his reins at Becher's, remounting before he pulled up at the water. Reljef parted company with Boris Ponomarenko at Valentine's

Hngarian chaser Buszke was pulled up in 1868, while Gyi Lovam, the first Czechoslovakian challenger in 1931, came to grief at Becher's, was remounted but fell again four fences later. The Czech-trained Essex, Fraze and Quirinus all carried automatic top-weight in the 1980s and 1990s but failed to complete.

JAPAN

Fujino-O captured four consecutive renewals of the prestigious Nakayama Daishogai in Japan before being sent to Britain to be prepared for Aintree by trainer Fulke Walwyn. The seven-year-old was given the automatic top-weight of 12st and failed to get competitive under his welter burden in 1966, eventually refusing under Jeff King.

Tsuyoshi Tanaka, the son of a champion boxer, became the first Japanese jockey to ride in the Grand National in 1995, although his taste of the Aintree experience proved to be brief as he fell at the first fence on The Committee.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Crisp, the courageous Australian gelding, led the field a merry dance in 1973 under top-weight of 12st, only to be caught near the line by Red Rum, who carried 10st 5lb and was to become the Grand National's finest hero.

Both the 1904 winner Moifaa and 1991 victor Seagram were bred in New Zealand.

THE GRAND NATIONAL TIMELINE

1829
The first official races at Aintree were organised by a syndicate headed by the owner of Liverpool's Waterloo Hotel, William Lynn. He leased the land from Lord Sefton, set out a course and built a grandstand. Lord Molyneux laid the foundation stone on February 7, 1829, and placed a bottle full of sovereigns in the footings. The first Flat fixture was held five months later on July 7. A horse called Mufti won the opening race, the one and a quarter mile Croxteth Stakes. Aintree started out by putting on three race meetings a year.

1835
Aintree staged its first National Hunt (Jump) fixture.

1839
The Grand National was run at Aintree for the first time on Tuesday, February 26, under the guise of the Grand Liverpool Steeplechase over four miles, with an estimated 40,000 people attending. The obstacles included a stone wall, a stretch of ploughed land and two hurdles to finish. A horse named Lottery, the 5/1 favourite, took the honours. Captain Martin Becher was unseated from his mount, Conrad, when leading at the sixth fence on the first circuit and the fence, also the 22nd obstacle when jumped on the second circuit, became known as Becher's Brook.

1840
The 12 runners included Valentine who corkscrewed over the obstacle which is now the ninth and 25th jumped in the Grand National, Valentine's Brook.

1841
Charity was the first of 13 mares to win the Grand National.

1843
Edward William Topham, a respected handicapper, was responsible for turning the Grand National into a handicap for the first time after it had been a weight-for-age race for the first four years of its existence.

1847
Matthew was the first of 25 Irish-trained winners when 27 runners lined up - the biggest field so far.

1848
Edward Topham took over the lease of Aintree in 1848 and became Clerk of the Course.

1849
Not to be confused with a grey of the same name who was twice placed in the Grand National in the early 1840s, Peter Simple, a bay gelding, won the great chase on his first attempt in 1849. He became a regular at Liverpool, failing to finish the following three years, but returning with a second victory in 1853.

1850
Tiny in stature, but with a huge heart, Irish-trained Abd-El-Kader became an instant favourite with the Aintree crowd when defying his build to negotiate the Grand National fences and win. A new record of 32 horses lined up and the time of 9m 57.5s was the fastest seen.

1854
The first clear favourite, 4/1 chance Bourton, won on his third attempt, scoring by 15 lengths.

1855
Wanderer, a 25/1 chance, took the spoils and thus became the fourth Irish-trained winner.

1851
Abd-El-Kader became the first of 13 mares to win the Grand National.

1856
George Stevens, the most successful Grand National jockey with five triumphs, gained his first victory on Freetrader, the previous year's runner-up. He followed up on Emblem (1863), Emblematic (1864) and The Colonel (1869 and 1870).

1857
There were seven false starts before the 28-strong field got away.

1858
Miss Mowbray was the second of 13 mares to win the Grand National.

1859
Peter Simple became the oldest horse to win the Grand National and provided jockey Tom Oliver with his third success. Aged 15, Peter Simple was two years older than any other Grand National winner to this day. He was the second dual winner, having first succeeded in 1849. He returned to Aintree in 1854 for what was to be his sixth and last Grand National appearance, but failed to get round under top-weight.

1861
Another mare, Jealousy, won by two lengths from the fast-finishing The Dane, and was the fourth of her sex to succeed.

1862
Huntsman, owned by the Viscount de Namur, became the first French-trained winner. The 3/1 favourite was trained by Harry Lamplugh. Sadly, young jockey James Wynne died after his mount O'Connell was brought down.

1863
The Grand National became a longer race, with a new official distance of four and a half miles. Emblem was the fifth mare to succeed when scoring by 20 lengths.

1864
Emblem's full-sister Emblematic continued the great record of mares in the early 1860s. They were the only successful full-sisters, while Emblematic was the sixth mare to triumph.

1865
Five-year-old Alcibiade made his public debut when winning. He was the first of five horses his age to be successful in the Grand National (the minimum age to participate is now seven). Alcibiade had to overcome snowy conditions to triumph under Captain Henry Coventry of the Grenadier Guards, a cousin of Lord Coventry who owned the 1863 and 1864 winners.

1866
Owner Edward Studd backed his 40/1 winner Salamander with £1,000. His winnings equate to nearly £3 million at today's values.

1867
Chantilly-based Harry Lamplugh, successful with Huntsman in 1862, sent over Cortolvin to become the second French-trained winner. None has succeeded since.

1868
The Lamb, who also triumphed in 1871, became the first of only three victorious greys, with the others being Nicolaus Silver (1961) and Neptune Collonges (2012). Standing at only 14 hands' tall, he was originally bought as a pet and named The Lamb because of his dainty constitution. He was transformed into a racehorse by trainer Ben Land. Hungarian challenger Buszke ran but did not finish.

1869
The Colonel was sent off at 100/7 for his first Grand National victory in 1869, although the confidence behind the six-year-old may have been more reflective of his jockey George Stevens, who had already won the great race three times, than the form that The Colonel had shown previously.

1870
Despite a hike in the weights, The Colonel attracted considerable support and the 7/2 favourite held off the challenge of The Doctor to win by half a length and hand rider George Stevens his fifth success, a record which still stands. The Colonel was the third dual winner of the Grand National.

1871
The 1868 winner The Lamb was rerouted to the Sefton Chase the following year, finishing fourth, and was then out of action for two years with a wasting disease. This made his 1871 victory all

the more remarkable when becoming the fourth dual Grand National winner.

1872
Six-length scorer Casse Tete was the seventh mare to win.

1873
The 20/1 winner Disturbance gave owner James Machell the first of his three Grand National victories, all with different horses.

1874
James Machell enjoyed his second Grand National win thanks to French-bred Reugny, one of the owner's three runners, who scored as the 5/1 favourite.

1875
Amateur rider Tommy Pickernell enjoyed his third success on Pathfinder.

1876

Regal was the second five-year-old to triumph and gave owner James Machell a third victory in four years following Disturbance (1873) and Reugny (1874). Machell was the first owner to celebrate three Grand National successes.

1877
Austerlitz became the third of a quintet of five-year-olds to triumph.

1878
A small field of 12 lined up, with Shifnal, third in 1876 and sixth in 1877, succeeding at

the third attempt for owner/trainer John Nightingall.

1879
The Liberator, sent off at 25/1, was the fifth Irish-trained victor.

1880
Empress, named after Empress Elizabeth of Austria, was successful for trainer Henry Linde, based at the Curragh in Ireland - the sixth winner from that quarter. She was the fourth five-year-old and the eighth mare to succeed.

1881
Henry Linde sent out the winner for the second successive year, with Woodbrook the seventh Irish-trained victor. Amateur rider Tommy Beasley, successful in 1880, was again triumphant.

1882
A close finish saw Seaman, amateur ridden by his owner Lord Manners, win by a head in a thrilling finish from his half-brother Cyrus.

1883
Zoedone won in 11 minutes and 39 seconds, one of the slowest times ever recorded. The field of 10 runners was the smallest in the race's history. Owned and ridden by Count Karl (Charles) Kinsky, she was the ninth of her sex to win.

1884

A remarkable success was gained by Voluptuary, who had never previously jumped fences in public. When his racing career was over, he regularly appeared on the Drury Lane (London) stage where he had to clear a water jump, ridden by actor Leonard Boyne.

1885

The 100/30 favourite Roquefort won when the Grand National was run on turf throughout.

1886

25/1 chance Old Joe, trained near Carlisle, took the spoils under professional jockey Tommy Skelton.

1887

Another Northern-trained horse, eight-year-old Gamecock, from near Tarporley in Cheshire, triumphed at 20/1.

1888

The 50th Grand National at Aintree was won by 40/1 outsider Playfair.

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1889

Frigate, second in 1884, 1885 and 1888, got his head in front at the age of 11. Trained in Ireland (the eighth victor from across the Irish Sea) by her owner-breeders Matthew Maher, she was the 10th mare to win the Grand National, in which she ran seven times. She gave amateur rider Tommy Beasley his third and final success.

1890

Epsom-based trainer John Nightingall sent out his second Grand National winner, following on from Shifnal in 1878, when 4/1 favourite Ilex was the 12-length victor under his son Arthur.

1891

Seven-year-old Come Away, trained in Ireland by Harry Beasley and ridden by him, came home the winner as the 4/1 favourite. He was the ninth Irish winner.

1892

Thick fog at Aintree did not help spectators, but 11 of the 25 starters finished the race which went to 20/1 chance Father O'Flynn, who was bred in Shropshire.

1893

Jockey Harry Barker achieved the amazing feat of finishing second in both the Grand National and the Derby. He rode Aesop at Aintree and Ravensbury at Epsom Downs. The winner Cloister became the first of four horses to defy 12st 7lb, the highest weight carried to victory, when the 9/2 favourite and scoring by a distance.

1894

Why Not, the second of jockey Arthur Nightingall's three Grand National successes, was the joint second-oldest winner at the age of 13 alongside Sergeant Murphy who triumphed in 1923.

1895

Third the previous year, Wild Man From Borneo, bred in Ireland, stayed on strongly in the heavy going to win at 10/1.

1896

The shock winner, at 40/1, was The Soarer, ridden by Captain David Campbell, the first time a serving cavalry officer was successful.

1897

Manifesto ran in the Grand National for a record eighth time. He won twice (1897 and 1899), came third on three occasions (1900, 1902 and 1903) and fourth in 1895. He also fell in 1896. Racegoers turned out in their thousands to cheer the gallant 16-year-old gelding into eighth place on his Grand National swansong carrying 12st 1lb. The Grade One Manifesto Chase is run in his honour at the Grand National Festival. The 1904 Grand National was won by the giant New Zealand horse Moifaa who scored at 25/1.

1898

A snowstorm delayed the start by 10 minutes, but this did not stop the Dick Dawson-trained Drogheada winning on his first start of the year at 25/1.

1899

Manifesto established himself as an Aintree favourite and, partnered by George Williamson, won for the second time under a massive 12st 7lb as an 11-year-old. He was the fifth horse to succeed twice and the second of four to defy 12st 7lb – the highest weight carried to victory.

1900

The winner Ambush II was owned by the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII the following year. He was the 10th Irish-trained winner. Manifesto finished third.

1901

A blanket of snow covered the course and, despite a protest from the jockeys, racing went ahead in a ferocious blizzard. Grudon, an 11-year-old entire, made all to give his rider Arthur Nightingall a third victory in the race, following on from Why Not in 1894 and Ilex in 1890.

1902

The 20/1 chance Shannon Lass, owned by bookmaker Ambrose Gorham and trained in Sussex by James Hackett, became the 11th mare to win. Manifesto, who missed the previous year's race because of injury, finished third under 12st 8lb with Ernie Piggott, Lester's grandfather, up for the first time. Keith Piggott, Lester's father, trained the 1963 winner Ayala.

1903

Ambush II was the first runner owned by a reigning monarch, but fell at the last, leaving 13/2 favourite Drumcree to run on for a three-length victory in a field of 23. Manifesto, with 12st 3lb, came third again, this time ridden by George Williamson.

1904

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1905

The previous year's second Kirkland, based at Lawrenny Park in Pembrokeshire with trainer Colonel Freddy Lort-Phillips, became the first – and remains the only – winner to be trained in Wales.

1906

20/1 Ascetic's Silver, previously successful in the Irish Grand National, emulated his half-brothers Drumcree and Cloister with victory at Aintree with his trainer Aubrey Hastings in the saddle.

1907

Lancashire-trained Eremont won despite his jockey Alf Newey breaking a stirrup leather before they had reached the fourth fence.

1908

Fred Withington became the first trainer to saddle first and second when Californian-bred Rubio, a 66/1 chance, held Mattie MacGregor. A 15 guineas yearling, Rubio, the first American-bred winner, was restored to health pulling a bus from Towcester station to the Prospect Arms Hotel after breaking down in training.

1909

Lutteur III was the final five-year-old to capture the Grand National – the fifth in all, following on from Alcibiade (1865), Regal (1876), Austerlitz (1877) and Empress (1880) (the minimum age to run is now seven). There were 32 runners, the equal highest number of runners.

1910

The 1908 Becher Chase victor Jerry M, under top-weight of 12st 7lb, finished a gallant second as he attempted to concede 30lb to the victorious Jenkinstown, the second of three winners for trainer Tom Coulthwaite following Eremont in 1907.

1911

Glenside prevailed in a remarkable renewal, when he was the only horse to complete without falling or being brought down. Three other horses were subsequently remounted to finish.

1912

The people's favourite Jerry M, who had won the 1910 Grand Steeplechase de Paris and Becher Chase, returned from injury to become the third horse to defy 12st 7lb, the highest weight carried to victory, and win the National as the 4/1 market leader under Ernie Piggott.

1913

Following Jerry M and Cloister, Sir Charles Assheton-Smith saw his colours carried to victory for a joint-record third time when Jenkinstown's half-brother Covercoat won by a distance and three finished.

1914

Tom Tyler turned down a substantial offer from owner Sir Charles Assheton-Smith for the winner, Sunloch. Shortly after the Aintree triumph, Tyler relented and sold Sunloch to Assheton-Smith, but the horse was never as good thereafter.

1915

Ally Sloper, ridden by Mr Jack Anthony who was previously successful on Glenside, became the first Grand National winner to be owned by a woman, Lady Nelson. He was the last six-year-old to succeed.

1916-1918

The continuing First World War stopped the Grand National being run at Aintree. A replacement race was organised at Gatwick Racecourse, which no longer exists and was on the site of the international airport. There were three runnings of the substitute race, the results of which do not count as part of Grand National history.

1919

Ernie Piggott rode the second of his two winners on 11/4 favourite Poethlyn, having previously scored on Jerry M in 1912. These two winners, together with 1893 scorer Cloister and 1899 victor Manifesto, share the record for the highest weight carried to victory – 12st 7lb.

1920

Troytown gave amateur rider Jack Anthony his third success, winning by 12 lengths in heavy ground. The race was worth a record £5,000. Algy Anthony, who in 1900 had ridden and trained Ambush II to victory, handled the 11th Irish-based victor.

1921

35 runners, a new record, contested the Grand National, but only Shaun Spadah managed to negotiate the course without mishap, succeeding by a distance. The other three finishers all remounted.

1922

Music Hall added to his 1920 Scottish Grand National win with a 12-length success.

1923

At 13, Sergeant Murphy became the joint second-oldest winner, along with Why Not in 1894, and the first owned in the United States.

1924

Master Robert, a former Donegal plough-horse bought for £50, triumphed under Bob Trudgill for trainer Aubrey Hastings, who also succeeded in 1915 with Ally Sloper.

1925

A starting gate was first used and Double Chance went on to victory under the amateur Major John Philip Wilson, who had famously shot

1926

down a Zeppelin over Hull during the First World War.

1927

The first BBC radio commentary of the Grand National was broadcast by Meyrick Good and George Allison. They had to cope with 37 runners, a new record number, and misty conditions, calling home 8/1 favourite Sprig, who carried 12st 4lb, in a thrilling finish.

1928

Although 42 horses started, the race ended with just two finishers. Tipperary Tim, the first of five 100/1 chances to succeed, came home a distance ahead of the remounted Billy Barton, the least number of horses to complete a Grand National. Easter Hero's fall at the Canal Turn caused a massive pile-up.

1929

The biggest Grand National field ever with 66 starters and, for the second consecutive year, a 100/1 chance won when Gregalach, ridden by Australian Rupert Everett, was successful.

1930

By an unknown sire and initially sold for a mere 20 guineas, the 1929 Grand Sefton winner Shaun Goilin was a well-backed second favourite when scoring for local cotton broker Walter Midwood.

1931

Grakle won at the fifth attempt in the year that the tote (pari-mutuel or pool betting) first operated at Aintree. He provided trainer Tom Coulthwaite's third success after Eremont (1907) and Jenkinstown (1910).

1932

Tom Rimell trained 50/1 chance Forbra, with Tim Hamey up, to win. Rimell's son Fred went on to send out four Grand National winners, a joint-record.

1933

Kellsboro' Jack beat 33 rivals to give his owner Florence Clark a famous victory. Her husband, American millionaire F Ambrose Clark, had sold the winner to his wife for just £1 to try and generate a change in luck. The legendary Golden Miller, who was sent off 9/1 favourite, got rid of his jockey at the Canal Turn. There were 19 finishers.

1934

Golden Miller, who carried 12st 2lb, became the only horse to win the Grand National and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in the same season. The





winning time of 9m 20.4s at Aintree created a new record, but was surpassed the following year. This was the only occasion Golden Miller completed the Grand National course in five attempts.

1935

Mirabel Topham - who went on to be an integral figure in Grand National history - became a director of racecourse lessees Topham Ltd and chairman two years later. The former actress Mirabel Hillier married Arthur Ronald Topham in 1922. Following his brother's death in 1932, Arthur Topham had taken over chairmanship of the family company that had overseen the Grand National since 1839. Golden Miller was again expected to be the star at Aintree, but Dorothy Paget's champion - at 2/1 the shortest-priced Grand National runner ever - unseated his rider and it was Reynoldstown, owned and trained by Noel Furlong, who prevailed in a record time of 9m 20.2s which stood until Red Rum's first victory in 1973. Furlong's amateur son Frank was in the saddle.

1936

Reynoldstown, defying 12st 2lb, became the sixth of seven horses to win more than one Grand National. With a fifth Cheltenham Gold Cup under his belt, Golden Miller returned for another attempt at the Grand National, but was brought down at the first. The race was reduced to a duel between Reynoldstown and outsider Davy Jones. Reynoldstown's careless jumping meant that Davy Jones looked the certain winner. But the latter's reins came apart leaving his jockey with no control and, as he veered violently left to run out at the last, Reynoldstown gained a 12-length victory under amateur Fulke Walwyn,

who went on to train the 1964 winner Team Spirit.

1937

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Aintree Racecourse for the first time when the appropriately named Royal Mail took the honours.

1938

17-year-old Bruce Hobbs became the youngest winning jockey when steering home the American-bred and owned Battleship, trained by his father Reg. He was subsequently a Classic-winning trainer on the Flat.

1939

Workman triumphed under Irishman Timmy Hyde, who was having only his second Grand National ride. The Jack Ruttle-trained nine-year-old became the 12th Irish winner.

1940

The Lord Stalbridge-trained/owned Bogskar won the final Grand National before the Second World War stopped the event between 1941 and 1945. He was the most recent seven-year-old to succeed.

1941-1945

Aintree was used as a base for American troops during the remainder of the Second World War.

Lovely Cottage was successful in the first post-World War Grand National and became the 100th Grand National winner at Aintree. Jack Finlay, the second, and Housewarmer, the fourth, both were returned at 100/1. The 3/1 favourite Prince Regent finished third.

1946

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, (who became Queen Mother on the death of

1947

The Grand National was switched to Saturday from the usual Friday for the first time at the request of Prime Minister Clement Attlee, who reckoned that the new date would be "in the interests of British industry". Caughoo, the 13th winner from across the Irish Sea, prevailed in gloomy conditions, the third horse to win at 100/1, despite protestations that the winning jockey Eddie Dempsey had taken a short cut in the fog. 57 horses lined up at the start and 21 crossed the finishing line.

1948

Teal gave trainer Neville Crump and jockey Arthur Thompson a second Grand National win, following Sheila's Cottage in 1948. There was a false start which delayed proceedings by 12 minutes. Ten of the 47 runners came down at the first fence and, following a dispute with the BBC over copyright, Mirabel Topham employed her own commentators for the radio broadcast. Listeners were told that Teal had departed at the first obstacle.

1949

Trainer Vincent O'Brien gained the first of three successive victories, courtesy of 20/1 chance Early Mist owned by Joe 'Mincemeat' Griffin who won £100,000 in bets. O'Brien - who subsequently saddled six Epsom Derby winners and is regarded by many as the greatest trainer ever - went on to score with Royal Tan in 1954 and Quare Times a year later. He passed away on June 1, 2009 at the age of 92. His victors were the 14th, 15th and 16th Irish-trained winners. The Mildmay Course, the brainchild of Mirabel Topham, held its first races. The course was named after Lord Mildmay, a fine amateur

her husband in 1952) had her first runner. Monaveen, jointly owned by Princess Elizabeth (the present Queen). Monaveen finished fifth behind the Bobby Renton-trained Freebooter.

1951

The Jack O'Donoghue-trained Nickel Coin, partnered by Johnny Bullock, was the 13th and latest mare to win the Grand National as none have triumphed since. There was a very ragged start and the first fence saw 12 horses lose their riders. Only three finished.

1952

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jockey and great supporter of the Grand National. From 1953 to 1975, the Mildmay Course featured scaled-down versions of the Grand National fences which were subsequently replaced by conventional birch fences. All but three of the races run at the present-day Grand National Festival take place on the Mildmay Course.

1954

Joe Griffin also owned the second of O'Brien's three consecutive winners - 8/1 hope Royal Tan, ridden by Bryan Marshall who had partnered Early Mist the year before too. The construction of the motor racing circuit, which still circles the Grand National course, began. The circuit was another of Mrs Topham's innovations. It hosted a European Grand Prix and five British Grand Prix. Stirling Moss won his first Grand Prix there in 1955 and was also victorious in both 1957 and 1959. The 1961 British Grand Prix went to Wolfgang von Trips and Jim Clark took the final one to be staged at Aintree in 1962.

1955

Tim Brookshaw rode runner-up Wyndburgh without irons after a stirrup broke at Becher's on the second circuit - the 22nd of the 30 fences. The pair nearly won, finishing a length and a half behind Oxo, trained by Willie Stephenson and partnered by Michael Scudamore, father of multiple champion jockey Peter and grandfather of Tom (jockey) and Michael (trainer) Scudamore.

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1958

Nicolaus Silver, trained by Fred Rimell and partnered by Bobby Beasley, became the second grey to win the Grand National - The Lamb was the first when successful in both 1868 and 1871. Nicolaus Silver was also the second of Rimell's four Grand National winners, the first coming five years earlier through E.S.B. Two Russian horses took part, but neither Relief nor Grifel got around. Soft drinks firm Schweppes was involved in the sponsorship in both 1961 and 1962.

1959

The Grand National returned to a Friday temporarily in an attempt to reverse falling attendances. Sundew gave Fred Winter his first success as a jockey, with

Wyndburgh second, eight lengths adrift at the line.

1960

Sponsorship of the Grand National was received for the first time, with the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes putting up £5,000 towards the prize money, meaning the race was worth a record £13,719 to the winning owner. Mr What, an eight-year-old novice trained in Ireland by Tom Taaffe and ridden by Arthur Freeman, who put up 6lb overweight, relished the heavy ground and scored easily by 30 lengths from a mare Tiberetta, with favourite Wyndburgh fourth. Mr What was the 17th Irish-trained scorer and finished third in both the 1959 and 1962 renewals.

1961

Brewers Vaux became involved with the sponsorship of the Grand National and the race was run "for the Vaux Gold Tankard". Hollywood actor Gregory Peck came to Aintree to witness his Owen's Sedge finish seventh to 66/1 chance Ayala, trained by Keith Piggott (Lester's father), owned by hairdresser Pierre Raymond and ridden by 19-year-old Pat Buckley. Out of the 47 runners, 22 finished.

1962

Fred Winter enjoyed his second Grand National victory aboard the Ryan Price-trained Kilmore, following his success on Sundew five years earlier. Wyndburgh, the runner-up in 1957 and 1959, finished second for the third time, with 1958 victor Mr What third. It was the first time that 12-year-olds finished one, two and three. Scottish-trained Wyndburgh, ridden this time by Tommy Barnes, was having the last of six outings in the Grand National, coming fourth (1958), sixth (1961) and falling (1960) in his other three starts.

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1964

Fulke Walwyn trained the Grand National winner, 28 years after partnering Reynoldstown to victory as an amateur, when saddling Team Spirit to score at the horse's fifth attempt. Winning American co-owner Ronald Woodward had been stationed at the racecourse during the Second World War.

1965

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1966

Paul McCartney celebrated at his local course after Drake's Drum, who had been bought by the Beatle for his father, won a six-furlong Flat race on Grand National day. A name change proved not to be unlucky for 50/1 hope

Anglo, who won the feature contest from 46 rivals, having previously raced as Flag Of Convenience in his early years. Freddie again started favourite, this time at 11/4, and finished runner-up for the second consecutive year. It was a second successive victory for Fred Winter as a trainer, while he also rode two Grand National winners. A Japanese starter, Fujino-O, caused much interest, but did not complete the race.

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Former Olympic showjumper Eddie Harty took the winning ride on the Toby Balding-trained and North American-owned Highland Wedding after regular pilot Owen McNally broke his elbow in the build-up to

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the race. Balding, who died aged 78 on September 25, 2014, also saddled Little Polveir to victory in 1989.

1970

40-year-old Pat Taaffe, successful in the Grand National on Quare Times in 1955 and best known for his association with Arkle, landed a second Grand National victory aboard the Fred Rimell-trained Gay Trip, his last ride in the race. Taaffe passed away at the age of 62 on July 7, 1992.

1971

Specify beat Black Secret by a neck in one of the most exciting renewals. The winning horse was owned by holiday camp magnate Fred Pontin. Trevor Hemmings, who led a management buyout of Pontins in 1987, was so inspired by the victory of Specify that he became determined to win the Grand National, realising his dream with Hedgehunter in 2005, Ballabriggs in 2011 and Many Clouds in 2015.

1972

Heather Sumner, who died from cancer in 1971, bequeathed Well To Do to trainer Captain Tim Forster in her will. The nine-year-old beat Gay Trip by two lengths, while Black Secret and General Symons became the first horses to dead-heat for a place in the Grand National after the judge could not split them for third. Oil giant BP sponsored the race. Forster went on to train two more Grand National winners in Ben Nevis (1980) and Last Suspect (1985).

1973

The great Red Rum won the first of his three Grand Nationals - more than any other horse. He set a new course record time in the process, completing in 9m 1.9s, when beating the gallant top-weight Crisp in the closing stages - they were the 9/1 joint favourites. This was also the year that Brian Fletcher won the world's most famous chase for the second time, having struck on Red Alligator in 1968, and he went on to score again on Red Rum in 1974. Aintree racecourse was finally sold for £3 million to property developer Bill Davies, who vowed to keep the race going.

1974

Red Rum followed up with a superb victory under

top-weight of 12st, beating L'Escargot by seven lengths before going on to success in the Scottish Grand National just three weeks later. Brian Fletcher was in the saddle again and became the first jockey since amateur Jack Anthony 54 years earlier to ride three Grand National winners. Red Rum was the seventh horse to win the Grand National twice.

1975

L'Escargot emulated Golden Miller as only the second horse to win both the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National, albeit in different seasons, when beating Red Rum, the 7/2 favourite. He took the former race in both 1970 and 1971. Trained by Dan Moore and ridden by Tommy Carberry, he was the 18th Irish-trained winner. The attendance was the smallest in modern history after Bill Davies tripled admission prices. Bookmakers Ladbrokes stepped in and signed an agreement with Davies allowing them to manage the Grand National.

The News Of The World newspaper sponsored the race for three years.

1976

Fred Rimell trained his fourth and final Grand National winner with Rag Trade, the second success for owner Pierre Raymond, overcoming Red Rum. Rimell's other victories came through E.S.B. (1956), Nicolaus Silver (1961) and Gay Trip (1970), a record number later matched by Ginger McCain.

1977

12-year-old Red Rum created history by winning the Grand National, by 25 lengths, for a record third time under Tommy Stack. His three victories and two seconds made him the greatest horse in Grand National history. The Grand National meeting became an all jump event (there had previously been some Flat racing staged), with the hope that the three days would, at some point, rival the Cheltenham Festival. Charlotte Brew was the first woman to ride in the Grand National, but her mount Barony Fort refused four fences from home.

1978

Red Rum was withdrawn and retired on the eve of the Grand National after a leg injury. Lucius, trained by Gordon Richards n Cumbria and ridden by Bob Davies, prevailed in a pulsating finish which saw just two and a half lengths

cover the first five home. The Sun newspaper sponsored and was also the backer from 1980 to 1983 inclusive.

1979

Rubstic, trained by John Leadbetter in Roxburghshire, became the first Scottish-based Grand National winner. He was ridden by Maurice Barnes, whose father Tommy had finished second on Wyndburgh in 1962. The Colt Car Company backed the race in which seven completed.

1980

Despite said to be unsuited by heavy ground, the Tim Forster-trained Ben Nevis won the Grand National in desperate conditions which saw only four finishers. The 12-year-old, who had previously taken America's Maryland Hunt Cup twice, was ridden by merchant banker Charles Fenwick, who became the second American amateur to triumph following Tommy Smith 15 years earlier. Aintree mourned the death of Mirabel Topham, who died aged 88.

1981

An emotional year in which winning jockey Bob Champion, who in late 1979 was told he had cancer and only months to live, overcame adversity on the Josh Gifford-trained Aldaniti, who himself had almost been retired because of leg trouble. Runner-up Spartan Missile added to the story as he was ridden by 54-year-old grandfather and amateur rider John Thorne.

1982

Dick Saunders became the oldest successful rider at 48 on 7/1 favourite Grittar, his first and only Grand National ride. The amateur jockey was also the only member of The Jockey Club, which now owns and runs Aintree, to partner a winner of the world's most famous chase. Permit holder Frank Gilman sent out the winner. The first fence saw 10 horses come down and Geraldine Rees was the first woman to complete the Grand National, when eighth and last on Cheers. The Grand National Appeal was launched to rescue the race once and for all.

1983

Fundraisers failed to generate enough money to purchase Aintree and the race was run under the auspices of the Jockey Club after an extension had been agreed with owner Bill Davies. Jenny Pitman

became the first woman to train the winner when Corbiere beat Greasepaint. She also sent out Royal Athlete to success 12 years later. She retired from training in 1999 and has written thrillers with a racing theme.

1984

Seagram Distillers stepped in as sponsors of the Grand National. They provided the solid foundation which enabled the course to be finally purchased from Bill Davies and to be run and managed by Jockey Club Racecourses (then known as Racecourse Holdings Trust). Ivan Straker, the Seagram UK chairman, started the ball rolling after reading a passionate newspaper article by journalist Lord Oaksey. There was a new record of 23 finishers, led home by Hallo Dandy who lived to the grand old age of 33.

1985

Tim Forster gained his third and final Grand National training success with the Hywel Davies-ridden Last Suspect, a 50/1 chance owned by Anne, the Duchess of Westminster. The trainer had been victorious with Well To Do in 1972 and American import Ben Nevis in 1980.

1986

West Tip, trained by Michael Oliver and ridden by Richard Dunwoody, won on the second of his six runs in the Grand National. The chaser was also runner-up to Little Polveir in 1989 and fourth in both 1987 and 1988. He fell in 1985 at Becher's Brook on the second circuit and finished 10th in 1990.

1987

Jim Joel became the oldest winning owner when Maori Venture won by five lengths, with 22 finishing. The 92-year-old also joined an elite band of owners to be successful in both the Grand National and the Derby (successful with Royal Palace in 1967). In his will, Joel left Maori Venture to winning jockey Steve Knight, who retired in 1989 and subsequently became one of trainer Richard Hannon's head lads.

1988

A statue of Red Rum by Philip Blacker was unveiled by Princess Anne, now the Princess Royal. Rhyme 'N' Reason, trained by David Elsworth, ridden by Brendan

Powell (now a trainer) and owned by Juliet Reed, survived a blunder at Becher's on the first circuit to beat Durham Edition by four lengths and seven others who got around. There was a false start.

1989

The Grand National celebrated its 150th birthday and Little Polveir, ridden by Jimmy Frost and trained by Toby Balding, took the honours on heavy ground. Prize money extended down to the sixth horse home for the first time. A false start occurred for the second consecutive year.

1990

The Kim Bailey-trained Mr Frisk, owned by 80-year-old American Lois Duffey who lived to the age of 96, set a new record Grand National winning time of 8m 47.8s, which still stands, when partnered by Marcus Armytage, the most recent amateur to be successful.

1991

The last Seagram-sponsored Grand National was run and victory went to the aptly-named Seagram, bred in New Zealand, whom the company's chairman Ivan Straker twice had the opportunity to buy. Instead the owner was Sir Eric Parker, with Nigel Hawke (now a trainer) on board the 12/1 chance trained by David Barons in Devon.

1992

Martell Cognac, then a Seagram subsidiary, took over sponsorship of the Grand National and the rest of the meeting. The seven-year contract was worth over £4 million. The Nick Gaselee-trained Party Politics, five days before a general election, won at 14/1 from 21 other finishers. Winning rider Carl Llewellyn enjoyed further success on Earth Summit in 1998.

1993

The Grand National was declared void after a false start amid chaotic scenes. The contest was "won" by the Jenny Pitman-trained Esha Ness, who was among a number of horses whose riders failed to notice starter Keith Brown had called a false start and continued to race, despite the efforts of officials to halt proceedings.

1994

Richard Dunwoody, the leading Grand National rider of his generation, gained his second success on Miinnehoma, trained by Martin Pipe, to add to his earlier win on West Tip in 1986. Dunwoody was also placed in the race on six occasions. Amateur Rosemary Henderson came home fifth of the six to get around on her own horse Fiddlers Pike, the best finishing position achieved by a female rider at the time.

1995

Royal Athlete provided Jenny Pitman with her second Grand National victory. The 12-year-old was partnered by Jason Titley, having his first ride over the National fences. The third Over The Deel was a 100/1 chance. Prize money offered increased to £160,000. Red Rum died on October 18 at the old age of 30 and was buried by the winning post at Aintree Racecourse.

1996

Rough Quest, trained by Terry Casey and owned by Andrew Wates, became the first favourite for 14 years to win the Grand National, obliging at odds of 7/1, but the 10-year-old had to survive a lengthy stewards' enquiry after hanging left in the closing stages. Winning jockey Mick Fitzgerald famously exclaimed: "Sex is an anti-climax after that!" Rough Quest enjoyed a lengthy and happy retirement at Henfold in Surrey until his death at the age of 30 in October, 2016. The race was worth £200,000.

1997

Sir Peter O'Sullivan, the BBC's 'voice of racing', completed his 50th and final Grand National commentary. This was the 150th running of the Grand National at Aintree and the race took place on a Monday after the scheduled start on the Saturday had to be postponed because of an IRA bomb scare. The alert caused the biggest evacuation - 60,000 - in the history of the sport but, thanks to determined efforts from the Aintree management and board of directors, the Grand National was rearranged at the unusual time of 5pm on a Monday.

The Tony Dobbin-ridden Lord Gyllene, trained by Steve Brookshaw for Stan Clarke, was not inconvenienced by the Monday running, offered

with £250,000 in total prize money, and won well in front of a crowd of over 20,000 people who were admitted free of charge. He was the third winner to be bred in New Zealand following on from Moifaa (1904) and Seagram (1991). The third home Camelot Knight was sent off at 100/1.

1998

Earth Summit, the 7/1 favourite co-owned by Aintree's press officer Nigel Payne, relished the heavy going and was the first Grand National winner who had also succeeded in both the Scottish and Welsh Nationals. He was one of the few blinkered horses to triumph in the Grand National. Winning trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies famously told the main BBC presenter Des Lynam he didn't do interviews. The race value went up to £300,000 and six finished.

1999

Bobbyjo won the Grand National for the trainer Tommy Carberry and his jockey son Paul, giving Ireland a 19th victory. The successful trainer, who died in July, 2017, aged 75, rode the 1975 victor L'Escargot. Martell Cognac renewed its sponsorship of the Grand National and extended the association with Aintree until 2004. The deal, worth a minimum of £4.5 million to Aintree over the six-year term, was the biggest sponsorship deal in British racing history. It saw the value of the race reach £420,000. The minimum age for runners was raised to six.

2000

Another Irish father and son combination was successful as Ruby Walsh partnered Papillon, trained by his father Ted, to victory. The nine-year-old, the 20th Irish-trained victor, had been backed down to 10/1 from 33/1 on the day of the race and cost the bookmakers a reported £10 million. The race was worth £500,000 for the first time.

2001

Red Marauder enabled Norman Mason to become the most recent permit holder - someone who trains horses owned by himself or his family - to send out the Grand National winner. Mason's assistant Richard Guest was in the saddle. Martin Pipe saddled 10 of the runners - the highest number ever from one trainer - and the

best he managed was third with Blowing Wind. Only four horses finished on the heavy ground, with two of those having been remounted, and the winning margin was a distance, the winner completing in 11m 0.10s. The race saw the first reserve to line up - Merry People.

2002

Jim Culloty was the first jockey for 26 years, and the sixth in all, to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National in the same season when he triumphed aboard Bindaree. Culloty - successful at Cheltenham on Best Mate - had only picked up the mount on Nigel Twiston-Davies' charge after Jamie Goldstein broke his leg at Ludlow earlier in the week. He is now a trainer in Ireland.

2003

Monty's Pass gave Ireland a third victory in five years when landing a gamble for the members of the Dee Racing Syndicate. The Jimmy Mangan-trained 10-year-old won by 12 lengths under Barry Geraghty and was the 21st Irish scorer. Prize money for the race jumped to £600,000.

2004

Aintree specialist Amberleigh House, owned by Halewood International Ltd which sponsored the Grand National through Crabbie's between 2014 and 2016, gave trainer Ginger McCain an emotional fourth Grand National success following on from Red Rum's unprecedented three victories in the 1970s. McCain equalled Fred Rimell's record feat of training four Grand National winners. Winning jockey Graham Lee switched codes in 2012 to become a highly successful rider on the Flat. This was Martell's last year as the sponsor.

2005

Hedgehunter, trained by Ireland's champion jump trainer Willie Mullins and ridden by Ruby Walsh, gave owner Trevor Hemmings a first Grand National success, having fallen at the last the previous year when a close third. The nine-year-old was the first winner since Rhyme 'N' Reason in 1988 to carry more than 11st (11lb) to victory and the 22nd Irish victor. Carrie Ford finished fifth of the 21 to get around on Forest Gunner, at the time equaling the best position achieved by a female rider. This was the

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initial running as the John Smith's Grand National and prize money increased by £100,000 to £700,000.

2006

Numbersixvalverde scored for County Kildare trainer Martin Brassil, the 23rd Irish winner. The winner was named after owner Bernard Carroll's holiday home in the Algarve. Niall 'Slippers' Madden, having his first Grand National mount, was the successful rider on the 10-year-old.

2007

33/1 chance Silver Birch followed Bobbyjo (1999), Papillon (2000), Monty's Pass (2003), Hedgehunter (2005) and Numbersixvalverde (2006) to become the sixth Irish-trained winner in nine runnings and the 24th in total. Trained by rookie trainer Gordon Elliott, 29, Silver Birch was bought out of Paul Nicholls' stable and freshened up by racing in cross country chases. There was a false start and a delay to the runners getting away. The fourth Philson Run started at 100/1. Two new grandstands, the Earl of Sefton and Lord Derby, were used for the first time at Aintree.

2008

Comply Or Die gave David Pipe, son of record-breaking trainer Martin who sent out Minnehoma to victory in 1994, success in the Grand National during only his second season. The David Johnson-owned nine-year-old, ridden by Timmy Murphy, was the first blinkered runner to win since Earth Summit in 1998. The race carried prize money of £800,000.

2009

Venetia Williams, who came down at Becher's first time around on her only ride in the race (1988), was the second woman to train a Grand National winner when Mon Mome, owned by Vida Bingham and ridden by Liam Treadwell (his first ride in the race), stormed to victory. Mon Mome became the most recent of five Grand National winners at the odds of 100/1. There were two false starts. Total prize money went up to £900,000.

2010

Don't Push It provided a first John Smith's Grand National victory for jockey A P McCoy, trainer Jonjo O'Neill and owner J P McManus. McCoy, having his 15th ride in the great race, had broken plenty of records, but winning the Grand National meant everything. Don't Push It's triumph led to the multiple champion jockey being voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year. Prize money was boosted to £925,000 and, for the first time, remounting was not allowed.

2011

The McCain family celebrated a fifth training success when Donald sent out Ballabriggs under Jason Maguire and gave owner Trevor Hemmings a second Grand National winner following on from Hedgehunter in 2005 as prize money rose to £950,000. It was an emotional time for proud Ginger McCain, successfully with Red Rum three times and Amberleigh House, who saw his 41-year-old son triumph as well.

McCain senior passed away just over five months later; two days short of his 81st birthday. Amateur rider Sam Waley-Cohen came second on Oscar Time. State Of Play, trained by Evan Williams for William & Angela Rucker, finished in the frame for the third consecutive year when fourth. Bypassing of fences occurred for the first time, having been made possible in 2009.

2012

Champion Jump trainer Paul Nicholls gained his first success with Neptune Collonges in a thrilling finish under Daryl Jacob, the first grey to win since Nicolaus Silver in 1961 and the third in all. The nose verdict over Sunnyhillboy, partnered by Richie McLernon, was the closest winning margin in Grand National history.

Amateur Katie Walsh, whose mount Seabass finished third, also created a Grand National landmark by becoming the highest-placed female rider. There were two false starts. Prize money rose to £975,000 and the minimum age for runners was raised to seven. It was the final Grand National to be run over four

and a half miles and last to be broadcast on BBC Television.

2013

Auroras Encore caused a 66/1 shock when prevailing in the hands of Ryan Mania, the first Scotsman to succeed in 117 years. The winner was trained in Yorkshire, the first to be so since Merryman II in 1960, by Sue Smith, who became the third female trainer to win the race following Jenny Pitman and Venetia Williams. Smith is assisted by her husband Harvey, the famous former showjumping champion. The distance of the Grand National was reduced to four miles, three and a half furlongs, as a shorter run to the first fence was introduced, and plastic frames were put into most of the fences. The total prize fund was again £975,000 and 2013 marked the final year of sponsorship by John Smith's. Terrestrial television coverage switched from the BBC to Channel 4 for the first time.

2014

Dr Richard Newland, a qualified GP as well as a trainer from a 12-box yard in Worcestershire, and owner John Provan enjoyed success with their first Grand National runner as Pineau De Re scored by five lengths at odds of 25/1. Winning jockey Leighton Aspell, who also celebrated a first Grand National success at the age of 37, retired from race-riding in 2007 only to change his mind 18 months later. There was a false start. Crabbie's, the UK's number one selling Alcoholic Ginger Beer, took over sponsorship of the Grand National, with the prize money raised to a record £1 million.

2015

Many Clouds became the first Hennessy Gold Cup (Newbury) winner to go on to victory in the Grand National when beating Saint Are by a length and three quarters. The Oliver Sherwood-trained eight-year-old carried 11st 9lb to victory – the highest weight since Red Rum was successful under 12st in 1974. Leighton Aspell was the first jockey to win the Grand National in consecutive years since Brian Fletcher on Red Rum in 1973 and 1974, and the first to do so on different horses since Bryan Marshall in 1953 and

1954. Trevor Hemmings joined a select group of four people to have owned three Grand National winners. Paul Moloney also registered a noteworthy feat as he was placed in the Grand National for a seventh consecutive year, this time finishing fourth on Alvarado.

2016

Rule The World, the 25th Irish-trained winner, remarkably gained his first victory over fences in the Grand National as he beat The Last Samurai by six lengths for the first running at the re-measured distance of four miles, two furlongs and 74 yards. The previous horse to succeed in the Grand National having not won a race over fences beforehand was Voluptuary in 1884, while the last novice chaser to score was Mr What in 1958. David Mullins celebrated his first Grand National ride with victory, while owner Michael O'Leary of Ryanair fame and trainer Mouse Morris also enjoyed initial Grand National success. 13-year-old Vics Canvas blundered badly at Becher's Brook first time around, but Robbie Dunne produced a miraculous recovery and the pair went on to finish third. Richard Johnson had his 20th ride in the race, equalising the record number set by Sir Tony McCoy in 2015, but was out of luck again as he pulled up Kruzhlinin – seconds on What's Up Boys (2002) and Balthazar King (2014) remain his best finishes. This was the final Grand National run under Crabbie's sponsorship and the last to be broadcast on Channel 4.

2017

Lucinda Russell became the fourth woman to train the winner of the Grand National following Jenny Pitman, Venetia Williams and Sue Smith as One For Arthur stayed on powerfully to beat Cause Of Causes by four and a half lengths. The winner became the second horse trained in Scotland to win the race, following Rubstic in 1979. Derek Fox continued the fine recent record of jockeys winning on their Grand National debut, emulating Ryan Mania (2013) and David Mullins (2016). Prize money remained at £1-million, with the great race televised on ITV for the first time in its history. There were two false starts.



RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE

(CLASS ONE) (GRADE THREE)- RACE CONDITIONS

RUN

5.15pm, Saturday, April 14, 2018.

DISTANCE

Four miles, two furlongs & 74 yards (re-measured ahead of the 2016 running according to a new British criteria) over the Grand National fences (30 jumped).

PRIZE MONEY

Total prize fund of £1,000,000 (includes prizes down to 10th).

1st	£500,000
2nd	£200,000
3rd	£100,000
4th	£65,000
5th	£40,000
6th	£30,000
7th	£20,000
8th	£15,000
9th	£10,000
10th	£5,000

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RUNNERS

The race will be limited to 40 runners and four reserves.

WEIGHT DETAILS

The top-weight is 11st 10lb and no penalties will be applied after the publication of the weights on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The minimum weight is 10st.

BREEDER

Randox will give a memento to the breeder of the winner and a memento, in conjunction with the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, to the breeder of the first British-bred horse to finish (British-bred being a horse who has been foaled in Great Britain and was sired by a horse standing in Great Britain at the time of covering).

PARADE

There will be a parade before the race, unless the weather is too warm. Horses will be led in front of the stands before cantering to the start.

RACE STAGES

- £1,100 stake to enter – closed at noon on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.
- Weights announced on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. No penalties after the publication of the weights.

- £1,100 extra if not scratched by noon, February 27, 2018
- £1,100 extra if not scratched by noon, March 20, 2018
- £1,700 extra if entry confirmed by noon on Monday, April 9, 2018
- Declarations to run must be made by 10am on Thursday, April 12, 2018

AGE, SEX AND RATINGS

The Randox Health Grand National is for seven-year-olds and upwards who, have started in a chase during the current season and who, up to and including March 19, 2018 have been placed first, second, third or fourth in a chase with an official distance of 'two miles, seven and a half furlongs' or more and who are allotted a rating of 125 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping Phil Smith following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including February 11, 2018.

Horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain or Ireland at closing may also be entered. Such horses may be eligible for a weight providing the handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and

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including February 11, 2018 would merit a minimum rating of 125. To qualify, horses must have run at least three times in chases run under the Rules of Racing of the same Recognised Racing Authority up to and including February 11. At the handicapper's discretion, such horses may be allocated a rating. The decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final.

A novice horse shall only be qualified to run in this race if it has run a minimum of three times in chases in Great Britain, Ireland or France in accordance with Rule (F)42.5.

RIDER QUALIFICATIONS

To be ridden by jockeys or amateur riders who, before April 12, 2018, have ridden not less than 15 winners in chases or hurdle races under the Rules of Racing and/or the Rules of the Irish National Hunt Steeple Chase Committee and ridden not less than 10 of these winners in chases.

RIDERS

A mandatory briefing, which must be attended by all riders participating in the race, will take place in the Stewards' Room at noon on the raceday, Saturday, April 14, 2018.

SPONSORSHIP DETAIL

Randox has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. The stable employee in charge of the best turned-out horse will receive a cash prize of £300 and a memento.

All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of RANDOX. The sponsorship payment of £500 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with Rule (F)131 of the Rules of Racing.

RUNNERS

Declarations to run for this race must be made by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018 and declarations of riders must be made by 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

SPEED SENSING

All horses who start in this race, as defined in the Rules of Racing, shall be required to carry a speed sensing device in accordance with the provisions of Rule (C)43.4. This provision does not constitute any qualification for the purposes of Schedule (B)2.4.

SUITABILITY

The British Horseracing Authority may exercise their powers under Rule (F)83.1.2 to refuse to allow a horse duly entered to run when they have reason to be concerned about the horse's suitability for the race. Any horse whose entry is confirmed under Rule (F)87 will not be permitted to run if it subsequently runs in any other race, including Point-to-Point races.

All runners must be presented to the BHA Veterinary Officers for a pre-race veterinary inspection and must pass the inspection. Any horse considered unfit to run will be withdrawn by order of the Stewards of the Meeting under Rule (B)6.1.

Horses may be presented for inspection on the day of racing as advised. Subject to the discretion of the Stewards, any horse which is not presented for a veterinary inspection by the time advised will not be permitted to run under Rule (B)6.1.

BEST-SHOED HORSE

The Worshipful Company of Farriers will present a memento to the owner and farrier of the best-shod horse, the judging of which will take place during the pre-race veterinary inspection.

ELIMINATIONS

This race will be restricted to 40 runners plus four reserves.

If elimination is necessary, the balloting of horses set to carry the same weight will be decided upon by using the horses' current handicap mark at the time of elimination. In the event of two or more horses on the same weight having an identical current handicap rating, their elimination sequence will be determined by random ballot.

RESERVES

The four reserves will be nominated as R1, R2, R3 and R4. The trainers of horses in the list of five-day acceptors who are not among the 40 highest-weighted horses (i.e. within the safety factor) at the 48-hour declaration stage must indicate at that time whether they are prepared to be a reserve. In the event that the number of declared runners exceeds the safety factor, four reserves will be selected.

These horses will be the four horses with the highest handicap rating among those who are subject to elimination from the race after the 48-hour declaration stage and who indicate that they are prepared to stand as reserves. If the trainer does not make any indication and cannot be contacted, the horse will not stand as a reserve.

When the list of declarations is released, the reserves will not be allocated a saddlecloth number but will be listed as R1, R2, R3 and R4. They will take sequentially the number of any horse who becomes a non-runner, with reserves who gain a run placed in the position vacated by that non-runner. They will, therefore be listed in saddle cloth order and not in the order their weight allocation dictates.

Non-runners notified to the Racing Calendar Office in accordance with Rule (F) 97 and Schedule (F) 7 by 1pm on Friday, April 13, 2018, will be replaced by reserves. This means that 1pm on Friday, April 13, 2018, will be the only time when reserves can take a place in the runners' list.

RAISING OF WEIGHTS AT THE 24-HOUR STAGE

Weights will be raised at 1pm on Friday, April 13, 2018, in the same manner as at the 48-hour declaration stage if there are any relevant non-runners.

Trainers are reminded of the provisions of Schedule F (7) which require that they must notify the Racing Calendar Office immediately when the decision has been made not to run. This will maximise the list of runners and determine whether the weights need to be raised.

DECLARATION OF RIDERS

Declaration of riders for any reserves, who obtain a run in the Randox Health Grand National, will be required by 1.30pm on Friday, April 13, 2018. In addition, should the weights be raised at the 24-hour stage, revised declarations of riders will be accepted for all declared runners up until 1.30pm on Friday, April 13, 2018. The BHA will amend Rule (F) 45 and (F) 92 in the event that raising of the weights at the 24-hour stage proves necessary.

The BHA will modify the Rules of Racing as a consequence of providing four reserves for the Randox Health Grand National. The penalty referred to in Rule 144 (1) will be waived for any horse who is deemed a non-runner in the Randox Health Grand National by 1pm on Friday, April 13, 2018.

The entire stakes will also be reimbursed to any horse who is eliminated or is a reserve but subsequently fails to obtain a run. Aintree will reimburse reasonable expenses to cover the cost of horse transport of any horse selected as a reserve who does not ultimately run. In the case of an overnight stay at Aintree Racecourse, stable staff will be accommodated in the racecourse hostel.

TRAINERS & JOCKEYS AT THE RANDOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL FESTIVAL



	1ST	2ND	3RD
LEADING TRAINERS			
2017 Colin Tizzard	5	1	-
Nicky Henderson	3	5	1
Malcolm Jefferson	1	2	-
2016 Willie Mullins IRE	6	6	3
Colin Tizzard	3	-	1
Nicky Henderson	2	2	-
2015 Paul Nicholls	3	3	2
Nicky Henderson	3	3	1
Gordon Elliott IRE	3	-	1
2014 Nicky Henderson	4	1	1
Alan King	3	1	1
Paul Nicholls	2	2	2
Nigel Twiston-Davies	2	2	-
2013 Nicky Henderson	5	3	-
Kevin Bishop	2	-	-
Colin Tizzard	1	2	-
Paul Nicholls	1	2	3
2012 Nicky Henderson	6	4	1
Paul Nicholls	4	2	6
Alan King	2	1	-
Malcolm Jefferson	2	-	-
2011 Paul Nicholls	3	2	2
Nicky Henderson	3	1	-
Gordon Elliott IRE	2	-	-
Howard Johnson	2	-	-
2010 Jonjo O'Neill	3	1	1
Paul Nicholls	3	-	5
Nicky Henderson	3	-	1
Peter Bowen	2	1	-
2009 Alan King	3	1	-
Jonjo O'Neill	2	1	1
Paul Nicholls	1	3	1
John Kiely IRE	1	-	-
David Pipe	1	1	-
Venetia Williams	1	1	-
2008 Paul Nicholls	5	4	1
Nicky Henderson	3	-	-
David Pipe	2	2	1
Alan King	2	1	2
2007 Jonjo O'Neill	3	3	1
John Quinn	2	-	-
Paul Nicholls	1	2	1
Peter Bowen	1	2	-
2006 Philip Hobbs	2	2	1
Paul Nicholls	2	-	4
Jonjo O'Neill	2	-	1
Alan King	1	5	1
2005 Nicky Richards	3	-	-
Paul Nicholls	1	2	2
Howard Johnson	1	2	1
Alan King	1	2	1
2004 Martin Pipe*	2	1	3
Jonjo O'Neill	2	2	-
Paul Nicholls	1	3	3
Nicky Henderson	1	1	1
Sue Smith	1	-	2
2003 Jonjo O'Neill	4	2	-
Martin Pipe	2	4	4
Paul Nicholls	2	1	2
Henrietta Knight	1	-	1
Venetia Williams	1	-	1
2002 Jonjo O'Neill	4	1	-
Martin Pipe	3	6	3
Willie Mullins IRE	2	-	1
Paul Nicholls	2	-	1
Philip Hobbs	1	2	-
2001 Philip Hobbs	3	-	1
Francois Doumen FR	2	-	-
Tim Easterby	2	-	1
Len Lungo	2	-	-
Norman Mason	2	-	-
2000 Philip Hobbs	3	-	3
Martin Pipe	1	3	2
Nigel Twiston-Davies	1	2	1
Pat Hughes IRE	1	1	-
Norman Mason	1	-	1

*won on prize money earned

LEADING TRAINERS

Colin Tizzard took the honours for leading trainer at the 2017 Randox Health Grand National with a great haul of five winners.

Out of luck on the first day, Tizzard saddled a remarkable 4,334/1 treble on Ladies Day, which included two G1 victories, with Pingshou taking the Betway Top Novices' Hurdle and Fox Norton landing the JLT Melling Chase.

His third winner of the day came over the Grand National fences in the Randox Health Topham Handicap Chase, when Ultragold belied his 50/1 starting price to take the glory under Harry Cobden (above).

On Grand National Day, there was further G1 rewards for Tizzard as Finian's Oscar came out on top in the Betway Mersey Novices' Hurdle. His fifth winner of the meeting came when Sizing Codelco landed the Listed Betway Handicap Chase. The trainer, based on the Dorset/Somerset border, took the Randox Health Grand National Festival title for the first time.

Nicky Henderson, the top trainer at Aintree for the 2014, 2013 and 2012 Grand National Festivals, did not leave empty-handed in 2017. His three winners were headed by Buveur D'Air, who added his Champion Hurdle success by capturing the G1 Betway Aintree Hurdle. My Tent Or Yours, also trained by Henderson, was runner-up to his stable companion in both the Champion Hurdle and Betway Aintree Hurdle.

Might Bite followed up on his Cheltenham success in the RSA Chase by winning the G1 Betway Mildmay Novices' Chase. Stable companion Whisper finished second in both contests. The third winner for the master of Seven Barrows at Aintree came when Rather Be won the G3 Alder Hey Children's Charity Handicap Hurdle, the opening race on Ladies Day.

Malcolm Jefferson, third last year, died on February 2 at age of 71 after a long illness.



LEADING JOCKEYS

Robbie Power gained the leading jockey title at the 2017 Randox Health Grand National Festival with four victories.

The Irishman, who won the 2007 Grand National on Silver Birch, was appointed retained jockey by owners Alan and Ann Potts last season and landed the Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup for the duo, who both sadly died later in 2017, aboard Sizing John.

Power's fine run of form for his patrons continued at Aintree. He enjoyed an 84/1 G1 double on Ladies Day, courtesy of Pingshou (above) in the Betway Top Novices' Hurdle and Fox Norton in the JLT Melling Chase.

On Grand National Day, Power was on the mark again with a 43/1 double on more Potts-owned horses - Finian's Oscar in the Betway Mersey Novices' Hurdle and Sizing Codelco in the Listed Betway Handicap Chase.

Barry Geraghty (the leading jockey in 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014) enjoyed a G1 treble in hurdle contests on horses owned by his retaining owner J P McManus - Buveur D'Air in the Betway Aintree Hurdle, Yanworth in the Ryanair Stayers' Hurdle and Defi Du Seuil in the Doom Bar Anniversary 4-Y-O Juvenile Hurdle.

	WINS	1ST	2ND	3RD
LEADING RIDERS				
2017 Robbie Power	4			
2016 Paul Townend	2*			
2015 A P (Tony) McCoy	2*			
2014 Barry Geraghty	4			
2013 Barry Geraghty	3			
2012 Barry Geraghty	4			
2011 Barry Geraghty	4			
2010 Tony McCoy	3*			
2009 Robert Thornton	3			
2008 Ruby Walsh	5			
2007 Tony McCoy	3			
2006 Tony McCoy	4			
2005 Tony McCoy	3*			
2004 Graham Lee	2*			
2003 Ruby Walsh	4			
2002 Richard Johnson	2*			
2001 Adrian Maguire	2*			
2000 Norman Williamson	2*			
1999 Tony McCoy	2*			
1998 Tony McCoy	5			
1997 Richard Dunwoody	4			
1996 Tony McCoy	3*			
1995 Jamie Osborne	2*			
1994 Adrian Maguire	3*			
1993 Graham Bradley	2*			
1992 Richard Dunwoody	4			
1991 Graham McCourt	2*			
1990 Mark Pitman	3			
1989 Jimmy Frost	2*			
1988 Richard Dunwoody	2*			
1987 Michael Bowlby	3			
1986 Richard Dunwoody	3			
1985 Steve Smith Eccles	2			
1984 Tony Mullins	2*			

* decided on places

	1ST	2ND	3RD
LEADING JOCKEYS			
2017 Robbie Power	4	1	-
Barry Geraghty	3	3	-
Brian Hughes	1	3	-
2016 Paul Townend	2	2	1
David Mullins	2	1	-
Paddy Brennan	2	-	-
Barry Geraghty	1	3	1
A P (Tony) McCoy	2	2	2
Sam Twiston-Davies	2	2	1
Ruby Walsh	2	-	2
Brian Hughes	2	-	-
2014 Barry Geraghty	4	3	-
Tony McCoy	3	3	5
Sam Twiston-Davies	2	2	2
Wayne Hutchinson	2	-	-
2013 Barry Geraghty	3	3	-
Tony McCoy	2	4	1
Bryan Cooper	2	-	2
Brendan Powell	2	-	-
2012 Barry Geraghty	4	3	-
Ruby Walsh	3	1	2
Robert Thornton	2	1	-
2011 Barry Geraghty	4	-	-
Ruby Walsh	3	2	1
Daryl Jacob	2	-	2
Paul Carberry	2	-	-
Paul Gallagher	2	-	-
Richard Johnson	2	-	-
2010 Tony McCoy	3	1	2
Barry Geraghty	3	1	1
Ruby Walsh	3	-	3
Richard Johnson	1	3	2
2009 Robert Thornton	3	1	1
Ruby Walsh	2	3	1
Tony McCoy	2	1	3
Paddy Brennan	2	-	1
2008 Ruby Walsh	5	4	1
Timmy Murphy	3	-	-
Robert Thornton	2	-	1
Andrew Tinkler	2	-	-
2007 Tony McCoy	3	3	1
Tony Dobbins	2	1	1
Noel Fehily	2	-	-
Ruby Walsh	1	2	1
2006 Tony McCoy	4	1	2
Ruby Walsh	3	1	2
Richard Johnson	2	2	-
Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	2	-	-
2005 Tony McCoy	3	4	-
Ruby Walsh	3	1	1
Tony Dobbins	3	1	-
Timmy Murphy	1	3	1
2004 Graham Lee	2	1	1
Tony McCoy	2	1	1
Barry Geraghty	2	-	-
Jim Culloty	1	1	2
2003 Ruby Walsh	4	1	2
Tony McCoy	2	3	2
Barry Geraghty	2	2	-
Tony Dobbins	2	-	-
2002 Richard Johnson	2	2	-
Ruby Walsh	2	-	2
Tony Dobbins	2	-	1
Liam Cooper	2	-	-
Tony McCoy	1	4	2
2001 Adrian Maguire	2	1	2
Russ Garrity	2	1	1
Tony Dobbins	2	1	-
Richard Guest	2	1	-
Richard Johnson	2	1	-
Thierry Doumen	2	-	-
2000 Norman Williamson	2	2	2
Richard Johnson	2	-	4
Tony McCoy	1	3	2
Carl Llewellyn	1	2	1



GRAND NATIONAL THURSDAY

THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2018

YEAR	HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER	AGE/WEIGHT	JOCKEY	SP
1.45PM, MANIFESTO NOVICES' CHASE (GRADE 1), MC, 2M 4F, £100,000						
2009	Tartak	Power Panels Electrical Systems Ltd	Tom George	06-11-04	Paddy Brennan	11/2
2010	Mad Max	Carole Skipworth & Paul Murphy	Nicky Henderson	08-11-04	Barry Geraghty	4/1
2011	Wishfull Thinking	Diana Whately	Philip Hobbs	08-11-04	Richard Johnson	9/4
2012	Menorah	Diana Whately	Philip Hobbs	07-11-04	Richard Johnson	3/1
2013	Captain Conan	Triermore Stud	Nicky Henderson	06-11-04	Barry Geraghty	6/5F
2014	Uxizandre	J P McManus	Alan King	06-11-04	A P (Tony) McCoy	11/4
2015	Clarcam	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE	05-11-04	Ruby Walsh	5/1
2016	Arzal	The Hennessy Six	Harry Whittington	06-11-04	Gavin Sheehan	4/1
2017	Flying Angel	Rob Rexton	Nigel Twiston-Davie	06-11-04	Noel Fehily	5/1
2.20PM, DOOM BAR ANNIVERSARY 4YO JUVENILE HURDLE (GRADE 1), HC, 2M 1F, £100,000						
1978	Beparejojo	Jim Bolger	Jim Bolger IRE	04-11-00	Dessie Hughes	10/1
1979	Pollardstown	Georgina Tulloch	Stan Mellor	04-11-07	Philip Blacker	10/11F
1980	Starfen	F Ballard	Peter Easterby	04-11-00	Jonjo O'Neill	3/1
1981	Broadsword	Lord Northampton	David Nicholson	04-11-03	Peter Scudamore	6/5F
1982	Prince Bless	Tony Hayward	Dina Smith	04-11-00	Martin O'Halloran	12/1
1983	Benfen	F Ballard	Peter Easterby	04-11-00	Alan Brown	16/1
1984	Afzal	K H Fischer	Reg Hollinshead	04-11-00	Graham McCourt	9/1
1985	Humberstone	Lady Humberstone Enterprises	Geoff Huffer	04-10-09	Mark Dwyer	15/2
1986	Dark Raven	Bertram R Firestone	Dermot Weld IRE	04-11-00	Tommy Carmody	7/2
1987	Aldino	A Boyd-Rochfort	Oliver Sherwood	04-11-00	Simon Sherwood	11/1
1988	Royal Illusion	John Lishman	George Moore	04-11-00	Micky Hammond	9/1
1989	Vayrua	Tony Ward	Guy Harwood	04-11-00	Mark Perrett	12/1
1990	Sybillin	Marquesa de Moratalla	Jimmy FitzGerald	04-11-00	Derek Byrne	25/1
1991	Montpelier	Lad David T Little	Gordon Richards	04-11-00	Neale Doughty	9/1
1992	Salwan Engineering	Peter J Douglas	Peter Bevan	04-11-00	Robert Stronge	5/1CF
1993	Titled Dancer	Mrs Padraig Nolan	Jimmy Coogan IRE	04-10-09	John Shortt	9/2
1994	Tropical Lake	G A Hoggard	Michael Hourigan IRE	04-10-09	Kevin O'Brien	10/1
1995	Stompin	The Voice Group Ltd	Henrietta Knight	04-11-00	Jamie Osborne	9/1
1996	Zabadi	Lady Harris	David Nicholson	04-11-00	Tony McCoy	8/1
1997	Quakers Field	Ken Higson	Gary Moore	04-11-00	Dean Gallagher	8/1
1998	Deep Water	The County Set	Micky Hammond	04-11-00	Russ Garrity	8/1
1999	Hors La Loi III	Paul Green	Martin Pipe	04-11-04	Tony McCoy	8/15F
2000	Lord Brex	Terry Warner	Philip Hobbs	04-11-00	Richard Johnson	15/2
2001	Bilboa	Jorg Vasicek	Francois Doumen FR	04-10-13	Thierry Doumen	7/4F
2002	Quazar	David Carr	Jonjo O'Neill	04-11-04	Tony Dobbins	16/1
2003	Le Duc	Mrs Judy Stewart	Paul Nicholson	04-11-00	Ruby Walsh	33/1
2004	Al Eile	Michael Ryan	John Quigley IRE	04-11-00	Timmy Murphy	25/1
2005	Faasel	Jim Ennis	Nicky Richards	04-11-00	Tony Dobbins	11/4F
2006	Detroit City	Terry Warner	Philip Hobbs	04-11-00	Richard Johnson	3/1F
2007	Katchit	D S J P Syndicate	Alan King	04-11-00	Robert Thornton	EvsF
2008	Binocular	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson	04-11-00	Tony McCoy	11/8F
2009	Walkon	McNeill Racing	Alan King	04-11-00	Robert Thornton	2/1F
2010	Orsippus	Sandra Smith	Michael Smith	04-11-00	Davy Condon	40/1
2011	Zarkandar	Potensis Ltd & Chris Giles	Paul Nicholls	04-11-00	Ruby Walsh	4/6F
2012	Grumeti	McNeill Family	Alan King	04-11-00	Robert Thornton	11/4F
2013	L'Unique	Denis Barry	Alan King	04-10-07	Wayne Hutchinson	10/1
2014	Guitar Pete	Mrs P Sloan	Dessie Hughes IRE	04-11-00	Paul Carberry	13/2
2015	All Yours	Potensis Bloodstock Ltd	Paul Nicholls	04-11-00	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1
2016	Apple's Jade	Gigginstown House Stud	Willie Mullins IRE	04-10-07	Bryan Cooper	3/1
2017	Defi Du Seuil	J P McManus	Philip Hobbs	04-11-00	Barry Geraghty	4/11F
2.50PM, BETWAY BOWL CHASE (GRADE 1), MC, 3M 1F, £190,000						
1984	Royal Bond	Mrs G Malcolmson	Arthur Moore IRE	11-11-05	Tom Taaffe	11/2
1985	Wayward Lad	Mrs S N Thewlis	Monica Dickinson	10-11-05	John Francome	6/1
1986	Beau Ranger	White Bros Ltd	John Thorne	08-11-05	Hywel Davies	40/1
1987	Wayward Lad	Mrs S N Thewlis	Monica Dickinson	12-11-05	Graham McCourt	7/1
1988	Desert Orchid	Richard Burridge	David Elsworth	09-11-05	Simon Sherwood	3/1
1989	Yaboo	Alan Parker	John Edwards	08-11-05	Tom Morgan	5/1
1990	Toby Tobias	Elizabeth Hitchins	Jenny Pitman	08-11-09	Mark Pitman	EvsF
1991	Aquilifer	Brian Kilpatrick	Martin Pipe	11-11-05	Richard Dunwoody	11/2
1992	Kings Fountain	E J Banks	Kim Bailey	09-11-09	Anthony Tory	11/4F
1993	Docklands Express	Robert Baines	Kim Bailey	11-11-05	Jamie Osborne	6/4
1994	Docklands Express	Robert Baines	Kim Bailey	12-11-05	Richard Dunwoody	5/2
1995	Merry Gale	Herb Stanley	Jim Dreaper IRE	07-11-09	Graham Bradley	5/2
1996	Scotton Banks	Ian Bray	Tim Easterby	07-11-05	Lorcan Wyer	9/2
1997	Barton Bank	Jenny Mould	David Nicholson	11-11-05	David Walsh	100/30
1998	Escartefigue	Daren Mercer	David Nicholson	06-11-13	Richard Johnson	11/2
1999	Macgeorge	Mr & Mrs J H Watson	Richard Lee	09-11-05	Adrian Maguire	11/1
2000	See More Business	Robert Ogden & Paul Barber	Paul Nicholls	10-12-00	Mick Fitzgerald	5/4F
2001	First Gold	J P McManus	Francois Doumen FR	08-12-00	Thierry Doumen	7/4F
2002	Florida Pearl	Violet O'Leary	Willie Mullins IRE	10-11-12	Barry Geraghty	5/2
2003	First Gold	J P McManus	Francois Doumen FR	10-11-02	Thierry Doumen	14/1

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2.50PM, BETWAY BOWL CHASE (GRADE 1), MC, 3M 1F, £190,000						
2004	Tiutchev	Liars Poker Partnership	Martin Pipe	11-11-12	Tony McCoy	11/2
2005	Grey Abbey	Ropers & N Furness	Howard Johnson	11-11-12	Graham Lee	7/2
2006	Celestial Gold	David Johnson	Martin Pipe	08-11-08	Timmy Murphy	8/1
2007	Exotic Dancer	Sir Robert Ogden	Jonjo O'Neill	07-11-12	Tony McCoy	6/4F
2008	Our Vic	David Johnson	David Pipe	10-11-10	Timmy Murphy	9/1
2009	Madison Du Berlais	Roger Stanley & Yvonne Reynolds II	David Pipe	08-11-10	Tom Scudamore	12/1
2010	What A Friend	Ged Mason & Sir Alex Ferguson	Paul Nicholls	07-11-07	Ruby Walsh	5/2
2011	Nacarat	Simon W Clarke	Tom George	10-11-07	Paddy Brennan	7/2
2012	Follow The Plan	Redgap Partnership	Oliver McElnea IRE	09-11-07	Tom Doyle	50/1
2013	First Lieutenant	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE	08-11-07	Bryan Cooper	7/2
2014	Silviniaco Conti	Potensis Bloodstock Ltd & Chris Giles	Paul Nicholls	08-11-07	Noel Fehily	9/4
2015	Silviniaco Conti	Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock Ltd	Paul Nicholls	09-11-07	Noel Fehily	7/4F
2016	Cue Card	Jean Bishop	Colin Tizzard	10-11-07	Paddy Brennan	6/5F
2017	Tea For Two	Jane Williams & Len Jakeman	Nick Williams	08-11-07	Lizzie Kelly	10/1

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3.25PM, BETWAY AINTREE HURDLE (GRADE 1), HC, 2M 4F, £250,000						
1977= db	Night Nurse	Reg Spencer	Peter Easterby	06-11-11	Paddy Broderick	4/5F
1977= db	Monksfield	Dr Michael Mangan	Des McDonogh IRE	05-11-05	Dessie Hughes	7/2
1978	Monksfield	Dr Michael Mangan	Des McDonogh IRE	06-11-11	Dessie Hughes	9/4
1979	Monksfield	Dr Michael Mangan	Des McDonogh IRE	07-11-11	Dessie Hughes	5/4F
1980	Pollardstown	Georgina Tulloch	Stan Mellor	05-11-05	Philip Blacker	2/1
1981	Daring Run	Mrs H Doyle	Peter McCreery IRE	06-11-09	Mr Ted Walsh	9/4
1982	Daring Run	Mrs H Doyle	Peter McCreery IRE	07-11-09	Mr Ted Walsh	2/1
1983	Gaye Brief	Sheikh A Khamsin	Mercy Rimell</			

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4.05PM, RANDOX HEALTH FOXHUNTERS' CHASE, GNC, 2M 5F, £45,000						
1998	Cavalero	John Manners	John Manners	09-12-00	Mr Alex Charles-Jones	33/1
1999	Elegant Lord	J P McManus	Enda Bolger IRE	11-12-00	Mr Philip Fenton	7/4F
2000	Bells Life	Robert Gibbs	Philip Hobbs	11-12-00	Mr David O'Meara	11/2
2001	Gunner Welburn	William Ritson	Caroline Bailey	09-12-00	Mr Julian Pritchard	4/11F
2002	Torduff Express	Two Plus Two	Paul Nicholls	11-12-00	Miss Polly Gundry	8/1
2003	Divet Hill	Ian Hamilton	Ann Hamilton	09-12-00	Mr Dale Jewett	11/2
2004	Forest Gunner	John Gilsean	Richard Ford	10-12-00	Mrs Carrie Ford	13/2
2005	Katarino	Robert Waley-Cohen	Robert Waley-Cohen	10-12-00	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	100/30F
2006	Katarino	Robert Waley-Cohen	Robert Waley-Cohen	11-12-00	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	11/2
2007	Scots Grey	Henry Ponsonby	Nicky Henderson	12-12-00	Mr Richard Burton	9/2
2008	Christy Beamish	Michael Mann	Paul Jones	11-12-00	Mr Josh Guerrero	6/1
2009	Trust Fund	Lord Daresbury	Richard Barber	11-12-00	Mr Tom Greenall	13/2
2010	Silver Adonis	C Stedman & R Corsan	Dr Richard Newland	09-12-00	Mr Tom Weston	50/1
2011	Baby Run	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Nigel Twiston-Davies	11-12-00	Mr Willy Twiston-Davies	3/1F
2012	Cloudy Lane	Trevor Hemmings	Donald McCain	12-12-00	Mr Richard Harding	4/11F
2013	Tartan Snow	Rory Westwood	Stuart Coltherd	13-12-00	Mr Jamie Hamilton	100/1
2014	Warne	Robert Waley-Cohen	Brian Hamilton IRE	10-12-00	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	7/2
		Charlie Fenwick M Hankin & C Noell				
2015	On The Fringe	J P McManus	Enda Bolger IRE	10-12-00	Mrs Nina Carberry	5/2F
2016	On The Fringe	J P McManus	Enda Bolger IRE	11-12-00	Mr Jamie Codd	15/8F
2017	Dineur	Gwilym Morris	Mickey Bowen	11-12-00	Mr James King	16/1

4.40PM, RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE (GRADE 3), MC, 2M, £90,000

1977	Skymas	Matthew Magee	Brian Lusk	12-12-00	Mouse Morris	5/1
1978	Even Melody	Simon Lyttell Green	Neville Crump	09-11-06	Colin Hawkins	11/1
1979	Funny Baby	Lt-Col R Martin	George Fairbairn	08-10-07	Ridley Lamb	9/1
1980	Drumgora	D Monahan	Arthur Moore IRE	08-10-07	Tommy McGivern	8/1
1981	Western Rose	R Padmore	Fred Rimell	09-10-07	Sam Morshead	8/1
1982	Little Bay	Adair Catherwood	Gordon Richards	07-10-07	Jonjo O'Neill	14/1
1983	Artifice	Paul Barber	John Thorne	12-11-00	Peter Scudamore	9/1
1984	Little Bay	Adair Catherwood	Gordon Richards	09-11-07	John Francome	11/4F
1985	Kathies Lad	J E Clayton	Alan Jarvis	08-11-07	Steve Smith Eccles	6/5F
1987	Sea Merchant	T McDonagh	Arthur Stephenson	10-10-07	Ridley Lamb	9/1
1988	Prideaux Boy	Graham Roach	Graham Roach	10-10-07	Allen Webb	25/1
1989	Feroda	N McCarthy	Arthur Moore IRE	08-10-07	Tom Taaffe	9/1
1990	Nobalndun	Ulceby Farms Ltd	Peter Easterby	09-10-07	Lorcan Wyer	11/1
1991	Blitzkreig	J P McManus	Edward O'Grady IRE	08-10-13	Tommy Carmody	4/1F
1992	Katabatic	Pell-Mell Partners	Andrew Turnell	09-12-00	Simon McNeill	6/5F
1993	Boutzdaroff	Robinson's Publications	Jimmy FitzGerald	11-10-07	Mark Dwyer	9/1
1994	Uncle Ernie	Jimmy FitzGerald	Jimmy FitzGerald	09-10-08	Mark Dwyer	3/1
1995	Coulton	Martin St Quinton	Oliver Sherwood	08-11-08	Jamie Osborne	6/1
1996	Arctic Kinsman	Rosie Hamblro	Nigel Twiston-Davies	08-11-00	Carl Llewellyn	13/2
1997	Down The Fell	Sue Johnson	Howard Johnson	08-10-07	Norman Williamson	20/1
1998	Jeffell	Thomas Bailey	Arthur Moore IRE	08-12-00	Conor O'Dwyer	3/1
1999	Flying Instructor	Diana Webber	Paul Webber	09-11-05	Jimmy McCarthy	11/2
2000	Jungli	Mrs P Starkey	Paul Webber	07-10-07	Jimmy McCarthy	12/1
2001	Aghawadda Gold	The Ivy Syndicate	Tom Tate	09-11-02	Russ Garrity	12/1
2002	Dark 'n' Sharp	Ascot Five Plus One	Richard Phillips	07-10-08	Richard Johnson	5/1F
2003	Golden Alpha	David Johnson	Martin Pipe	09-10-13	Tony McCoy	7/1
2004	Tidour	Mrs M Fisher	Paul Webber	08-10-11	Tom Doyle	5/1F
2005	Fota Island	J P McManus	Mouse Morris IRE	09-11-10	Tony McCoy	100/30F
2006	Jacks Craic	BBB Computer Services	John Spearling	07-10-02	Antony Evans	10/1
2007	Bambi de L'Orme	Mr & Mrs John Poynton	Ian Williams	08-10-02	Dominic Elsworth	13/2
2008	Star	Paul Beck	Venetia Williams	09-09-09	Aidan Coleman	25/1
2009	Oh Crick	David Sewell	Alan King	06-11-01	Robert Thornton	7/1CF
2010	Chantanbar	John Watts, Caroline Thompson, John Naylor	Milton Harris	07-10-08	Sean Quinlan	20/1
2011	Silk Drum	Andrew & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson	06-9-09	Paul Gallagher	14/1
2012	Edgarido Sol	Axom XXXII	Paul Nicholls	05-11-00	Ruby Walsh	9/2F
2013	Oiseau De Nuit	Terry Warner	Colin Tizzard	11-11-08	Brendan Powell	20/1
2014	Parsnip Pete	The Parsnips	Tom George	08-10-10	Paddy Brennan	16/1
2015	Surf And Turf	Kevin Frost	Kevin Frost	09-10-05	Brian Hughes	33/1
2016	Katachenko	Trevor Hemmings	Donald McCain	07-10-10	Wayne Hutchinson	9/1
2017	Double W's	Wharton & Wilson	Malcolm Jefferson	07-11-01	Brian Hughes	8/1

5.15PM, GOFFS NICKEL COIN MARES' SO NH FLAT (GRADE 2), FL, 2M 1F, £45,000

2005	Senorita Rumbalita	Let's Get Ready To Rumble	Alan King	04-10-12	Robert Thornton	9/2
2006	Rhacophorus	Bill Bromley	Chris Down	05-11-04	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2007	Turbo Linn	James Nelson	Alan Swinbank	04-11-04	Tony Dobbin	5/2F
2008	Carole's Legacy	Carole Skipworth & Paul Murphy	Nicky Henderson	04-10-12	Andrew Tinkler	25/1
2009	Candy Creek	Edmond Kent	John Kiely IRE	05-11-04	Ruby Walsh	9/2
2010	Big Time Billy	Miss R L Bryan	Peter Bowen	04-10-05	Mr Michael Byrne	28/1
2011	Tempest River	Fly Like The Wind Partnership	Ben Case	05-11-00	Daryl Jacob	20/1
2012	Eleven Fifty Nine	M Rowe & B Wright	Anthony Honeyball	06-11-01	Rachael Green	6/1
2013	Legacy Gold	Chris Johnson	Stuart Crawford IRE	05-11-01	Mr Steven Crawford	9/1
2014	Avispa	The Wasp Partnership	Alan King	05-11-00	Robert Thornton	25/1
2015	Hollies Pearl	Roy Swinburne	Peter Bowen	05-10-11	Sean Bowen	8/1
2016	Kayf Grace	James & Jean Potter	Nicky Henderson	06-11-00	Nico de Boinville	14/1
2017	Dame Rose	Carl Hinchy	Richard Hobson	04-10-08	Alain Cawley	14/1

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1.40PM, ALDER HEY HANDICAP HURDLE (GRADE 3), HC, 2M 4F, £75,000						
1989	Hill Street	A F Budge (Equine) Ltd	Jimmy Fitzgerald	07-10-05	Mark Dwyer	10/1
1990	Saypare	Eric Scarth	Martin Pipe	05-11-03	Peter Scudamore	10/1
1991	Trefelyn Cone	Mrs J K L Watts	Martin Pipe	07-10-05	Peter Scudamore	9/1
1992	Ninepins	Saeed Manana	Arthur Moore IRE	05-10-04	Charlie Swan	14/1
1993	Gallateen	E R Madden	Gordon Richards	05-10-11	Neale Doughty	12/1
1994	Kadi	Jim Brown	David Nicholson	05-11-07	Adrian Maguire	7/1
1995	Squire Silk	Robert Ogden	Andrew Turnell	06-11-00	Simon McNeill	16/1
1996	Outset	Mark Kilner	Micky Hammond	06-10-01	Mr Chris Bonner	7/1
1997	Cadougold	David Johnson	Martin Pipe	06-10-04	Charlie Swan	8/1
1998	Khayrawani	J P McManus	Christy Roche IRE	06-10-10	Fran Berry	4/1
1999	Khayrawani	J P McManus	Christy Roche IRE	07-11-07	Fran Berry	7/2F
2000	Quakers Field	Bryan Pennick	Gary Moore	07-10-05	Mattie Bachelor	16/1
2001	Crazy Horse	Ashleybank Investments Ltd	Len Lungo	08-11-10	Tony Dobbins	20/1
2002	Ravenswood	David Johnson	Martin Pipe	05-10-05	Tom Scudamore	7/4F
2003	Patriot Games	J P McManus	Charlie Swan IRE	09-10-04	Charlie Swan	16/1
2004	Zibeline	Ashley Carr	Brian Ellison	07-10-06	Graham Lee	12/1
2005	Genghis	Khan Partners	Peter Bowen	06-10-13	Tony McCoy	10/1
2006	Strangely Brown	We Didn't Name Him Syndicate	Eric McNamara IRE	05-11-00	Brian Byrnes	10/1
2007	Two Miles West	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	06-10-07	Noel Fehily	25/1
2008	Auroras Encore	Alicia Skene & W Skene	Sue Smith	06-10-07	Tjade Collier	50/1
2009	Sunnyhillboy	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	06-11-00	Tony McCoy	8/1
2010	Sir Harry Ormesher	David Sewell	Alan King	07-11-01	Robert Thornton	16/1
2011	Russian War	Tom Howley Jnr	Gordon Elliott IRE	08-10-11	Paul Carberry	16/1
2012	Attaglance	H Young, G Eifert & R Snyder	Malcolm Jefferson	06-11-12	Harry Haynes	14/1
2013	Minella Forfitness	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson	06-10-03	David Bass	10/1
2014	Clondaw Kaempfer	Tim Leslie & David Gorton	Donald McCain	06-11-04	Wayne Hutchinson	10/1
2015	Theinval	Sandy & Caroline Orr	Nicky Henderson	05-11-04	Jeremiah McGrath	7/1
2016	Party Rock	Pam Beardmore	Jennie Candlish	09-10-08	Sean Quinlan	33/1
2017	Rather Be	Matt & Lauren Morgan	Nicky Henderson	06-11-02	Jeremiab McGrath	10/1

2.20PM, BETWAY TOP NOVICES' HURDLE (GRADE 1), HC, 2M 1/2F, £100,000

1977	Irish Rambler	T O'Riordan	Joe Crowley IRE	06-11-00	Joe Crowley	3/1F
1978	Prousto	Michael Mouskos	Alan Jarvis	05-11-05	Jonjo O'Neill	4/1
1979	Rimondo	J Craig	Ted Carter	04-10-10	Jonjo O'Neill	8/1
1980	Jugador	Stan Powell	Derek Kent	05-11-05	Ron Davies	17/2
1981	Burns	Leslie Thwaites	Fulke Walwyn	05-11-05	Bill Smith	14/1
1982	Bright Oasis	Judith Lady Dulverton	Kim Bailey	06-11-05	Allen Webb	14/1
1983	Very Promising	R Mann	Mercy Rimell	05-12-03	Sam Morshead	7/4F
1984	Brownie's Gazette	John Poynton	Michael Dickinson	06-11-11	Mr Dermot Browne	10/11F
1985	Sailor's Dance	Milton Ritzenberg	Fred Winter	05-11-00	Jimmy Duggan	12/1
1986	I Bin Zaidoon	Terry Ramsden	Jenny Pitman	05-11-00	Graham McCourt	14/1
1987	Convinced	B T E Shrubsall	Martin Pipe	05-11-00	Peter Scudamore	100/30F
1988	Faraway Lad	Miss E A Phipps	Oliver Sherwood	05-11-00	Simon Sherwood	10/1
1989	Young Benz	Tom Bennett	Peter Easterby	05-11-00	Lorcan Wyer	3/1 F
1990	Fidway	A R Coley	Tim Thomson Jones	05-11-00	Steve Smith Eccles	16/1
1991	Granville Again	Eric Scarth	Martin Pipe	05-11-06	Peter Scudamore	5/4F
1992	Carobee	Carol Skan	David Nicholson	05-11-10	Richard Dunwoody	2/1
1993	Roll A Dollar	Ken Higson	David Elsworth	07-11-06	Paul Holley	9/4 F
1994	Jazilah	Stewart Aitken	Reg Akehurst	06-11-06	Graham McCourt	7/4F
1995	Sweet Mignonette	Ron Whitehead	Mary Reveley	07-10-11	Peter Niven	4/1
1996	Tragic Hero	Knight Hawks Partnership	Martin Pipe	04-10-08	Jonathan Lower	20/1
1997	Midnight Legend	Hilda Clarke	David Nicholson	06-11-00	Richard Johnson	11/2
1998	Fataliste	Trevor Painting	Martin Pipe	04-10-12	Tony McCoy	7/2F
1999	Joe Mac	J P McManus	Christy Roche IRE	05-11-08	Conor O'Dwyer	6/4F
2000	Phardante Flyer	Karola Vann	Philip Hobbs	06-11-00	Richard Johnson	5/1
2001	Illico II	Terry Warner	Philip Hobbs	05-11-05	Adrian Maguire	16/1
2002	In Contrast	Peter Emery	Philip Hobbs	06-11-05	Richard Johnson	5/2
2003	Limerick Boy	Favourites Racing	Venetia Williams	05-11-00	Tony Dobbins	5/1
2004	Royal Shakespeare	John Webb	Steve Gollings	05-11-03	Robert Thornton	25/1
2005	Mighty Man	Joss Hanbury	Henry Daly	05-11-00	Richard Johnson	3/1
2006	Straw Bear	J P McManus	Nick Gifford	05-11-03	Tony McCoy	2/1F
2007	Blyth Knight	Maxilead Ltd	John Quinn	07-11-00	Tony McCoy	14/1
2008	Pierrot Lunate	Angela Tincknell	Paul Nicholls	04-10-08	Ruby Walsh	5/1
2009	El Dancer	Ron Davies	Lucy Wadham	05-11-00	Dominic Elsworth	14/1
2010	General Miller	Henry Ponsonby	Nicky Henderson	05-11-04	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2011	Topolski	Paul Clayton	David Arbuthnot	05-11-04	Daryl Jacob	11/2
2012	Darlan	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson	05-11-04	Tony McCoy	7/4F
2013	My Tent Or Yours	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson	06-11-04	Tony McCoy	4/11F
2014	Josses Hill	Alan Spence	Nicky Henderson	06-11-04	Barry Geraghty	6/4F
2015	Cyrus Darius	Graham & Ian Calder	Malcolm Jefferson	06-11-04	Brian Hughes	8/1
2016	Buveur D'Air	Potensis Bloodstock Ltd & Chris Giles	Nicky Henderson	05-11-04	Noel Fehily	11/4
2017	Pingshot	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard	07-11-04	Robbie Power	16/1

2.50PM, BETWAY MILDAY NOVICES' CHASE (GRADE 1), MC, 3M 1F, £100,000

1983	Everett	Killian Hennessy	Fulke Walwyn	08-11-09	Stuart Shilston	7/2
1984	Baron Blakeney	Bob Wheatley	Martin Pipe	07-11-06	Mr Oliver Sherwood	14/1
1985	Rhyme 'N' Reason	Juliet Reed	David Murray-Smith	06-11-03	Graham Bradley	11/8F
1986	Stearby	Terry Ramsden	Jenny Pitman	07-11-06	Graham Bradley	11/4
1987	Against The Grain	J F Mawle	David Nicholson	06-11-03	Richard Dunwoody	8/1
1988	Delius	John Renton	Richard Lee	10-11-03	Bruce Dowling	9/1
1989	Swardean	Ann Starkie	Richard Lee	07-11-03	Bruce Dowling	16/1

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2.50PM, BETWAY MILDAY NOVICES' CHASE (GRADE 1), MC, 3M 1F, £100,000						
1990	Royal Athlete	Libby Johnson	Jenny Pitman	07-11-09	Mark Pitman	5/2F
1991	Sparkling Flame	Chandler Hargreaves (B) Ltd	Nicky Henderson	07-11-09	Richard Dunwoody	4/1F
1992	Bradbury Star	James Campbell	Josh Gifford	07-11-09	Eamon Murphy	6/4F
1993	Cab On Target	Anne Fulton	Mary Reveley	07-11-03	Peter Niven	15/8
1994	Monsieur Le Cure	Hector Brown	John Edwards	08-11-09	Peter Niven	7/4F
1995	Banjo	Darren Mercer	Martin Pipe	05-11-00	Richard Dunwoody	6/4F
1996	Addington Boy	Gott Foods Ltd	Gordon Richards	08-11-10	Brian Harding	7/2
1997	Cyborg	County Stores (S.) H. Ltd	Martin Pipe	07-11-04	Richard Dunwoody	13/8F
1998	Boss Doyle	Anne Daly	Mouse Morris IRE	06-11-07	Tony McCoy	5/4F
1999	Spendid	Mrs Stewart Catherwood	David Nicholson	07-11-09	Richard Johnson	100/30F
2000	High Game	Andrew Cohen	Simon Sherwood	06-11-04	Norman Williamson	9/1
2001	What's Up Boys	R J B Partners	Philip Hobbs	07-11-04	Richard Johnson	12/1
2002	Barton	Sir Stanley Clarke	Tim Easterby	09-11-09	Tony Dobbins	

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4.05PM, RANDOX HEALTH TOPHAM CHASE (GRADE 3), GNC, 2M 5F, £140,000						
2002	Its Time For A Win	John Kenny	Willie Mullins IRE	10-10-12	Ruby Walsh	10/1
2003	Clan Royal	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	08-10-02	Liam Cooper	12/1
2004	Cassia Heights	B Ridge & D Hewitt	Steve Brookshaw	09-10-00	Jim Culloty	33/1
2005	Cregg House	Kathleen Kennedy	Shane Donohoe IRE	10-10-05	Davy Russell	50/1
2006	Libertine	Robert Waley-Cohen	Nicky Henderson	07-10-04	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	16/1
2007	Dunbrady Millar	Dundon Else Partnership	Peter Bowen	09-10-00	Jamie Moore	25/1
2008	Gwanako	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	05-11-08	Ruby Walsh	7/1JF
2009	Irish Raptor	Caroline Beresford-Wylie	Nigel Twiston-Davies	10-10-00	Paddy Brennan	8/1
2010	Always Waining	Mr & Mrs Peter Douglas	Peter Bowen	09-10-00	Brian Hughes	22/1
2011	Always Waining	Mr & Mrs Peter Douglas	Peter Bowen	10-10-04	Tom O'Brien	14/1
2012	Always Waining	Mr & Mrs Peter Douglas	Peter Bowen	11-10-11	Tom O'Brien	11/1
2013	Triolo D'Alene	Caroline & Sandy Orr	Nicky Henderson	06-10-07	Barry Geraghty	14/1
2014	Ma Filleule	Simon Munir	Nicky Henderson	06-11-07	Barry Geraghty	9/1
2015	Rajdhani Express	Robert Waley-Cohen	Nicky Henderson	08-11-08	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	10/1
2016	Eastlake	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill	10-10-11	Barry Geraghty	22/1
2017	Ultragold	Brocade Racing, J P Romans & Terry Warner	Colin Tizzard	09-10-05	Harry Cobden	50/1
4.40PM, DOOM BAR SEFTON NOVICES' HURDLE (GRADE 1), HC, 3M 1/2F, £100,000						
1989	Boreen Belle	Adrienne Brolan	Bill Harney IRE	07-11-02	Charlie Swan	10/1
1990	Dwadme	Olympic National Hunt	Oliver Sherwood	05-11-04	Jamie Osborne	5/1
1991	Derring Valley	Alec King	Anthony Jones	06-11-04	Graham McCourt	25/1
1992	Barton Bank	Jenny Mould	David Nicholson	06-11-04	Carl Llewellyn	20/1
1993	Cardinal Red	Cath Walwyn	Cath Walwyn	06-11-04	Ben de Haan	4/1
1994	Corner Boy	Mrs E W Wilson	David Nicholson	07-11-04	Adrian Maguire	10/1
1995	Morgan's Harbour	Philip Owen	Mary Reveley	09-11-04	Peter Niven	6/1
1996	Pleasure Shared	Tony Eaves	Philip Hobbs	08-11-06	Paul Carberry	14/1
1997	Forest Ivory	Old Foresters Partnership	David Nicholson	06-11-04	Richard Johnson	11/2
1998	Unsinkable Boxer	Paul Green	Martin Pipe	09-11-04	Tony McCoy	10/11F
1999	King's Road	Mrs Nicholas Jones	Nigel Twiston-Davies	06-11-04	Carl Llewellyn	3/1F
2000	Sackville	Seamus O'Farrell	Frances Crowley IRE	07-11-04	Barry Geraghty	12/1
2001	Garruth	Martyn Burke	Tim Easterby	07-11-04	Russ Garrity	16/1
2002	Stromness	Lady Harris	Alan King	05-11-04	Robert Thornton	8/1
2003	Iris's Gift	Robert Lester	Jonjo O'Neill	06-11-04	Barry Geraghty	10/11F
2004	Accipiter	Bridget Suire	Toby Balding	05-11-04	Tom Best	14/1
2005	Asian Maze	Sheila Moore	Tom Mullins IRE	06-10-11	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2006	Black Jack Ketchum	Gay Smith	Jonjo O'Neill	07-11-04	Tony McCoy	8/13F
2007	Chief Dan George	Maurice Chapman	James Moffatt	07-11-04	Mick Fitzgerald	20/1
2008	Pettifour	Pettifer Group Limited	Nigel Twiston-Davies	06-11-04	Paddy Brennan	16/1
2009	Ogee	Sir Evelyn De Rothschild	Renee Robeson	06-11-04	Jimmy McCarthy	25/1
2010	Wayward Prince	John & Hillary Parrott	Ian Williams	06-11-04	Dougie Costello	9/1
2011	Saint Are	David Fox	Tim Vaughan	05-11-04	Richard Johnson	33/1
2012	Lovcen	The Barbury Apes	Alan King	07-11-04	Robert Thornton	8/1
2013	At Fishers Cross	J P McManus	Rebecca Curtis	06-11-04	Tony McCoy	11/8F
2014	Beat That	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson	06-11-04	Barry Geraghty	6/1
2015	Thistlecrack	John & Heather Snook	Colin Tizzard	07-11-04	Tom Scudamore	25/1
2016	Ballyoptic	Mills & Mason Partnership	Nigel Twiston-Davies	06-11-04	Ryan Hatch	9/1
2017	The Worlds End	McNeill Family	Tom George	06-11-04	Adrian Heskin	3/1
5.15PM WEATHERBYS PRIVATE BANK CHAMPION SO NH FLAT (GRADE 2), FL, 2M 1F, £45,000						
1987	Rustle	Robert Waley-Cohen	Nicky Henderson	05-11-10	Michael Bowly	11/4F
1988	Black Moccasin	J Bernstein	Jenny Pitman	05-11-08	W O'Callaghan	12/1
1989	No race					
1990	Going On	Joan Hodgson	Sally Hall	04-11-04	B McGiff	8/1
1991	Dual Image	Jimmy FitzGerald	Jimmy FitzGerald	04-11-00	Mr Adrian Maguire	11/1
1992	Brief Gale	Carrie Zetter	Josh Gifford	05-11-09	Philip Hide	11/1
1993	Native Field	R L White	Jimmy FitzGerald	04-11-08	Willie Dwan	9/2
1994	Nahla	The Safe Six	Jacquie Doyle	04-10-09	Sean Curran	8/1
1995	Dantes Cavalier	Bill Dore	David Gandalfo	05-11-10	Denis Leahy	16/1
1996	Burn Out	The Al Yancy Partnership	Jeff Pearce	04-10-12	Leighton Aspell	15/2
1997	Abandoned (security alert)					
1998	King's Road	Mrs Nicholas Jones	Nigel Twiston-Davies	05-11-08	Martin Keighley	3/1F
1999	King Of The Castle	Robert Hitchins	Jenny Pitman	04-11-02	Liam Corcoran	7/2
2000	Quadco	John Doyle	Pat Fahy IRE	06-11-08	Mr David Russell	33/1
2001	The Bajan Bandit	Ashleybank Investments Ltd	Len Lungo	06-11-01	Bruce Gibson	9/4F
2002	Kickham	J P McManus	Edward O'Grady IRE	06-11-04	Mr Philip Fenton	3/1F
2003	Classic Native	Ray & Sue Dodd Partnership	Jonjo O'Neill	05-11-01	Ron Flavin	25/1
2004	Diamond Sal	Richard Haggas	Mary Reveley	06-10-06	Fergus King	33/1
2005	The Cool Guy	Frosty's Four	Nigel Twiston-Davies	05-10-11	Steve Crawford	50/1
2006	Pangbourne	Trevor Hemmings	Alan King	05-11-04	Robert Thornton	28/1
*2007	Theatrical Moment	Elsa Crankshaw	Alan Swinbank	04-11-05	Tony Dobbins	6/5F
2008	Honest John	Phil Martin	Tom Tate	04-10-12	Keith Mercer	14/1
2009	Sitting Tenant	Tennant, Sharpe & Boston	Kate Walton	06-11-04	Richard McGrath	66/1
2010	Megastar	Hinds/ Waddingham/Arthur/Herbert/Day	Gary Moore	05-11-04	Jamie Moore	9/1
2011	Steps To Freedom	Betty Hussey	Gordon Elliott IRE	05-11-04	Paul Carberry	12/1
2012	The New One	Sarah Such	Nigel Twiston-Davies	04-10-12	Sam Twiston-Davies	8/1
2013	Killyglass	T D J Syder & Nick Mustoe	Emma Lavelle	06-11-04	Noel Fehily	20/1
2014	Ballybolley	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies	05-11-04	Sam Twiston-Davies	14/1
2015	Barters Hill	Circle Of Friends	Ben Pauling	05-11-04	David Bass	11/2
2016	Bacardys	Shanakiel Racing Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE	05-11-04	Mr Patrick Mullins	15/2
2017	Lalor	D G Straddon	Richard Wollacott	05-11-04	Richard Johnson	33/1

GRAND NATIONAL DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

1.45PM, GASKELLS HANDICAP HURDLE (GRADE 3), HC, 3M 1/2F, £75,000

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1.45PM, GASKELLS HANDICAP HURDLE (GRADE 3), HC, 3M 1/2F, £75,000						
1989	Slalom	Mrs M J Russell	Michael Robinson	08-12-00	John White	9/1
1990	Sip Of Orange	Mrs R Haggie	Jimmy FitzGerald	08-10-03	Mark Dwyer	5/1
1991	Merano	Charles St George	Mick Easterby	08-10-04	Graham McCourt	9/2F
1992	Threeoutoffour	Cindy Brennan	Owen Brennan	07-10-00	Martin Brennan	20/1
1993	Andrew's First	Jeremy Hancock	Mark Wilkinson	06-10-02	Carl Llewellyn	100/30F
1994	Meditator	Jacqui Doyle	Jacqui Doyle	10-11-02	Sean Curran	20/1
1995	What A Question	Joy Valentine	Mouse Morris IRE	07-10-10	Norman Williamson	11/1
1996	Top Spin	Eliza Long	John Jenkins	07-10-11	Tony McCoy	20/1
1997	Escarifague	Darren Mercer	David Nicholson	05-11-10	Richard Dunwoody	6/1F
1998	The Proms	Jenny Mould	Nigel Twiston-Davies	07-11-07	Carl Llewellyn	7/1
1999	Papo Kharisma	The Hedonists	Philip Hobbs	09-10-00	Adrian Maguire	12/1
2000	Ross Moff	Seamus Ross	Tony Martin IRE	07-10-10	Paul Carberry	9/2
2001	Carlovent	Chris & Rosie Batterham	Martin Pipe	06-9-12	Tom Scudamore	25/1
2002	Sudden Shock	Darren Mercer	Jonjo O'Neill	07-10-01	John Kavanagh	33/1
2003	Carlovent	Chris & Rosie Batterham	Martin Pipe	08-10-11	Tony McCoy	16/1
2004	His Nibs	John Galvanoni	Venetia Williams	07-10-10	Joe Tizzard	14/1
2005	Holland Park	B Yin	Sarah Williams	08-11-00	Joe Tizzard	10/1
2006	Refinement	Michael Tabor	Jonjo O'Neill	07-10-12	Tony McCoy	11/4F
2007	Albertas Run	Trevor Hemmings	Jonjo O'Neill	06-10-04	Noel Fehily	9/2F
2008	Forest Pennat	Peter Hart	Paul Nicholls	06-10-13	Ruby Walsh	9/2F
2009						

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3.00PM, DOOM BAR MAGHULL NOVICES' CHASE (GRADE 1), MC, 2M, £100,000						
1978	Another Dolly	Ian Urquhart	Fred Rimell	08-11-09	John Burke	11/4
1979	Night Nurse	Reg Spencer	Peter Easterby	08-11-13	Jonjo O'Neill	Evs/F
1980	Western Rose	Ian Urquhart	Fred Rimell	08-11-03	Sam Morshead	15/2
1981	Irian	P Keogh	Arthur Moore IRE	07-11-03	Frank Berry	10/1
1982	Brave Fellow	T Kilkenny & Sons Ltd	Jimmy FitzGerald	08-11-03	Tony Charlton	9/2
1983	Ryeman	D Slater	Peter Easterby	06-11-11	Alan Brown	10/11F
1984	Noddy's Ryde	P Hinchcliff	Gordon Richards	07-11-10	Neale Doughty	1/2F
1985	Pan Arctic	Mrs R Bill	Tom Bill	06-11-03	Philip Hobbs	100/1
1986	Pearlyman	Mrs P Shaw	John Edwards	07-11-13	Paul Barton	4/1
1987	Dan The Miller	Mrs Muriel Haggas	Monica Dickinson	08-11-13	Graham Bradley	5/2F
1988	Jim Thorpe	M C Inns Ltd	Gordon Richards	07-11-08	Chris Grant	11/4
1989	Feroda	N McCarthy	Arthur Moore IRE	08-11-08	Tom Taaffe	13/8F
1990	Boutzdaroff	Robinson Publications Ltd	Jimmy FitzGerald	08-11-01	Derek Byrne	8/1
1991	Young Benz	Tom Bennett	Peter Easterby	07-11-03	Lorcan Wier	13/2
1992	Cyphrate	Alias Smith & Jones Racing	Martin Pipe	06-11-03	Peter Scudamore	8/1
1993	Valiant Boy	Roy Chadwick	Steve Kettlewell	07-11-10	Russ Garrity	12/1
1994	Nakir	Jim Lewis	Simon Christian	06-11-10	Jamie Osborne	6/5F
1995	Morelci	Catherine Corbett	Howard Johnson	07-11-03	Norman Williamson	11/4F
1996	Ask Tom	Brian Stewart-Brown	Tom Tate	07-11-04	Peter Niven	10/1
1997	Squire Silk	Robert Ogden	Andrew Turnell	08-11-04	Jamie Osborne	2/1
1998	Direct Route	Michael Thompson	Howard Johnson	07-11-04	Paul Carberry	9/2
1999	Flagship Überalles	Elizabeth Gutner & Michael Krysztofiak	Paul Nicholls	05-10-11	Joe Tizzard	5/2
2000	Cenkos	Judy Stewart	Oliver Sherwood	06-11-04	David Casey	7/2
2001	Ballinclay King	I Guise, B Leatherday & N Spence	Ferdy Murphy	07-11-04	Adrian Maguire	6/1
2002	Armaturak	Brian Marshall	Paul Nicholls	05-11-01	Timmy Murphy	5/2
2003	Le Roi Miguel	Judy Stewart	Paul Nicholls	05-11-01	Ruby Walsh	9/4
2004	Well Chief	David Johnson	Martin Pipe	05-11-01	Tony McCoy	15/8F
2005	Ashley Brook	Elizabeth Ellis	Kevin Bishop	07-11-04	Paddy Brennan	3/1
2006	Foreman	J P McManus	Thierry Doumen	08-11-04	Tony McCoy	4/1
2007	Twist Magic	Barry Fulton, Tony Hayward & Michael Lynch	Paul Nicholls	05-11-01	Ruby Walsh	9/4F
2008	Tidal Bay	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson	07-11-04	Denis O'Regan	6/4F
2009	Kalahari King	Julie Morgan	Ferdy Murphy	08-11-04	Graham Lee	9/4
2010	Tataniano	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	06-11-04	Ruby Walsh	10/3
2011	Finian's Rainbow	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson	08-11-04	Barry Geraghty	10/11F
2012	Sprinter Sacre	Caroline Mould	Nicky Henderson	06-11-04	Barry Geraghty	1/7F
2013	Special Tiara	Sally Rowley-Williams	Henry de Bromhead IRE	06-11-04	Bryan Cooper	28/1
2014	Balder Succes	Masterson Holdings Limited	Alan King	06-11-04	Wayne Hutchinson	7/2
2015	Sizing Granite	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Henry de Bromhead IRE	07-11-04	Johnny Burke	9/2
2016	Douvan	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE	06-11-04	Paul Townend	2/13F
2017	San Benedeto	Paul Vogt	Paul Nicholls	06-11-04	Nick Scholfield	4/1

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3.40PM BETWAY HANDICAP CHASE (LISTED), MC, 3M 1F, £75,000						
1978	Flame Gun	Mrs M Kenny	Edward O'Grady IRE	06-11-12	Mr Niall Madden	11/2
1979	Prominent King	Mrs M O'Keeffe	Peter Easterby	07-11-12	Jonjo O'Neill	13/8
1980	Derring Rose	Peter Savill	Alan Jarvis	05-11-12	Andy Turnell	4/1
1981	Shell Burst	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	Les Kennard	06-11-00	Hywel Davies	20/1
1982	Gaye Chance	Mary Curtis	Mercy Rimell	07-11-12	Peter Scudamore	7/4 F
1983	Sandalay	Gordon Sumner	Peter Cundell	05-11-03	Paul Charlton	8/1
1984	Alastor O Mavros	M Peraticos	Josh Gifford	05-11-03	Hywel Davies	9/1
1985	Bajan Sunshine	Paul Green	Martin Tate	06-12-02	Peter Scudamore	4/1
1986	Gaye Brief	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	Mercy Rimell	09-12-02	Peter Scudamore	4/1
1987	Mrs Muck	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Nigel Twiston-Davies	06-11-02	Peter Scudamore	9/4 F
1988	Gaye Brief	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	Mercy Rimell	11-12-02	Dermot Browne	14/1
1989	Abandoned					
1990	Battalion	R Dormer	Charlie Brooks	06-11-07	Ben De Haan	100/30
1991	Mole Board	Wally Sturt	Jim Old	09-11-03	Jamie Osborne	6/1
1992	Pragada	Margaret McGlone	Martin Pipe	09-11-03	Peter Scudamore	5/1
1993	Sweet Duke	Andy Mavrou	Nigel Twiston-Davies	06-11-03	Carl Llewellyn	5/1
1994	Sweet Glow	L B Hyman	Martin Pipe	07-11-07	Richard Dunwoody	9/2
1995	Cab On Target	Mrs E Murray	Mary Reveley	07-11-05	Peter Niven	11/8 F
1996	Pleasure Shared	Tony Eaves	Philip Hobbs	08-11-10	Warren Marston	6/1
1997	Traiglot	Marquesa De Moratalla	Jimmy FitzGerald	10-11-10	Richard Dunwoody	1/2F
1998	Marello	Mr & Mrs W J Williams	Mary Reveley	07-11-05	Peter Niven	11/4
1999	Galant Moss	Chris, Basil & Rosie Batterham II	Martin Pipe	05-11-03	Tony McCoy	Evs F
2000	Teatral	Bernard Gover Bloodstock Ltd	Charles Egerton	06-11-07	Dean Gallagher	4/1
2001	Maid Equal	Heeru Kirpalani Racing	Martin Pipe	10-10-12	Mr Tom Scudamore	14/1
2002	Spendid	Adair Catherwood	Alan King	10-11-02	Warren Marston	2/1 F
2003	Deano's Beeno	Axon	Martin Pipe	11-11-10	Tony McCoy	5/4 F
2004	Iris's Gift	Robert Lester	Jonjo O'Neill	07-11-10	Barry Geraghty	4/7 F
2005	Monet's Garden	David Wesley Yates	Nicky Richards	07-11-10	Richard Dobbyn	11/2
2006	Mighty Man	Joss Hanbury	Henry Daly	06-11-06	Richard Johnson	11/4
2007	Mighty Man	Joss Hanbury	Henry Daly	07-11-10	Richard Johnson	15/8
2008	Blazing Bailey	Three Line Whip	Alan King	06-11-10	Robert Thornton	5/1
2009	Big Bucks	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	06-11-10	Ruby Walsh	5/6 F
2010	Big Bucks	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	07-11-07	Ruby Walsh	30/100 F
2011	Big Bucks	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	08-11-07	Ruby Walsh	4/6 F
2012	Big Bucks	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls	09-11-07	Ruby Walsh	2/9 F
2013	Solwhit	Top Of The Hill Syndicate	Charles Byrnes IRE	09-11-07	Paul Carberry	9/4 F
2014	Whisper	Walters Plant Hire Ltd	Nicky Henderson	06-11-07	Barry Geraghty	4/1
2015	Whisper	Walters Plant Hire Ltd	Nicky Henderson	07-11-07	Nico de Boinville	5/1
2016	Thistlecrack	John & Heather Snook	Colin Tizzard	08-11-07	Tom Scudamore	2/7 F
2017	Sizing Codelco	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard	08-11-03	Robbie Power	10/1

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4.20PM, RYANAIR STAYERS' HURDLE (GRADE 1), HC, 3M 1/2F, £180,000						
1979	Silent Valley	Joseph Walby	Ian Jordon	06- 9-10	John Allen	16/1
1980	New Colonist	G Adcock	Tony Dickinson	08-10-03	Tommy Carmody	9/4F
1981	Megan's Boy	J Craig	Ted Carter	08-11-05	Tony Charlton	11/2
1982	Silken Valley	Joseph Walby	Ian Jordon	09-10-13	Peter Scudamore	16/1
1983	Fauloon	R Kleckhefer	Fulke Walwyn	08-10-07	Bill Smith	8/1
1984	Straight Accord	Nicolas Paravicini	Fulke Walwyn	09-11-08	Stuart Shilton	9/2
1985	Green Bramble	Lady Plummer	Nicky Henderson	08-10-03	Steve Smith Eccles	5/2F
1986	Arctic Beau	P Venn	John Thorne	08-10-01	Richard Dunwoody	10/1
1987	Gainsay	Errol Brown	Jenny Pitman	08-10-11	Mark Pitman	7/2F
1988	Rinus	A M Proos	Gordon Richards	07-10-02	Richard Dunwoody	7/2F
1989	Travel Over	Christine Feather	Monica Dickinson	08-10-01	Micky Hammond	3/1
1990	One More Knight	Richard West	Tockie McKie	07-10-12	Luke Harvey	10/1
1991	Gold Options	J McCaghy	Jimmy FitzGerald	09-11-10	Mark Dwyer	7/2
1992	River Bounty	John Upson	John Upson	06-10-00	Robbie Supple	12/1
1993						

FENCE 16 THE WATER JUMP

2FT 6IN FENCE; 12FT

6IN SPREAD

Situated in front of the stands, the Water Jump is the only fence on the Grand National course to be less than 4ft 6in high and has water after it. Very few horses have fallen here and the fence is perceived by jockeys as the easiest obstacle to negotiate, though four horses fell down in 1968 including the previous year's winner Foinavon.

Waterlogging meant that the fence had to be omitted for the first and only time in 1955.

Foxhunters' Steeplechase,
Topham Steeplechase and
Grand Sefton Steeplechase Start
2 Miles 5 Furlongs

No. 13 & 29
4ft 7in Fence

No. 14 & 30
4ft 6in Fence

No. 15
The Chair
Open Ditch
5ft 2in Fence
11ft Spread

No. 16
The Water Jump
2ft 6in Fence
12ft 6in Spread
Winning Post

Grand National Steeplechase Start
4 Miles 2½ Furlongs

FENCE 15 THE CHAIR

OPEN DITCH - 5FT 2IN

FENCE; 11FT SPREAD

One of only two fences to be jumped only once, alongside the Water Jump, the Chair is the biggest fence on the National course at 5ft 2in, with a ditch before. The obstacle was named after a chair which was situated next to the fence, from where a judge used to see if any horses had been beaten by a distance.

MELLING ROAD

No. 12 & 28
Ditch Behind
5ft Fence

No. 11 & 27
Open Ditch
5ft Fence
10ft Spread

No. 10 & 26
5ft Fence

Becher Steeplechase Start
3 Miles 2 Furlongs

No. 8 & 24
Canal Turn
5ft Fence

No. 7 & 23
Foinavon
4ft 6in Fence

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GRAND NATIONAL COURSE MAP

THE MOST FAMOUS GRAND NATIONAL FENCES

FENCE 6 & 22 BECHER'S

BROOK 4FT 10IN FENCE; UP

TO 5FT 8IN ON LANDING SIDE

The most famous fence in the world, Becher's Brook is named after Captain Martin Becher, the rider who came off Conrad into the brook in the first Grand National of 1839. He is meant to have remarked later that water should not be ingested without brandy or whisky depending on whose account you read. The famous drop (the difference in height between the level of the ground on take-off and landing sides) was reduced after the 2011 Grand National to between 10in (inner) and 6in (outer). Nine horses fell, refused or were brought down on the first circuit in 2004, while 20-time champion jump jockey Tony McCoy, who won the Grand National for the first time in 2010, was six lengths clear on the well-fancied Clan Royal in 2005, when carried out by two loose horses before Becher's on the second circuit.

FENCE 7 & 23 FOINAVON

4FT 6IN FENCE

This is the joint-smallest standard Grand National fence. Foinavon became part of Aintree folklore in 1967 when the riderless Popham Down veered across the whole field approaching it on the second circuit, bringing down or halting virtually all the remaining runners from the 44 starters. Jockey John Buckingham was able to steer backmarker Foinavon around the pile-up and jump the fence. The pair went on to record a 100/1 surprise, winning by 15 lengths.

All fences over the Grand National course can be bypassed, as indicated on the course map. Bypassing also provides a run-out for loose horses and discourages them from jumping further fences when loose. This is further complemented by catching pens for loose horses at the fourth fence, the Canal Turn and the 12th fence. If a fence is to be bypassed, course staff will place markers in the fence which is to be omitted. Bypassing of fences is a very important welfare measure which allows veterinary and medical personnel to make a diagnosis or treatment in safety and further protects participants still running in the race.

FENCE 9 & 25 VALENTINE'S

5FT FENCE; 5F 6IN ON

LANDING SIDE

Regarded as the lesser of the two brook fences on the Grand National course and not as tricky as Becher's, Valentine's still requires a good jump from a horse, especially as it is situated after the Canal Turn. The fence is named after Valentine, who attempted to pull himself up at the obstacle in 1840, only to pirouette over the fence and brook before going on to finish third behind Jerry and Arthur.