



# NOVICES' CHASES

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# ENTRIES REVEALED FOR G1 NOVICES' CHASES & G2 NATIONAL HUNT CHASE

Entries are revealed today for three G1 novices' chases at The Festival™ presented by Magners – the £175,000 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase (1m 7f 199y, Tuesday, 10 March), the £175,000 RSA Insurance Novices' Chase (3m 80y, Wednesday, 11 March) and the £150,000 Marsh Novices' Chase (2m 3f 168y, Thursday, 12 March).

Additionally, the entries are also released for the £125,000 G2 National Hunt Chase (3m 5f 201y, Tuesday, 10 March), the first of three races at The Festival restricted to amateur jockeys.

Ante-post favourite **Notebook** headlines 38 entries for the Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, a race his trainer Henry de Bromhead won in 2010 with future Queen Mother Champion Chase hero Sizing Europe.

Notebook has carried all before him in three starts this season, latterly defeating **Fakir d'Oudairies** (Joseph O'Brien IRE) in the G1 Racing Post Novice Chase at Leopardstown over Christmas.

**Esprit Du Large** (Evan Williams) has also struck at the highest level this term, taking the G1 Henry VIII Novices' Chase at Sandown Park in early December.

Gloucestershire trainer Ben Pauling has high hopes for **Global Citizen**, after the eight-year-old repelled a strong field to win the G2 Wayward Lad Novices' at Kempton Park on 27 December.

Global Citizen was a dual G2 winner over hurdles and finished seventh behind Espoir D'Allen in last season's Unibet Champion Hurdle.

Pauling said: "Global Citizen jumped well and won nicely at Kempton, and the plan now is to head straight to Cheltenham for the Arkle.

"He is at his best when he is fresh, so we will just keep him ticking over between now and then.

"I think spring ground and him being fresh will be to his advantage and I would be hopeful of an exciting performance from him in March."

Other Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase entries to note are unbeaten chaser **Brewin'upastorm** (Olly Murphy) and the Willie Mullins-trained pair of **Bapaume** and **Cash Back**, both impressive winners at Naas on their latest starts.

Fellow Irish handler Matthew Smith is happy to keep his options open for stable star **Ronald Pump**, who is entered in both the RSA Insurance Novices' Chase and the National Hunt Chase.

The progressive seven-year-old made a sparkling chasing debut at Fairyhouse in November, when he defeated solid yardstick Captain CJ by eight lengths, and followed up with a second in the G1 Drinmore Novice Chase at the same track despite a significant mistake four fences from home.

Ronald Pump reverted to hurdles on his latest start when a fast-finishing second under a big weight in a Pertemps qualifier at Leopardstown on 28 December, a performance that prompted Smith to give him an entry in the G1 Stayers' Hurdle at The Festival.

Smith said: "Ronald Pump appears to be in great form and will run in the three-mile G3 novice chase at Naas on Sunday.

"I am waiting to see how he gets on at Naas before we decide what to do at Cheltenham, as he will want to be going well there if he is to be running over fences at The Festival.

"The intention this season was always chasing, and when he won his beginners chase, he was absolutely brilliant. Then in the Drinmore I just was not 100 per cent happy with the way he jumped, even before the bad mistake.

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“Robbie [Power] told me afterwards to target the race at Naas and said it would be no harm if there was a hurdle race for him at Christmas, just for a bit of confidence. He ran a great race there giving the winner two stone, and in another 20 yards probably would have caught him.

“To run like that off a mark of 145, I would not be afraid if we stayed over hurdles for the Pertemps or even the Stayers’ Hurdle, as I thought that was a fair enough performance. But in an ideal world, you would like to be over fences as it’s his only season as a novice. If he jumps on Sunday like he did first time out, I would be delighted.

“He has always shown us ability, but the main problem earlier in his career was that he was boiling over before his races. As he has got older, he has copped on, and I would say that is the main reason he has progressed like he has.”

The RSA Insurance Novices’ Chase was one of the most exciting races of The Festival in 2019 and the 53 entries for this year’s edition include **Champ** (Nicky Henderson) and **Slate House** (Colin Tizzard).

Ireland’s hand is headlined by evergreen 12-year-old **Faugheen** (Willie Mullins IRE), winner of the Unibet Champion Hurdle in 2015, and last year’s G1 Albert Bartlett Novices’ Hurdle victor **Minella Indo** (Henry de Bromhead IRE).

There are a record 71 entries in the Marsh Novices’ Chase, which will be run for the 10th time in 2020. Among the contenders is **Samcro** (Gordon Elliott), who finished second behind Faugheen in a G1 contest at Limerick last time out.

Willie Mullins has 12 entries as he chases a fifth victory in the race. They include **Easy Game** and **Allaho**, who were first and second in a beginners chase at Leopardstown over Christmas, plus G1-winning mare **Laurina**.

The home challenge includes **Mister Fisher** (Nicky Henderson) and **Midnight Shadow** (Sue Smith), who have both been successful over fences at Cheltenham this season.

Randox Health Grand National hero Tiger Roll captured the National Hunt Chase in 2017, while the 2016 renewal featured Native River who would go on to win the 2017 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

This year’s National Hunt Chase has 61 entries, headed up by leading ante-post fancies **Carefully Selected** (Willie Mullins IRE) and **Champagne Classic** (Gordon Elliott IRE).

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# ENTRY STATISTICS

## Number of Entries

Racing Post Arkle Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	38	31	28	33	37	45	34	33	27	34
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	47	52	64	43	57	48	42	47	57	51
NH Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	61	68	70	71	89	58	69	85	79	76
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	80	85	56	58	50	54	71	71	61	58
RSA Insurance Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	53	48	62	55	50	54	54	49	36	51
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	71	72	78	73	91	61	64	72	82	61
Marsh Novices' Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	71	52	59	66	64	60	53	65	56	65

## Irish-Trained Entries

Racing Post Arkle Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	17	18	13	15	14	19	15	16	11	10
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	16	17	20	10	19	17	12	17	15	12
NH Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	26	25	26	26	35	22	27	28	33	27
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	32	29	18	22	17	11	17	24	17	19
RSA Insurance Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	23	19	28	26	24	27	22	22	19	23
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	26	26	22	28	28	17	19	20	24	11
Marsh Novices' Chase	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	24	29	31	31	24	28	23	27	23	19

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Annamix (Willie Mullins IRE)	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, RSA Insurance Novices' Chase, Marsh Novices' Chase
Annie Mc (Jonjo O'Neill)	Marsh Novices' Chase
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Battleoverdoyen (Gordon Elliott IRE)	National Hunt Chase, RSA Insurance Novices' Chase, Marsh Novices' Chase
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Brewin'upastorm (Olly Murphy)	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, Marsh Novices' Chase
Burbank (Nicky Henderson)	Marsh Novices' Chase
Capuccimix (Henry de Bromhead IRE)	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase
Carefully Selected (Willie Mullins IRE)	National Hunt Chase
Caribbean Boy (Nicky Henderson)	Marsh Novices' Chase
Cash Back (Willie Mullins IRE)	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, Marsh Novices' Chase
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Chavi Artist (Tom Mullins IRE)	National Hunt Chase
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Espoir de Guye (Venetia Williams)	Marsh Novices' Chase
Esprit du Large (Evan Williams)	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, Marsh Novices' Chase
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# NOVICES' CHASES ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FORM AT THE FESTIVAL

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Al Dancer (Nigel Twiston-Davies)</b>				
12/03/2019	10	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/2JF
<b>Allaho (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
15/03/2019	3	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	8/1
<b>Anteros (Sophie Leech)</b>				
11/03/2015	10	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Paul Moloney	100/1
<b>Aye Aye Charlie (Fergal O'Brien)</b>				
14/03/2018	7	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Conor Shoemark	100/1
15/03/2019	8	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Paddy Brennan	33/1
<b>Bapaume (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
17/03/2017	3	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	10/1
14/03/2019	4	Stayers' Hurdle	Paul Townend	16/1
<b>Battleoverdoyen (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	PU	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Jack Kennedy	3/1F
<b>Beakstown (Dan Skelton)</b>				
13/03/2019	PU	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Harry Skelton	14/1
<b>Black Op (Tom George)</b>				
14/03/2018	2	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Noel Fehily	8/1
14/03/2019	12	Stayers' Hurdle	Noel Fehily	14/1
<b>Brahma Bull (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2018	9	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	David Mullins	25/1
<b>Brewin'upastorm (Olly Murphy)</b>				
13/03/2019	4	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Richard Johnson	11/1
<b>Burbank (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
15/03/2017	4	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Jeremiah McGrath	50/1
14/03/2018	7	Coral Cup	Jeremiah McGrath	18/1
13/03/2019	15	Coral Cup	Jeremiah McGrath	40/1
<b>Carefully Selected (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2018	2	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	Danny Mullins	6/1
<b>Castlebawn West (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	PU	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Paul Townend	25/1
<b>Champ (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
13/03/2019	2	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Barry Geraghty	9/2
<b>Champagne Classic (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
17/03/2017	1	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	J J Slevin	12/1
<b>Champagne Court (Jeremy Scott)</b>				
15/03/2019	4	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	Rex Dingle	14/1
<b>Clondaw Cian (Sophie Leech)</b>				
16/03/2017	17	Pertemps Network Final	Sean Bowen	16/1
13/03/2018	PU	National Hunt Chase	Mr Shane Fitzgerald	66/1
12/03/2019	4	National Hunt Chase	Mr D Skehan	125/1



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Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Dallas des Pictons (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
15/03/2019	2	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	Donagh Meyler	7/2F
<b>Dunvegan (Pat Fahy IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	PU	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	David Mullins	33/1
<b>Easy Game (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	8	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	7/1
<b>Eclair de Beaufeu (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
15/03/2019	UR	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	Jack Kennedy	8/1
<b>Fakir d'Oudairies (Joseph O'Brien IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	4	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	J J Slevin	9/2JF
<b>Faugheen (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
<b>12/03/2014</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ballymore Novices' Hurdle</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>6/4F</b>
<b>10/03/2015</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Unibet Champion Hurdle</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>4/5F</b>
13/03/2018	6	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	4/1
14/03/2019	3	Stayers' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	4/1
<b>First Approach (Noel Meade IRE)</b>				
15/03/2019	11	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Sean Flanagan	25/1
<b>Forza Milan (James Nash IRE)</b>				
15/03/2018	0	Pertemps Network Final	Killian Moore	15/2
<b>Galvin (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	6	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Davy Russell	12/1
<b>Garo de Juilley (Sophie Leech)</b>				
15/03/2019	16	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	Sean Houlihan	28/1
<b>Glenloe (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
15/03/2018	2	Pertemps Network Final	Barry Geraghty	9/2F
<b>Global Citizen (Ben Pauling)</b>				
12/03/2019	7	Unibet Champion Hurdle	David Bass	50/1
<b>Grand Sancy (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
14/03/2018	PU	Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1
12/03/2019	11	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Harry Cobden	14/1
<b>Highest Sun (Colin Tizzard)</b>				
13/03/2019	17	Coral Cup	Tom O'Brien	16/1
<b>Itchy Feet (Olly Murphy)</b>				
12/03/2019	3	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Gavin Sheehan	25/1
<b>Jarveys Plate (Fergal O'Brien)</b>				
13/03/2019	9	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Paddy Brennan	20/1
<b>Just Your Type (Charlie Longsdon)</b>				
12/03/2019	F	National Hunt Chase	Mr R James	50/1



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Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Knight In Dubai (Dan Skelton)</b>				
14/03/2018	13	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Harry Skelton	100/1
13/03/2019	13	Coral Cup	Harry Skelton	25/1
<b>Know The Score (David Pipe)</b>				
14/03/2018	14	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	Tom Scudamore	20/1
<b>Laurina (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
<b>15/03/2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dawn Run Mares' Novices' Hurdle</b>	<b>Paul Townend</b>	<b>4/7F</b>
12/03/2019	4	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	5/2
<b>Lisnagar Oscar (Rebecca Curtis)</b>				
15/03/2019	5	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Sean Bowen	13/2
<b>Lisp (Alan King)</b>				
14/03/2018	F	Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	Wayne Hutchinson	10/1
15/03/2019	5	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	Wayne Hutchinson	25/1
<b>Melon (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2017	2	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	3/1JF
13/03/2018	2	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Paul Townend	7/1
12/03/2019	2	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Paul Townend	20/1
<b>Mercy Mercy Me (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
14/03/2018	8	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	Paddy Brennan	25/1
<b>Minella Indo (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
<b>15/03/2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle</b>	<b>Rachael Blackmore</b>	<b>50/1</b>
<b>Mister Fisher (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
12/03/2019	8	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	James Bowen	14/1
<b>Nestor Park (Ben Pauling)</b>				
14/03/2018	19	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	Daryl Jacob	100/1
<b>Not That Fuisse (Dan Skelton)</b>				
15/03/2019	F	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	William Marshall	33/1
<b>Notebook (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	12	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Rachael Blackmore	50/1
<b>Poker Play (David Pipe)</b>				
15/03/2017	14	Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	Tom Scudamore	16/1
<b>Prime Venture (Evan Williams)</b>				
15/03/2018	8	Pertemps Network Final	Adam Wedge	40/1
<b>Pym (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
15/03/2019	11	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	Richard Patrick	12/1
<b>Salsaretta (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
15/03/2018	F	Dawn Run Mares' Novices' Hurdle	Robbie Power	18/1
15/03/2019	7	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Paul Townend	25/1

# NOVICES' CHASES ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FORM AT THE FESTIVAL CONTINUED

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Samcro (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
14/03/2018	1	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Jack Kennedy	8/1F
<b>Simply The Betts (Harry Whittington)</b>				
13/03/2018	10	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Sean Bowen	40/1
<b>Slate House (Colin Tizzard)</b>				
13/03/2018	F	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Harry Cobden	20/1
<b>The Mighty Don (Nick Gifford)</b>				
15/03/2018	9	Pertemps Network Final	Leighton Aspell	33/1
14/03/2019	8	Stayers' Hurdle	Leighton Aspell	66/1
<b>Tornado Flyer (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2018	3	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	Paul Townend	14/1
<b>Torpillo (Nigel Twiston-Davies)</b>				
13/03/2019	15	Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	Daryl Jacob	14/1
<b>Tower Bridge (Joseph O'Brien IRE)</b>				
16/03/2018	5	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	J J Slevin	33/1
12/03/2019	2	Novices' Handicap Chase	J J Slevin	6/1
<b>Vision des Flos (Colin Tizzard)</b>				
14/03/2018	6	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Robbie Power	14/1
13/03/2019	18	Coral Cup	Robbie Power	9/1
<b>Who Dares Wins (Alan King)</b>				
18/03/2016	14	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Richard Johnson	10/1
15/03/2017	3	Coral Cup	Wayne Hutchinson	33/1
15/03/2018	5	Pertemps Network Final	Wayne Hutchinson	14/1

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## RACING POST ARKLE NOVICES' CHASE

Grade One, £175,000 Total Prize Fund, Cheltenham, 2.10pm Tuesday, March 10, two miles (1m 7f 199y). For novice 5-y-o & upwards rated 120 or more. Horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain, Ireland or France may also be entered. Such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 120. Weights: 11st 4lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 21 (38 entries), scratchings' deadline February 18, six-day confirmation & £8,500 supplementary stage March 4, final declaration stage 10.00am, March 8. Maximum 20 runners.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
<b>Al Dancer (FR)</b>	7	Walters Plant Hire Ltd	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Annamix (FR)</b>	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Bapaume (FR)</b>	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Brewin'upastorm (IRE)</b>	7	Mrs Barbara Hester	Olly Murphy
<b>Capuccimix (FR)</b>	7	Robcour	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Cash Back (FR)</b>	8	Watch This Space Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Djingle (FR)</b>	7	McNeill Family	John Queally IRE
<b>Dunvegan (FR)</b>	7	G Turner/Clipper Logistics Group Ltd	Pat Fahy IRE
<b>Easy Game (FR)</b>	6	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Eclair de Beaufeu (FR)</b>	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Esprit du Large (FR)</b>	6	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
<b>Fakir d'Oudairies (FR)</b>	5	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
<b>Fanion d'Estruval (FR)</b>	5	David Wilson	Venetia Williams
<b>Global Citizen (IRE)</b>	8	The Megsons	Ben Pauling
<b>Grand Sancy (FR)</b>	6	Martin Broughton Racing Partners	Paul Nicholls
<b>Greaneteen (FR)</b>	6	Chris Giles	Paul Nicholls
<b>I'm A Game Changer (IRE)</b>	8	Opulence Thoroughbreds NH Syndicate	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Indietir (FR)</b>	8	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Christian Williams
<b>Itchy Feet (FR)</b>	6	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Olly Murphy
<b>Jan Maat (GER)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Le Patriote (FR)</b>	8	Canard Vert Racing Club	Dr Richard Newland
<b>Lisp (IRE)</b>	6	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes	Alan King
<b>Maire Banrigh</b>	8	J Hales & J Diver	Dan Skelton
<b>Matfog (IRE)</b>	5	M Al Romaihi & Al Shaqab Racing	Arnaud Chaille-Chaille FR
<b>Melon</b>	8	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Mister Fisher (IRE)</b>	6	James and Jean Potter	Nicky Henderson
<b>Moonlighter</b>	7	Huw & Richard Davies & Friends	Nick Williams
<b>Not That Fuisse (FR)</b>	7	Colm Donlon	Dan Skelton
<b>Notebook (GER)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Our Merlin</b>	8	Alvin Trowbridge	Robert Walford
<b>Precious Cargo (IRE)</b>	7	T Barr	Nicky Henderson
<b>Put The Kettle On (IRE)</b>	6	One For Luck Racing Syndicate	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Rouge Vif (FR)</b>	6	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
<b>Royal Rendezvous (IRE)</b>	8	SP Fitzgerald	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Samcro (IRE)</b>	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Tornado Flyer (IRE)</b>	7	T F P	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Torpillo (FR)</b>	5	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Vision des Flos (FR)</b>	7	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard

**38 entries**

**17 Irish-trained**

**1 French-trained**

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# BREAKDOWN OF RACING POST ARKLE NOVICES' CHASE ENTRIES BY TRAINER

## 7 entries

Willie Mullins IRE - **Annamix, Bapaume, Cash Back, Easy Game, Melon, Royal Rendezvous, Tornado Flyer**

## 4 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE - **Capuccimix, Jan Maat, Notebook, Put The Kettle On**

## 3 entries

Gordon Elliott IRE - **Eclair de Beaufeu, I'm A Game Changer, Samcro**

## 2 entries

Nicky Henderson - **Mister Fisher, Precious Cargo**

Olly Murphy - **Brewin'upastorm, Itchy Feet**

Paul Nicholls - **Grand Sancy, Greaneteen**

Dan Skelton - **Maire Banrigh, Not That Fuisse**

Nigel Twiston-Davies - **Al Dancer, Torpillo**

## 1 entry

Arnaud Chaille-Chaille FR - **Matfog**

Pat Fahy IRE - **Dunvegan**

Alan King - **Lisp**

Dr Richard Newland - **Le Patriote**

Joseph O'Brien IRE - **Fakir d'Oudairies**

Ben Pauling - **Global Citizen**

John Queally IRE - **Djingle**

Colin Tizzard - **Vision des Flos**

Robert Walford - **Our Merlin**

Harry Whittington - **Rouge Vif**

Christian Williams - **Indietir**

Evan Williams - **Esprit du Large**

Nick Williams - **Moonlighter**

Venetia Williams - **Fanion d'Estruval**

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# RACING POST ARKLE NOVICES' CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

## Background Information

The £175,000 G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, the two-mile novice chasing championship, was inaugurated with its current title in 1969, after Arkle's three wins in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (1964-66). It was known as the Cotswold Chase before 1969.

In its first year under its current title, the race was worth £1,365, and was won by Chatham (10/1), trained by Fred Rimell and ridden by Terry Biddlecombe.

The Racing Post, which supported the Arkle Chase for the first time in 2012, is only the race's fourth sponsor and is backing the race for the ninth time. The Irish Independent sponsored from 2000 to 2011, Guinness from 1994 until 1999 and Waterford Crystal between 1991 and 1993.

## Field Size

The lowest number of runners has been five (2018) and the highest 19 (1987 & 2005) as the Arkle Chase – though there were 25 runners in the Cotswold Chase in 1960. The current safety limit is 20.

## Most Successful Owner

The late David Johnson with four winners – Or Royal (1997), Champleve (1998), Well Chief (2004) and Contraband (2005).

## Most Successful Trainer

Nicky Henderson is most successful trainer with six victories – Remittance Man (1991), Travado (1993), Tiutchev (2000), Sprinter Sacre (2012), Simonsig (2013) and Altior (2017).

## Most Successful Jockey

The joint-most successful jockeys are Barry Geraghty and Ruby Walsh, with four wins. Geraghty rode Moscow Flyer (2002), Forpadydeplasterer (2009), Sprinter Sacre (2012) and Simonsig (2013). Walsh partnered Azertyuiop (2002), Un De Sceaux (2015), Douvan (2016) and Footpad (2018).

## Betting

The longest-priced winner is Western Warhorse, successful at 33/1 in 2014. Both Douvan (2016) and Altior (2017) returned at odds of 1/4. In the 72 runnings since 1946, a total of 21 favourites (29 per cent) have prevailed.

## Age

The oldest winners are the nine-year-olds Sir Ken (1956) and Danish Flight (1988).

The five-year-olds Grand Refrain (1949), High Level (1950), Red Steel (1951), Nautical Print (1952), Bramble Tudor (1953), Armorial III (1954), Manuscrit (1955), Ballyatom (1957), Chatham (1969), Soloning (1970), Champleve (1998), Flagship Uberalles (1999), Well Chief (2004) and Voy Por Ustedes (2006) are the youngest winners.

The overall breakdown by age is as follows:

5yo - 14 wins

6yo - 23 wins

7yo - 21 wins

8yo - 12 wins

9yo - 2 wins

## Record Time

The fastest time for the two miles of the Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase is 3m 46.5s by Tiutchev in 2000.

## Overseas-Trained Winners

**IRELAND (20):** Fortria (1958); Mountcashel King (1961); Ben Stack (1963), Flyingbolt (1965), Arctic Stream (1967), Alpheus (1971), Chinrullah (1979), Anaglogs Daughter (1980), The Brockshee (1982), Bobsline (1984), Boreen Prince (1985), Klairon Davis (1995), Ventana Canyon (1996), Moscow Flyer (2002), Forpadydeplasterer (2009), Sizing Europe (2010), Un De Sceaux (2015), Douvan (2016), Footpad (2018) & Duc des Genievres (2019).

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# RACING POST ARKLE NOVICES' CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

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### Did You Know?

The Racing Post Arkle Chase has always been a classy event, and the following winners have gone on to other championship victories at The Festival™ presented by Magners:

**Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase (12):** Fortria (1958), Ben Stack (1963), Flyingbolt (1965), Remittance Man (1991), Klairon Davis (1995), Flagship Uberalles (1999), Moscow Flyer (2002), Azertyuiop (2004) Voy Por Ustedes (2006), Sizing Europe (2010), Sprinter Sacre (2012), Altior (2017).

**Ryanair Chase (1):** Un de Sceaux (2015)

**Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup (1):** Alverton (1978)

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# RACING POST ARKLE NOVICES' CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase since 2018, Racing Post Arkle Chase 2012-2018, The Irish Independent Arkle Chase 2000-11, Guinness Arkle Chase 1994-99, Waterford Castle Arkle Chase 1991-93, no sponsor 1969-90, Cotswold Chase before 1969.

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2019	Duc des Genievres	6-11-04	Paul Townend	Willie Mullins IRE	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	5/1	12
2018	Footpad	6-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	5/6F	5
2017	Altior	7-11-04	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	Patricia Pugh	1/4F	9
2016	Douvan	6-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	1/4F	7
2015	Un De Sceaux	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Edward O'Connell	4/6F	11
2014	Western Warhorse	6-11-04	Tom Scudamore	David Pipe	Roger Brookhouse	33/1	9
2013	Simonsig	7-11-07	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Ronnie Bartlett	8/15F	7
2012	Sprinter Sacre	6-11-07	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Caroline Mould	8/11F	6
2011	Captain Chris	7-11-07	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Diana Whateley	6/1	10
2010	Sizing Europe	6-11-07	Andrew Lynch	Henry de Bromhead IRE	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	6/1	12
2009	Forpadydeplasterer	7-11-07	Barry Geraghty	Tom Cooper IRE	Goat Racing Syndicate	8/1	17
2008	Tidal Bay	7-11-07	Denis O'Regan	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	6/1	14
2007	My Way De Solzen	7-11-07	Robert Thornton	Alan King	Ben Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton	7/2	13
2006	Voy Por Ustedes	5-11-02	Robert Thornton	Alan King			
2005	Contraband	7-11-07	Timmy Murphy	Martin Pipe	Sir Robert Ogden	15/2	14
2004	Well Chief	5-11-03	A P McCoy	Martin Pipe	David Johnson	7/1	19
2003	Azertyuiop	6-11-08	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	David Johnson	9/1	16
2002	Moscow Flyer	8-11-08	Barry Geraghty	Paul Nicholls	John and Lisa Hales	5/4F	9
2001	No race (Foot and Mouth disease)			Jessica Harrington IRE	Brian Kearney	11/2	12
2000	Tiutchev	7-11-08	Mick FitzGerald	Nicky Henderson	Liars Poker Partnership	8/1	12
1999	Flagship Uberalles	5-11-00	Joe Tizzard	Paul Nicholls	Elizabeth Gutner/Michael Krysztofciak	11/1	14
1998	Champleve	5-11-00	A P McCoy	Martin Pipe			
1997	Or Royal	6-11-08	A P McCoy	Martin Pipe	David Johnson	13/2	16
1996	Ventana Canyon	7-11-08	Richard Dunwoody	Edward O'Grady IRE	David Johnson	11/2	9
1995	Klairon Davis	6-11-08	Francis Woods	Arthur Moore IRE	Philip Myerscough	7/1	16
1994	Nakir	6-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Simon Christian	Chris Jones	7/2F	11
1993	Travado	7-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Nicky Henderson	Jim Lewis	9/1	10
1992	Young Pokey	7-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Oliver Sherwood	Mrs Michael Ennever	5/1	8
1991	Remittance Man	7-11-08	Richard Dunwoody	Nicky Henderson	Maurice Oberstein	4/1	11
1990	Comandante	8-11-08	Peter Hobbs	Josh Gifford	Jim Collins	85/40F	14
1989	Waterloo Boy	6-11-08	Richard Dunwoody	David Nicholson	Maurice Pinto	9/2	14
1988	Danish Flight	9-11-08	Mark Dwyer	Jimmy FitzGerald	Michael Deeley	20/1	14
1987	Gala's Image	7-11-08	Richard Linley	Mercy Rimell	A F Budge (Equine) Ltd	11/2	12
1986	Oregon Trail	6-11-08	Ronnie Beggan	Simon Christian	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	25/1	19
1985	Boreen Prince	8-11-08	Niall Madden	Andrew McNamara IRE	Henry Ponsonby	14/1	14
1984	Bobsline	8-11-08	Frank Berry	Francis Flood IRE	William Lenehan	15/2	16
1983	Ryeman	6-11-08	Alan Brown	Peter Easterby	R H Kelsey	5/4F	8
1982	The Brockshee	7-11-08	Tommy Carberry	Arthur Moore IRE	D Slater	6/1	16
1981	Clayside	7-11-08	Alan Brown	Peter Easterby	T Murray	12/1	19
1980	Anaglogs Daughter	7-11-08	Tommy Carberry	Bill Durkan IRE	Mrs D Grant	5/2F	13
1979	Chinrullah	7-11-08	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	A Durkan	9/4	9
1978	Alverton	8-11-08	Graham Thorner	Peter Easterby	Mrs R Eastwood	10/11F	8
1977	Tip The Wink	7-11-08	Dessie Hughes	Pat Taylor	Snailwell Stud Co Ltd	5/2	12
1976	Roaring Wind	8-11-08	Reg Crank	Roy Cambidge	Michael Simmonds	15/2	10
1975	Broncho II	6-11-11	Colin Tinkler	Tony Dickinson	S Jones	11/1	16
1974	Canasta Lad	8-11-11	Jeff King	Peter Bailey	Frank Tyldesely	8/1	12
1973	Denys Adventure	8-12-01	Graham Thorner	Tim Forster	Mrs R Hague	2/1F	10
1972	Pendil	7-12-01	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Mrs Robert Henriques	8/1	10
1971	Alpheus	6-11-08	Eddie Wright	Tom Dreaper IRE	Mrs C Kinney	10/11F	10
1970	Soloning	5-11-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Lord Donoughmore	15/1	11
1969	Chatham	5-11-00	Terry Biddlecombe	Fred Rimell	Mrs C E Thornton	4/1	13
1968	The Hustler	6-11-12	Barry Brogan	Earl Jones	C Knott	10/1	10
1967	Arctic Stream	7-12-02	Ben Hannon	P Rooney IRE	Mrs D E Crouch	20/1	11
1966	Arctic Sunset	6-12-06	George Milburn	Ken Oliver	J A Duffy	8/1	9
1965	Flyingbolt	6-12-04	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	J R McNair	3/1	9
1964	Greektown	8-11-08	Michael Scudamore	Willie Stephenson	Mrs Jean Wilkinson	4/9F	13
1963	Ben Stack	6-12-01	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Lionel Ensten	13/2	16
1962	Prudent Barney	8-12-01	Johnny East	Bobby Renton	Duchess of Westminster	13/8F	17
1961	Mountcashel King	6-12-04	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Lurline Brotherton	20/1	9
1960	Mazurka	6-11-12	Ron Harrison	Tom Dreaper IRE	John Glyn	2/5F	12
1959	Flame Gun	8-12-04	Fred Winter	Charlie Mallon	Mrs Chris Barnes	10/1	25
1958	Fortria	6-12-01	Tom Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Michael Sobell	7/2	14
1957	Ballyatom	5-11-04	Mr Bob McCreery	George Beeby	A Craigie	7/2	17
1956	Sir Ken	9-12-03	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	David Evans-Bevan	8/1	13
1955	Manuscrit	5-11-00	Johnny Bullock	Fulke Walwyn	Maurice Kingsley	5/4F	17
1954	Armorial III	5-11-05	Rene Emery	Fulke Walwyn	Mme Peggy Hennessy	10/1	20
1953	Bramble Tudor	5-11-12	Tim Molony	Stewart Wight	Mrs M de Pret-Roose	7/2F	17
1952	Nautical Print	5-11-00	Tommy Cusack	Gerry Wilson	Lord Joicey	11/4	9
1951	Red Steel	5-11-00	Dick Francis	Frank Cundell	Lt Col J F Harrison	6/1	15
1950	High Level	5-11-04	Johnny Bullock	Fred Rimell	Hugh Sumner	4/1F	15
1949	Grand Refrain	5-11-05	Glen Kelly	Bobby Norris	T E Ward	9/2	14
1948	Top Cash	6-12-05	Glen Kelly	Bobby Norris	Lord Abergavenn	9/4F	12
1947	No race (abandoned due to snow and frost)				Lord Abergavenny	3/1	9
1946	Bright Penny	6-11-12	Glen Kelly	Bobby Norris	Lord Penryhn	5/1	15

# NATIONAL HUNT CHASE

Grade Two, £125,000 Total Prize Fund, 4.50pm Tuesday, March 10. Three miles and six furlongs (3m 5f 21y). For novice five-year-olds and upwards rated 120 or more. To be ridden by amateur riders, who have ridden in a minimum of 20 steeple chases under the Rules of Racing, including a minimum of 5 wins in chases. Weights: 5-y-o 11st 4lb; 6-y-o and upwards 11st 6lb; Mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 21 (61 entries), scratchings' deadline February 18, six-day confirmation stage March 4, final declaration stage 10.00am Monday, March 8. Maximum 16 runners.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
Allaho (FR)	6	Cheveley Park Stud	Willie Mullins IRE
Anteros (IRE)	12	K W Bell	Sophie Leech
Ardlethen (IRE)	7	Mike and Eileen Newbould	Dan Skelton
At The Acorn (IRE)	6	Here For The Craic Partnership	Tony Martin IRE
Aye Aye Charlie	8	All Four One	Fergal O'Brien
Battleoverdoyen (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Carefully Selected (IRE)	8	Miss M A Masterson	Willie Mullins IRE
Champagne Classic (IRE)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Chavi Artist (IRE)	7	Rory F Larkin	Tom Mullins IRE
Christmas In April (FR)	8	Swallowfield Racing	Colin Tizzard
Cle En Main (FR)	8	A Shiels/Donal Gavigan/Niall Reilly	Tony Martin IRE
Clondaw Cian (IRE)	10	G Thompson	Sophie Leech
Copperhead	6	Mrs G C Pritchard	Colin Tizzard
Court Master (IRE)	7	Mrs Lynne Maclellan	Michael Scudamore
Dallas des Pictons (FR)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Danny Whizzbang (IRE)	7	Mrs Angela Tincknell	Paul Nicholls
Dominateur (FR)	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Oliver Sherwood
Equus Secretus (IRE)	8	The Bourtoneers	Ben Pauling
Eurobot	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
Faugheen (IRE)	12	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
Financial Outcome (IRE)	7	CCORZ Partners	Rebecca Curtis
First Approach (IRE)	7	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
Follow The Bear (IRE)	8	G B Barlow	Nicky Henderson
Forza Milan (IRE)	8	TSKOC Syndicate	James Nash IRE
Galvin (IRE)	6	Ronnie Bartlett	Gordon Elliott IRE
Garo de Juilley (FR)	8	G Thompson	Sophie Leech
Glamorgan Duke (IRE)	7	Natalie Gilligan	Paul Gilligan IRE
Glenloe (IRE)	9	J P McManus	Gordon Elliott IRE
Hugo 'n Taz	9	ValueRacingClubcouk	David Pipe
Jammy George (IRE)	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
Just Your Type (IRE)	8	Tyrone Hanlon	Charlie Longsdon
Know The Score (IRE)	7	The Angove Family	David Pipe
Lamanver Pippin	7	Dr Donna Christensen	Colin Tizzard
Lisnagar Oscar (IRE)	7	Racing for Fun	Rebecca Curtis
Lord du Mesnil (FR)	7	Paul Porter	Richard Hobson
Mercy Mercy Me	8	Malcolm C Denmark	Paul Nicholls
Midnight Tune	9	The Park Homes Syndicate	Anthony Honeyball
Minella Fair (IRE)	9	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
Nestor Park (FR)	7	Mrs S P Davis	Ben Pauling
Newtide (IRE)	7	Lady Dulverton	Kim Bailey
Ocean Cove (IRE)	8	The FOB Racing Partnership	Fergal O'Brien
Plan of Attack (IRE)	7	A Halsall	Henry de Bromhead IRE
Pont Aven (IRE)	7	Roderick Ryan/Thomas Breen/M D Minch	Willie Mullins IRE
Prime Venture (IRE)	9	Mrs Janet Davies	Evan Williams
Ravenhill (IRE)	10	Try Ravenhill Syndicate	Gordon Elliott IRE
Redzor (IRE)	7	Bryan Drew & Steve Roper	Dan Skelton
Ronald Pump	7	Laois Limerick Syndicate	Matthew Smith IRE
Royale Pagaille (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Venetia Williams
Sam Brown	8	T C Frost	Anthony Honeyball
School Boy Hours (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Noel Meade IRE
Small Farm (IRE)	8	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
Smoking Gun (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Joseph O'Brien IRE
Some Can Dance (IRE)	7	Richard Bailey & D P Drinkwater	Samuel Drinkwater
Speak Easy	7	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
Springfield Fox	7	O'Donohoe, Cavanagh, Robinson, Nelson	Tom George
Spyglass Hill (IRE)	7	Niall O'Leary	Henry de Bromhead IRE
The Conditional (IRE)	8	P J Cave	David Bridgwater
The Hollow Ginge (IRE)	7	The Ginge Army	Nigel Twiston-Davies
Tower Bridge (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
Truckers Lodge (IRE)	8	Gordon & Su Hall	Paul Nicholls
Two For Gold (IRE)	7	May We Never Be Found Out Partnership 2	Kim Bailey

61 entries

26 Irish-trained

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# BREAKDOWN OF NATIONAL HUNT CHASE ENTRIES BY TRAINER

## 6 entries

Gordon Elliott IRE - **Battleoverdoyen, Champagne Classic, Dallas des Pictons, Galvin, Glenloe, Ravenhill**

## 5 entries

Willie Mullins IRE - **Allaho, Carefully Selected, Faugheen, Pont Aven, Small Farm**

## 4 entries

Noel Meade IRE - **Eurobot, First Approach, Minella Fair, School Boy Hours**

## 3 entries

Sophie Leech - **Anteros, Clondaw Cian, Garo de Juilley**

Paul Nicholls - **Danny Whizzbang, Mercy Mercy Me, Truckers Lodge**

Joseph O'Brien IRE - **Smoking Gun, Speak Easy, Tower Bridge**

Colin Tizzard - **Christmas In April, Copperhead, Lamanver Pippin**

## 2 entries

Kim Bailey - **Newtide, Two For Gold**

Henry de Bromhead IRE - **Plan of Attack, Spyglass Hill**

Rebecca Curtis - **Financial Outcome, Lisnagar Oscar**

Anthony Honeyball - **Midnight Tune, Sam Brown**

Tony Martin IRE - **At The Acorn, Cle En Main**

Ben Pauling - **Equus Secretus, Nestor Park**

Fergal O'Brien - **Aye Aye Charlie, Ocean Cove**

David Pipe - **Hugo 'n Taz, Know The Score**

Dan Skelton - **Ardlethen, Redzor**

## 1 entry

David Bridgwater - **The Conditional**

Samuel Drinkwater - **Some Can Dance**

Tom George - **Springfield Fox**

Paul Gilligan IRE - **Glamorgan Duke**

Nicky Henderson - **Follow The Bear**

Richard Hobson - **Lord du Mesnil**

Charlie Longsdon - **Just Your Type**

Tom Mullins IRE - **Chavi Artist**

James Nash IRE - **Forza Milan**

Michael Scudamore - **Court Master**

Oliver Sherwood - **Dominateur**

Matthew Smith IRE - **Ronald Pump**

Nigel Twiston-Davies - **The Hollow Ginge**

Harry Whittington - **Jammy George**

Evan Williams - **Prime Venture**

Venetia Williams - **Royale Pagaille**

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# NATIONAL HUNT CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

## Background Information

The G2 National Hunt Chase is the oldest race at The Festival™ presented by Magners. Until the 1930s, only the Grand National was more important than the National Hunt Chase in the Jump calendar.

The race had taken place at a number of venues until it became a part of the new two-day National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in 1911. It had also been run at Cheltenham in 1904 and 1905.

The 2008 race was run as the Peter O'Sullivan National Hunt Chase to celebrate the legendary commentator's 90th birthday and in 2012 honoured the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 2013 renewal remembered the late Lord John Oaksey, the leading amateur rider, journalist, broadcaster and founder of the Injured Jockeys' Fund, while the 2014 race, the first as a Listed contest, was run in honour of three-time champion Jump jockey Terry Biddlecombe. The 2015 contest remembered trainer Toby Balding OBE.

It was upgraded to Grade Two status in 2017, when it was run in honour of J T McNamara, one of the finest amateur jockeys of all time who passed away at the age of 41 in July, 2016.

The distance was reduced from four miles to three miles and six furlongs in August, 2019, following a review by Cheltenham Racecourse and the British Horseracing Authority.

## Field Size

The race is usually one of the best supported at The Festival™ presented by Magners, with very competitive fields each year. The highest number of runners in a post-war field size was 37 (1948) and the smallest 13 (1993). There is now a safety limit of 16 runners.

## Most Successful Owner

J P McManus is the most successful owner with six wins - Bit Of A Skite (1983), Front Line (1995), Rith Dubh (2002), Butler's Cabin (2007), Cause Of Causes (2015) and Minella Rocco (2016).

## Most Successful Trainer

Jonjo O'Neill with six wins is the most successful trainer since 1946 - Front Line (1995), Rith Dubh (2002), Sudden Shock (2003), Native Emperor (2004), Butler's Cabin (2007) and Minella Rocco (2016).

## Most Successful Jockey

A total of 12 amateurs have each ridden two winners of the National Hunt Chase since 1946 - Bunny Cox, Dermot Daly, George Small, J T McNamara, John Fowler, Marcus Armytage, Tony Fowler, Tony Martin, Willie Mullins, Derek O'Connor, Patrick Mullins and Jamie Codd.

## Betting

The biggest shocks were provided by Topsham Bay (1990) and Another Rum (2005), both 40/1 shots.

Castledermot, 6/4 favourite in 1949, is the shortest-priced victor. 16 of the 72 runnings (22%) since 1946 have gone to the market leader.

## Age

The oldest winners in the post-war period have been the 11-year-olds Prattler (1946), Red Vale (1965), Waggoners Walk (1980) and Flimsy Truth (1997). The youngest winner in the same period is the five-year-old Gay Tie (1978).

The overall breakdown by age is as follows:

5yo - 1 win  
6yo - 7 wins  
7yo - 27 wins  
8yo - 21 wins  
9yo - 7 wins  
10yo - 5 wins  
11yo - 4 wins

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# NATIONAL HUNT CHASE FACTS & FIGURES CONTINUED

## Record Time

Relaxation recorded the post-war record time of 8m 0.60s when scoring in 2000.

## Overseas-Trained Winners (Since 1946)

**IRELAND (19):** Castledermot (1949); Pontage (1953); Quare Times (1954); Dorimont (1964); Mr Midland (1974); Gay Tie (1978); Artic Ale (1979); Hazy Dawn (1982); Bit Of A Skite (1983); Macks Friendly (1984); Omerta (1986); Loving Around (1996); DeeJaydee (1999); Another Rum (2005); Chicago Grey (2011); Back In Focus (2013); Cause Of Causes (2015); Tiger Roll (2017) & Rathvinden (2018).

## Did You Know?

Lisa O'Neill became the second woman to ride the winner when successful on Tiger Roll in 2017, following on from Katie Walsh's ground-breaking victory on Poker De Sivola in 2010.

The race has proved a good guide to future success in recent seasons, with several runners having gone on to win top staying chases since 2000:

## Grand National winners

2005 Hedgehunter (12th 2003 National Hunt Chase)  
2007 Silver Birch (4th 2004 National Hunt Chase)  
2018 & 2019 Tiger Roll (won 2017 National Hunt Chase)

## Scottish National winners

2007 Hot Weld (won 2006 National Hunt Chase)  
2011 Beshabar (2nd 2011 National Hunt Chase)  
2013 Godsmejudge (3rd 2013 National Hunt Chase)  
2016 & 2017 Vicente (5th 2016 National Hunt Chase)

## Irish National winners

2003 Timbera (2nd 2002 National Hunt Chase)  
2006 Point Barrow (5th 2005 National Hunt Chase)  
2007 Butler's Cabin (won 2007 National Hunt Chase)  
2009 Niche Market (8th 2009 National Hunt Chase)  
2014 Shutthefrontdoor (6th 2014 National Hunt Chase)  
2015 Thunder And Roses (UR 2015 National Hunt Chase)  
2016 Rogue Angel (7th 2014 National Hunt Chase)

## Welsh National winners

2001 Supreme Glory (4th 2000 National Hunt Chase)  
2004 Silver Birch (4th 2004 National Hunt Chase)  
2007 Miko De Beauchene (UR 2007 National Hunt Chase)  
2011 Le Beau Bai (PU 2009 National Hunt Chase)  
2014 Emperor's Choice (7th 2013 National Hunt Chase)  
2016 Native River (2nd 2016 National Hunt Chase)

## Ladbrokes Trophy (formerly Hennessy Gold Cup) winners

2004 Celestial Gold (2nd 2004 National Hunt Chase)  
2016 Native River (2nd 2016 National Hunt Chase)  
2018 Sizing Tennessee (3rd 2018 National Hunt Chase)

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# NATIONAL HUNT CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

National Hunt Chase otherwise, J T McNamara National Hunt in 2017, Toby Balding National Hunt Chase in 2015, Terry Biddlecombe National Hunt Chase in 2014, John Oaksey National Hunt Chase in 2013, Diamond Jubilee National Hunt Chase in 2012, Peter O'Sullivan National Hunt Chase in 2008

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2019	Le Breuil	7-11-06	Mr Jamie Codd	Ben Pauling	Emma Palmer	14/1	18
2018	Rathvinden	10-11-06	Mr Patrick Mullins	Willie Mullins IRE	Ronnie Bartlett	9/2	16
2017	Tiger Roll	7-11-06	Ms Lisa O'Neill	Gordon Elliott IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	16/1	18
2016	Minella Rocco	6-11-06	Mr Derek O'Connor	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	8/1	20
2015	Cause Of Causes	7-11-06	Mr Jamie Codd	Gordon Elliott IRE	J P McManus	8/1	17
2014	Midnight Prayer	9-11-06	Mr Joshua Newman	Alan King	The Legends Partnership	8/1	15
2013	Back In Focus	8-11-06	Mr Patrick Mullins	Willie Mullins IRE	Andrea & Graham Wylie	9/4F	16
2012	Teaforthree	8-11-06	Mr J T McNamara	Rebecca Curtis	T437	5/1F	19
2011	Chicago Grey	8-11-06	Mr Derek O'Connor	Gordon Elliott IRE	John Earls	5/1F	16
2010	Poker De Sivola	7-11-06	Ms Katie Walsh	Ferdy Murphy	David Johnson	14/1	18
2009	Tricky Trickster	6-11-11	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Million In Mind Partnership	11/1	19
2008	Old Benny	7-11-07	Mr Charlie Huxley	Alan King	Trevor Hemmings	9/1	20
2007	Butler's Cabin	7-12-00	Mr Alan Berry	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	33/1	19
2006	Hot Weld	7-11-11	Mr Richard Harding	Ferdy Murphy	Simon Hubbard Rodwell	33/1	22
2005	Another Rum	7-11-07	Mr Mark O'Hare	Ian Duncan IRE	Ronald Lilley	40/1	20
2004	Native Emperor	8-11-11	Mr Robert Widger	Jonjo O'Neill	J C, J R & S R Hitchens	5/1JF	22
2003	Sudden Shock	8-11-07	Mr Denis Cullen	Jonjo O'Neill	Darren Mercer	25/1	24
2002	Rith Dubh	10-11-11	Mr J T McNamara	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	10/1	26
2001	No Race (Foot and Mouth)						
2000	Relaxation	8-12-00	Mr Mark Bradburne	Henry Daly	Sir Philip Payne-Gallwey/Vicky Wiggin	8/1	21
1999	Deejaydee	7-12-00	Mr Tony Martin	Michael Hourigan IRE	Mrs M Devine	13/2	21
1998	Wandering Light	9-12-07	Mr Rupert Wakley	Tim Forster	Anne Duchess of Westminster	10/1	24
1997	Flimsy Truth	11-12-07	Mr Micky Harris	Martin Weston	Martin Weston	33/1	23
1996	Loving Around	8-11-06	Mr Philip Fenton	Edward O'Grady IRE	Lord Tavistock	10/1	22
1995	Front Line	8-12-07	Mr John Berry	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	7/1	25
1994	Christmas Gorse	8-12-04	Mr Marcus Armytage	Nick Gaselee	David Stoddart	14/1	19
1993	Ushers Island	7-12-04	Mr Noel Wilson	Howard Johnson	Bob Bowden	15/2	13
1992	Keep Talking	7-12-07	Mr Marcus Armytage	Tim Thomson Jones	Jim Joel	5/2F	24
1991	Smooth Escort	7-12-00	Mr Tony Martin	Di Haime	A F Budge (Equine) Ltd	7/1	18
1990	Topsham Bay	7-12-00	Mr Paul Hacking	David Barons	Michael Marsh	40/1	25
1989	Boraceva	6-12-07	Mr Seamus Mullins	Toby Balding	Duke of Atholl	4/1F	21
1988	Over The Road	7-12-04	Mr Tom Costello	Terry Casey	John Upson	10/1	28
1987	Mighty Mark	8-12-07	Mr Jimmy Walton	Frank Walton	Frank Walton	8/1	30
1986	Omerta	6-12-07	Mr Lorcan Wyer	Homer Scott IRE	Mrs J McMorrough	9/4F	22
1985	Northern Bay	9-12-04	Mr Tony Fowler	Tom Bill	Twycross Frozen Food Centre Ltd	12/1	20
1984	Macks Friendly	7-12-07	Mr Willie Mullins	Paddy Mullins IRE	John Mulhern	11/4	18
1983	Bit Of A Skite	7-12-00	Mr Frank Codd	Edward O'Grady IRE	J P McManus	5/1F	29
1982	Hazy Dawn	7-12-07	Mr Willie Mullins	Paddy Mullins IRE	R Daniels	8/1	26
1981	Lucky Vane	6-12-07	Mr Stephen Bush	Toby Balding	Bridget Swire	13/1	21
1980	Waggoners Walk	11-12-04	Mr Tony Fowler	Caroline Mason	George Mason	10/1	23
1979	Artic Ale	8-12-00	Mr John Fowler	Dan Moore IRE	Anthony Robinson	20/1	25
1978	Gay Tie	5-11-09	Mr John Fowler	Mick O'Toole IRE	Dr P Morrissey	10/1	17
1977	Alpenstock	10-12-04	Mr Dick Saunders	Stan Mellor	Harron Thompson	14/1	21
1976	Sage Merlin	8-12-07	Mr Peter Greenall	Jack Hardy	John Bingham	5/2F	22
1975	Abandoned (course waterlogged)						
1974	Mr Midland	7-12-04	Mr Mouse Morris	Edward O'Grady IRE	B Naughton	7/2	17
1973	Foreman	7-12-01	Mr Bill Shand Kydd	Tom Jones	R Dean	11/2F	25
1972	Charley Winking	7-12-00	Mr Derrick Scott	Leslie Scott	Leslie Scott	20/1	23
1971	Deblin's Green	8-11-07	Mr Derek Edmunds	George Yardley	George Yardley	9/2F	20
1970	Domason	7-12-01	Mr Robert Alner	Harry Dufosse	Harry Dufosse	10/1	18
1969	Lizzy The Lizard	10-12-00	Mr Grant Cann	Tony Hartnoll	Tony Hartnoll	10/1	35
1968	Fascinating Forties	9-11-07	Mr Michael Dickinson	George Owen	Lord Leverhulme	9/1	22
1967	Master Tammy	9-11-07	Mr Brian Fanshawe	George Guilding	George Guilding	100/7	24
1966	Polaris Missile	7-11-09	Mr John Thorne	John Thorne	John Thorne	100/6	29
1965	Red Vale	11-12-00	Mr George Small	Albert Piper	Mrs C Smith	100/8	26
1964	Dorimont	10-12-01	Mr Charles Vaughan	Tom Taaffe IRE	M A Walshe	4/1	30
1963	Time	8-12-00	Mr Ian Balding	Willie Stephenson	John Cheatile	8/1	35
1962	Go Slow	7-12-07	Mr George Small	Albert Piper	Mrs I R Millar	10/1	26
1961	Superfine	8-12-04	Sir William Pigott-Brown	Frank Cundell	I Kerwood	10/1	33
1960	Proud Socks	8-12-00	Mr H Thompson	Vivian Bishop	Vivian Bishop	100/6	22
1959	Sabaria	8-12-00	Mr John Lawrence	Bob Turnell	Bob Turnell	5/2F	17
1958	Spud Tamson	7-12-04	Mr Geordie Dun	Tommy Dun	Mrs T D C Dun	13/2	28
1957	Kari Sou	8-12-00	Mr Alan Lillingston	Archie Thomlinson	Archie Thomlinson	100/6	24
1956	Rosana III	7-12-00	Mr G Everitt	G Everitt	G Everitt	9/1	22
1955	Reverend Prince	9-12-00	Mr C Pocock	Peter Dufosse	Peter Dufosse	33/1	26
1954	Quare Times	8-12-04	Mr Bunny Cox	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs R Smyth	5/2F	26
1953	Pontage	7-12-04	Mr Bunny Cox	Dan Moore IRE	Lady Honor Svejdar	9/4F	22
1952	Frosty Knight	6-12-00	Mr Charles Straker	Ian Straker	Ian Straker	15/2	19
1951	Cushendun	6-12-04	Mr Peter Chisman	Bobby Renton	Lurline Brotherton	10/1	18
1950	Ellesmere	7-12-07	Mr Atty Corbett	Ken Cundell	Lord Bicester	100/30F	26
1949	Castledermot	7-12-07	Lord Mildmay	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	6/4F	17
1948	Bruno II	8-12-03	Major Guy Cunard	William Anstruther-Gray	William Anstruther-Gray	20/1	37
1947	Maltese Wanderer	8-12-03	Major Dermot Daly	Tom Yates	G J Wells	6/1	20
1946	Prattler	11-12-03	Major Dermot Daly	Tom Yates	E Manner	33/1	20

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## RSA INSURANCE NOVICES' CHASE

Grade One, £175,000 Total Prize Fund, Cheltenham, 2.10pm, Wednesday, March 11. Three miles and half a furlong (3m 80y). For novice 5-y-o+ rated 120 & more. Horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain, Ireland or France may also be entered. Such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 120. Weights: 5-y-o 11st 2lb; 6-y-o+ 11st 4lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 21 (53 entries), scratchings' deadline February 18, six-day confirmation & £8,750 supplementary stage March 5, final declaration stage 10.00am, March 9. Maximum 20 runners.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
Allaho (FR)	6	Cheveley Park Stud	Willie Mullins IRE
Annamix (FR)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
At The Acorn (IRE)	6	Here For The Craic Partnership	Tony Martin IRE
Aye Right (IRE)	7	G Adam	Harriet Graham
Battleoverdoyen (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Black Op (IRE)	9	Roger Brookhouse	Tom George
Brace Yourself (IRE)	7	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
Brahma Bull (IRE)	9	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
Castlebawn West (IRE)	7	Rose Boyd/Mrs M Armstrong/J B Anderson	Willie Mullins IRE
Champ (IRE)	8	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
Champagne Classic (IRE)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Champagne Platinum (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
Copperhead	6	Mrs G C Pritchard	Colin Tizzard
Dallas des Pictons (FR)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Danny Whizzbang (IRE)	7	Mrs Angela Tincknell	Paul Nicholls
Dominateur (FR)	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Oliver Sherwood
Easy Game (FR)	6	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd	Willie Mullins IRE
Faugheen (IRE)	12	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
First Approach (IRE)	7	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
Garo de Juilley (FR)	8	G Thompson	Sophie Leech
Go Another One (IRE)	8	Ms Caroline Ahearn	John McConnell IRE
Highest Sun (FR)	6	Ashley Head	Colin Tizzard
Hold The Note (IRE)	6	Tim Radford	Mick Channon
Imperial Aura (IRE)	7	Imperial Racing Partnership 2016	Kim Bailey
Jammy George (IRE)	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
Jarveys Plate (IRE)	7	The Yes No Wait Sorries & Chris Coley	Fergal O'Brien
Know The Score (IRE)	7	The Angove Family	David Pipe
Laurina (FR)	7	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
Lord du Mesnil (FR)	7	Paul Porter	Richard Hobson
Master Tommytucker	9	A G Fear	Paul Nicholls
Minella Fair (IRE)	9	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
Minella Indo (IRE)	7	Barry Maloney	Henry de Bromhead IRE
Myth Buster (IRE)	7	Chris Jones	Henry de Bromhead IRE
Newtide (IRE)	7	Lady Dulverton	Kim Bailey
Paint The Dream	6	David Brace	Fergal O'Brien
Poker Play (FR)	7	The Angove Family	David Pipe
Pym (IRE)	7	Mrs Patricia Pugh	Nicky Henderson
Ronald Pump	7	Laois Limerick Syndicate	Matthew Smith IRE
Royale Pagaille (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Venetia Williams
Saint Sonnet (FR)	5	Colm Donlon	Paul Nicholls
Salsaretta (FR)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
Sam Brown	8	T C Frost	Anthony Honeyball
Samcro (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
School Boy Hours (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Noel Meade IRE
Simply The Betts (IRE)	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
Slate House (IRE)	8	Eric Jones, Geoff Nicholas, John Romans	Colin Tizzard
Spyglass Hill (IRE)	7	Niall O'Leary	Henry de Bromhead IRE
Tarada	7	Trevor Hemmings	Oliver Sherwood
The Conditional (IRE)	8	P J Cave	David Bridgwater
The Mighty Don (IRE)	8	Golden Rose Partnership	Nick Gifford
Tornado Flyer (IRE)	7	T F P	Willie Mullins IRE
Two For Gold (IRE)	7	May We Never Be Found Out Partnership 2	Kim Bailey
Who Dares Wins (IRE)	8	HP Racing Who Dares Wins	Alan King
53 entries			
23 Irish-trained			

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# BREAKDOWN OF RSA INSURANCE NOVICES' CHASE ENTRIES BY TRAINER

## 9 entries

Willie Mullins IRE - **Allaho, Annamix, Brahma Bull, Castlebawn West, Easy Game, Faugheen, Laurina, Salsaretta, Tornado Flyer**

## 4 entries

Gordon Elliott IRE - **Battleoverdoyen, Champagne Classic, Dallas des Pictons, Samcro**  
Noel Meade IRE - **Brace Yourself, First Approach, Minella Fair, School Boy Hours**

## 3 entries

Kim Bailey - **Imperial Aura, Newtide, Two For Gold**  
Henry de Bromhead IRE - **Minella Indo, Myth Buster, Spyglass Hill**  
Nicky Henderson - **Champ, Champagne Platinum, Pym**  
Paul Nicholls - **Danny Whizzbang, Master Tommytucker, Saint Sonnet**  
Colin Tizzard - **Copperhead, Highest Sun, Slate House**

## 2 entries

Fergal O'Brien - **Jarveys Plate, Paint The Dream**  
David Pipe - **Know The Score, Poker Play**  
Oliver Sherwood - **Dominateur, Tarada**  
Harry Whittington - **Jammy George, Simply The Betts**

## 1 entry

David Bridgwater - **The Conditional**  
Mick Channon - **Hold The Note**  
Tom George - **Black Op**  
Nick Gifford - **The Mighty Don**  
Harriet Graham - **Aye Right**  
Richard Hobson - **Lord du Mesnil**  
Antony Honeyball - **Sam Brown**  
Alan King - **Who Dares Wins**  
Sophie Leech - **Garro de Juilley**  
Tony Martin IRE - **At The Acorn**  
John McConnell IRE - **Go Another One**  
Matthew Smith IRE - **Ronald Pump**  
Venetia Williams - **Royale Pagaille**

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# RSA INSURANCE NOVICES' CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

## Background Information

The G1 RSA Insurance Novices' Chase, the novice chasing championship over just beyond three miles, is backed by Cheltenham's longest-running sponsor.

It was the RSA Chase from 2017 to 2009, the Royal & SunAlliance Chase up to 2008 and the Royal SunAlliance Chase in 1997. Sun Alliance, which merged with Royal Insurance in 1996, previously backed the Sun Alliance Chase for 23 years and sponsored at Cheltenham for 26 years altogether.

From 1971-73, the Foxhunter Chase was titled the Sun Alliance & London Foxhunters. Sun Alliance & London was the first company outside racing to embrace commercial sponsorship at The Festival™ presented by Magners.

Before 1974, the RSA was titled the Broadway Novices' Chase and the Totalisator Champion Novices' Chase.

## Field Size

The most runners has been 30, in 1986, while the smallest field was eight in 1993, 2015 & 2016. The current safety limit is 20.

## Most Successful Owner

Dorothy Paget with three victories – Mountain Prince (1948), On View (1951) and Glenbeigh (1954).

## Most Successful Trainer

Fulke Walwyn and Willie Mullins have been the most successful trainers in the history of the race with four wins each.

Walwyn sent out Mountain Prince (1948), On View (1951), Glenbeigh (1954) and Mandarin (1957), while current handler Mullins has scored with Florida Pearl (1998), Rule Supreme (2004), Cooldine (2009) and Don Poli (2015).

## Most Successful Jockey

Pat Taaffe was the most successful jockey with five wins - Coneyburrow (1953), Solfen (1960), Grallagh Cnoc (1961), Arkle (1963) and Proud Tarquin (1970).

Barry Geraghty and Davy Russell are the most successful current jockeys with three win apiece. Geraghty rode Star De Mohaison (2006), Bobs Worth (2012) and O'Faolains Boy (2014), while Russell triumphed on Weapons Amnesty (2010), Lord Windermere (2013) and Presenting Percy (2018).

## Betting

In 74 runnings since 1946 (three early races were divided), a total of 21 favourites (28.4 per cent) have prevailed.

The biggest shocks were provided by 33/1 shots Canny Danny (1983) and Hussard Collonges (2002).

Arkle was the shortest-priced winner when scoring at 4/9 in 1963.

## Age

The oldest winner was 11-year-old Birthlaw in 1946.

Five-year-olds Manicou (1950, Div 1), Arctic Gold (1950, Div 2) and Star De Mohaison (2006) are the youngest winners.

The overall breakdown by age is as follows:

5yo – 3 wins  
6yo – 14 wins  
7yo – 37 wins  
8yo – 16 wins  
9yo – 3 wins  
11yo – 1 wins

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# RSA INSURANCE NOVICES' CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

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### Record Time

The fastest running of the race was achieved by O'Faolains Boy in 2014 at 6m 0.32s.

### Overseas-Trained Winners

**IRELAND (19):** Coneyburrow (1953); Great Eliza (1955); Solfen (1960); Grallagh Cnoc (1961); Arkle (1963); Arkloin (1965); Herring Gull (1968); Proud Tarquin (1970); Ten Up (1974); Tied Cottage (1976); Antarctic Bay (1985); Florida Pearl (1998); Rule Supreme (2004); Cooldine (2009); Weapon's Amnesty (2010); Bostons Angel (2011), Lord Windermere (2013), Don Poli (2015) & Presenting Percy (2018).

### Did You Know?

Since 1959, nine horses have won both the RSA Insurance Novices' Chase and Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup. They are:

1959 Mandarin (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 1962)

1963 Arkle (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 1964-6)

1974 Ten Up (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 1975)

1979 Master Smudge (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 1980 on the disqualification of Tied Cottage)

1990 Garrison Savannah (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 1991)

1999 Looks Like Trouble (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 2000)

2007 Denman (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 2008)

2012 Bobs Worth (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 2013)

2013 Lord Windermere (Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup 2014)

To this list might be added the name of Tied Cottage, winner of the RSA Chase in 1976, and the Gold Cup in 1980, before his subsequent disqualification.

The West Awake is the only horse to have won both what is now the Ballymore Novices' Hurdle (previously sponsored by RSA) and the RSA Insurance Novices' Chase. He won the Hurdle in 1987 and the Chase in 1988.

The 2010 winner Weapon's Amnesty became the first horse to win both the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle and RSA Chase, a feat repeated by Bobs Worth in 2011 and 2012.

Hollywood legend Gregory Peck owned the 1966 winner Different Class.

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# RSA INSURANCE NOVICES' CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

RSA Insurance Novices' Chase from 2018, RSA Chase 2009-2017, Royal & SunAlliance Chase 1998-2008, Royal Sun Alliance Chase 1997, Sun Alliance Chase 1974-96, Totalisator Champion Chase 1971-73, Totalisator Champion Novices' Chase 1964-1970, Broadway Chase 1961-63, Broadway Novices' Chase before 1961

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2019	Topofthegame	7-11-04	Harry Cobden	Paul Nicholls	Chris Giles and Mr & Mrs Paul Barber	4/1	12
2018	Presenting Percy	7-11-04	Davy Russell	Pat Kelly IRE	Philip Reynolds	5/2F	10
2017	Might Bite	8-11-04	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	The Knot Again Partnership	7/2F	12
2016	Blaklion	7-11-04	Ryan Hatch	Nigel Twiston-Davies	S Such & C G Paletta	8/1	8
2015	Don Poli	6-11-04	Bryan Cooper	Willie Mullins IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	13/8F	8
2014	O'Faolains Boy	7-11-04	Davy Russell	Rebecca Curtis	Trembath, Hyde, Outhart & Hill	12/1	15
2013	Lord Windermere	7-11-04	Davy Russell	Jim Culloty IRE	Dr Ronan Lambe	8/1	11
2012	Bobs Worth	7-11-04	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	The Not Afraid Partnership	9/2	9
2011	Bostons Angel	7-11-04	Robert Power	Jessica Harrington IRE	Elder Scouller	16/1	12
2010	Weapon's Amnesty	7-11-04	Davy Russell	Charles Byrnes IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	10/1	9
2009	Cooldine	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Violet O'Leary	9/4F	15
2008	Albertas Run	7-11-04	A P McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	Trevor Hemmings	4/1F	11
2007	Denman	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Maggie Findlay & Paul Barber	6/5F	17
2006	Star De Mohaison	5-10-08	Barry Geraghty	Paul Nicholls	Sir Robert Ogden	14/1	15
2005	Trabolgan	7-11-04	Mick FitzGerald	Nicky Henderson	Trevor Hemmings	5/1	9
2004	Rule Supreme	8-11-04	David Casey	Willie Mullins IRE	John Lynch	25/1	10
2003	One Knight	7-11-04	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Robert Gibbs	15/2	9
2002	Hussard Collonges	7-11-04	Russ Garritty	Peter Beaumont	Nick Bannister	33/1	19
2001	No Race (Foot and Mouth)						
2000	Lord Noelle	7-11-04	Jim Culloty	Henrietta Knight	Executive Racing	9/2	9
1999	Looks Like Trouble	7-11-04	Paul Carberry	Noel Chance	Universal Conf. & Incentive Trv Ltd	16/1	14
1998	Florida Pearl	6-11-04	Richard Dunwoody	Willie Mullins IRE	Violet O'Leary	11/8F	10
1997	Hanakham	8-11-04	Richard Dunwoody	Ron Hodges	Malcolm Brereton	13/2	14
1996	Nahthen Lad	7-11-04	Warren Marston	Jenny Pitman	Jim Shaw	7/1	12
1995	Brief Gale	8-10-13	Philip Hide	Josh Gifford	Carrie Zetter	13/2	13
1994	Monsieur Le Cure	8-11-04	Peter Niven	John Edwards	Hector Brown	15/2	18
1993	Young Hustler	6-11-04	Peter Scudamore	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Gavin MacEchern	9/4	8
1992	Miinnehomia	9-11-04	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Freddie Starr	7/2F	18
1991	Rolling Ball	8-11-04	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Hilda Clarke	7/2F	20
1990	Garrison Savannah	7-11-04	Ben de Haan	Jenny Pitman	Autofour Engineering	12/1	9
1989	Envopak Token	8-11-04	Peter Hobbs	Josh Gifford	Frank Arthur	16/1	15
1988	The West Awake	7-11-04	Simon Sherwood	Oliver Sherwood	Maggie Heath	11/4F	14
1987	Kildimo	7-11-04	Graham Bradley	Toby Balding	Lady Harris	13/2	18
1986	Cross Master	9-11-04	Reg Crank	Tom Bill	Harlow Bros	16/1	30
1985	Antarctic Bay	8-11-04	Frank Berry	Pat Hughes IRE	P Meade	6/4F	11
1984	A Kinsman	8-11-04	Geordie Dun	John Brockbank	Mrs John Brockbank	10/1	18
1983	Canny Danny	7-11-04	Niall Madden	Jimmy FitzGerald	P Norton	33/1	14
1982	Brown Chamberlin	7-11-04	John Francome	Fred Winter	Mrs Coral Samuel	7/1	15
1981	Lesley Ann	7-11-04	Colin Brown	David Elsworth	Brian Gaule	25/1	17
1980	Lacson	8-11-04	Steve Knight	Bob Hawker	Bob Hawker	16/1	17
1979	Master Smudge	7-11-04	Richard Hoare	Arthur Barrow	Arthur Barrow	16/1	17
1978	Sweet Joe	6-11-04	Steve Smith Eccles	Tom Jones	Milton Ritzenberg	12/1	17
1977	Gay Spartan	6-11-04	Michael Dickinson	Tony Dickinson	M Armstrong	13/2	15
1976	Tied Cottage	8-11-00	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Anthony Stanley Robinson	12/1	15
1975	Pengrail	7-11-00	John Francome	Fred Winter	Mrs G Morton	12/1	11
1974	Ten Up	7-11-00	Tommy Carberry	Jim Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	7/2	12
1973	Killiney	7-11-03	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Enid Boucher	8/15F	9
1972	Clever Scot	7-11-07	David Mould	Tom Jones	Milton Ritzenberg	11/1	18
1971	Tantalum	7-11-07	David Nicholson	Michael Pope	Colonel S W Green	14/1	16
1970	Proud Tarquin	7-11-12	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	John Thomson	100/7	17
1969	Spanish Steps	6-11-12	John Cook	Edward Courage	Edward Courage	100/8	22
1968	Herring Gull	6-11-12	Joe Crowley	Paddy Mullins IRE	Mrs G A J Wilson	9/1	16
1967	Border Jet	7-11-00	Josh Gifford	Ryan Price	Lady Weir	4/1F	19
1966	Different Class	6-11-12	David Mould	Peter Cazalet	Gregory Peck	10/1	17
1965	Arkloin	6-11-07	Liam McLoughlin	Tom Dreaper IRE	George Ansley	100/7	17
1964	Buona Notte	7-12-04	Johnnie Haine	Bob Turnell	Jim Joel	11/8F	16
1963	Arkle	6-12-04	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	4/9F	15
1962	Cadual	7-11-08	Laurie Morgan	Bogden Lubecki	Bogden Lubecki	11/2	13
1961	Grallagh Cnoc	7-12-01	Pat Taaffe	Joe Osborne IRE	Mrs K Harper	8/13F	17
1960	Solfen	8-11-12	Pat Taaffe	Willie O'Grady IRE	B Naughton	5/4F	21
1959	Mac Joy	7-11-12	Arthur Freeman	Ken Bailey	W C Simpson	4/1	11
1958	Just Awake	6-11-08	Arthur Freeman	Peter Cazalet	Bill Whitbread	100/7	19
1957	Mandarin	6-12-01	Michael Scudamore	Fulke Walwyn	Peggy Hennessy	8/1	14
1956	Polar Flight	6-11-08	Tommy Cusack	George Spann	Mrs P Pleydell-Bouverie	100/7	19
1955	Great Eliza	7-11-13	B Cooper	Danny Morgan IRE	Mrs N Hope Collins	7/2F	23
1954	Glenbeigh	8-11-13	Dave Dick	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	EvsF	16
1953	Coneyburrow	7-11-03	Pat Taaffe	Joe Osborne IRE	I E Levy	100/8	13
1952	Good And Plenty	8-11-08	Jimmy Power	Jack Fawcus	Lady Joicey	8/1	18
1951	On View	8-11-13	Bryan Marshall	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	8/1	23
1950 (I)	Manicou	5-11-06	Lord Mildmay	Peter Cazalet	Lord Mildmay	2/1F	9
1950 (II)	Arctic Gold	5-10-13	Glen Kelly	Gerald Balding	John Hay Whitne	100/30	9
1949 (I)	Glen Fire	6-11-02	Mr J Spencer	Syd Mercer	J G Greenaway	100/8	19
1949 (II)	Comeragh	8-11-02	D Kelly	Major Noel Furlong	Major Noel Furlong	10/1	10
1948 (I)	Blakely Grove	7-11-04	Joe Maguire	Ivor Anthony	Paul Mellon	5/4F	17
1948 (II)	Mountain Prince	9-11-04	Bryan Marshall	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	100/8	15
1947	No race (snow and frost)						
1946	Birthlaw	11-11-07	Ted Vinall	Tommy Rayson	Mrs V Bruce	20/1	16

# MARSH NOVICES' CHASE

Grade One, £150,000 Total Prize Fund. 1.30pm Cheltenham, Thursday, March 12. Two miles and four furlongs (2m 3f 168y). For novice 5-y-o and upwards rated 120 & more. Horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain, Ireland or France may also be entered. Such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 120. Weights: 5-y-o 11st 3lb, 6-y-o and up 11st 4lb; Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 21 (71 entries), scratchings' deadline February 18, six-day confirmation & £7,500 supplementary stage March 6, final declaration stage 10.00am, March 10. Maximum 20 runners.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
<b>Al Dancer (FR)</b>	7	Walters Plant Hire Ltd	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Allaho (FR)</b>	6	Cheveley Park Stud	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Annamix (FR)</b>	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Annie Mc (IRE)</b>	6	Coral Champions Club	Jonjo O'Neill
<b>Aye Right (IRE)</b>	7	G Adam	Harriet Graham
<b>Bapaume (FR)</b>	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Battleoverdoyen (IRE)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Beakstown (IRE)</b>	7	Bryan Drew	Dan Skelton
<b>Black Op (IRE)</b>	9	Roger Brookhouse	Tom George
<b>Brace Yourself (IRE)</b>	7	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
<b>Brewin'upastorm (IRE)</b>	7	Mrs Barbara Hester	Olly Murphy
<b>Burbank (IRE)</b>	8	Trevor Hemmings	Nicky Henderson
<b>Caribbean Boy (FR)</b>	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
<b>Cash Back (FR)</b>	8	Watch This Space Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Castlebawn West (IRE)</b>	7	Rose Boyd/Mrs M Armstrong/J Anderson	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Champagne Classic (IRE)</b>	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Champagne Court (IRE)</b>	7	I F Gosden and DJ Coles	Jeremy Scott
<b>Champagne Platinum (IRE)</b>	6	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
<b>Dallas des Pictons (FR)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Domage Pour Toi (FR)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Dunvegan (FR)</b>	7	G Turner/Clipper Logistics Group Ltd	Pat Fahy IRE
<b>Easy Game (FR)</b>	6	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Encore Champs (IRE)</b>	6	Bryan Drew	Warren Greatrex
<b>Espoir de Guye (FR)</b>	6	Mrs J Hitchings	Venetia Williams
<b>Esprit du Large (FR)</b>	6	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
<b>Fakir d'Oudairies (FR)</b>	5	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
<b>Fanion d'Estruval (FR)</b>	5	David Wilson	Venetia Williams
<b>Faugheen (IRE)</b>	12	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Gar de Juilley (FR)</b>	8	G Thompson	Sophie Leech
<b>Go Another One (IRE)</b>	8	Ms Caroline Ahearn	John McConnell IRE
<b>Good Boy Bobby (IRE)</b>	7	Paul & Clare Rooney	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Grand Sancy (FR)</b>	6	Martin Broughton Racing Partners	Paul Nicholls
<b>Highest Sun (FR)</b>	6	Ashley Head	Colin Tizzard
<b>Hold The Note (IRE)</b>	6	Tim Radford	Mick Channon
<b>I Can't Explain (IRE)</b>	7	Julie and David R Martin and Dan Hall	Kim Bailey
<b>Imperial Aura (IRE)</b>	7	Imperial Racing Partnership 2016	Kim Bailey
<b>Indietir (FR)</b>	8	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Christian Williams
<b>Itchy Feet (FR)</b>	6	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Olly Murphy
<b>Jarveys Plate (IRE)</b>	7	The Yes No Wait Sorries & Chris Coley	Fergal O'Brien
<b>Knight In Dubai (IRE)</b>	7	Mr & Mrs Ben Houghton	Dan Skelton
<b>Laurina (FR)</b>	7	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Le Patriote (FR)</b>	8	Canard Vert Racing Club	Dr Richard Newland
<b>Lisp (IRE)</b>	6	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes	Alan King
<b>Maire Banrigh</b>	8	J Hales & J Diver	Dan Skelton
<b>Master Tommytucker</b>	9	A G Fear	Paul Nicholls
<b>Matfog (IRE)</b>	5	M Al Romaihi & Al Shaqab Racing	Arnaud Chaille-Chaille FR
<b>Melon</b>	8	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Midnight Shadow</b>	7	Mrs Aafke Clarke	Sue Smith
<b>Mister Fisher (IRE)</b>	6	James and Jean Potter	Nicky Henderson
<b>Myth Buster (IRE)</b>	7	Chris Jones	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Not That Fuisse (FR)</b>	7	Colm Donlon	Dan Skelton
<b>Paint The Dream</b>	6	David Brace	Fergal O'Brien
<b>Poker Play (FR)</b>	7	The Angove Family	David Pipe

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## MARSH NOVICES' CHASE CONTINUED

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
Precious Cargo (IRE)	7	T Barr	Nicky Henderson
Put The Kettle On (IRE)	6	One For Luck Racing Syndicate	Henry de Bromhead IRE
Reserve Tank (IRE)	6	The Reserve Tankers	Colin Tizzard
Roll Again (FR)	6	David & Carol Shaw	Venetia Williams
Rouge Vif (FR)	6	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
Royal Rendezvous (IRE)	8	SP Fitzgerald	Willie Mullins IRE
Saint Sonnet (FR)	5	Colm Donlon	Paul Nicholls
Salsaretta (FR)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
Samcro (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
Simply The Betts (IRE)	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
Slate House (IRE)	8	Eric Jones, Geoff Nicholas, John Romans	Colin Tizzard
The Mighty Don (IRE)	8	Golden Rose Partnership	Nick Gifford
Tidal Flow	7	Brocade Racing	Philip Hobbs
Tornado Flyer (IRE)	7	T F P	Willie Mullins IRE
Vision des Flos (FR)	7	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
Walk Away (IRE)	7	Robcour	Henry de Bromhead IRE
Who Dares Wins (IRE)	8	HP Racing Who Dares Wins	Alan King
Windsor Avenue (IRE)	8	Phil & Julie Martin	Brian Ellison

**71 entries**

**24 Irish-trained**

**1 French-trained**

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# BREAKDOWN OF MARSH NOVICES' CHASE ENTRIES BY TRAINER

## 12 entries

Willie Mullins IRE - **Allaho, Annamix, Bapaume, Cash Back, Castlebawn West, Easy Game, Faugheen, Laurina, Melon, Royal Rendezvous, Salsaretta, Tornado Flyer**

## 5 entries

Nicky Henderson - **Burbank, Caribbean Boy, Champagne Platinum, Mister Fisher, Precious Cargo**

## 4 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE - **Dommage Pour Toi, Myth Buster, Put The Kettle On, Walk Away**  
Gordon Elliott IRE - **Battleoverdoyen, Champagne Classic, Dallas des Pictons, Samcro**  
Dan Skelton - **Beakstown, Knight In Dubai, Maire Banrigh, Not That Fuisse**  
Colin Tizzard - **Highest Sun, Reserve Tank, Slate House, Vision des Flos**

## 3 entries

Paul Nicholls - **Grand Sancy, Master Tommytucker, Saint Sonnet**  
Venetia Williams - **Espoir de Guye, Fanion d'Estruval, Roll Again**

## 2 entries

Kim Bailey - **I Can't Explain, Imperial Aura**  
Alan King - **Lisp, Who Dares Wins**  
Olly Murphy - **Brewin'upastorm, Itchy Feet**  
Fergal O'Brien - **Jarveys Plate, Paint The Dream**  
Nigel Twiston-Davies - **Al Dancer, Good Boy Bobby**  
Harry Whittington - **Rouge Vif, Simply The Betts**

## 1 entry

Arnaud Chaille-Chaille FR - **Matfog**  
Mick Channon - **Hold The Note**  
Brian Ellison - **Windsor Avenue**  
Pat Fahy IRE - **Dunvegan**  
Tom George - **Black Op**  
Nick Gifford - **The Mighty Don**  
Harriet Graham - **Aye Right**  
Warren Greatrex - **Encore Champs**  
Philip Hobbs - **Tidal Flow**  
Sophie Leech - **Garro de Juilley**  
John McConnell IRE - **Go Another One**  
Noel Meade IRE - **Brace Yourself**  
Dr Richard Newland - **Le Patriote**  
Joseph O'Brien IRE - **Fakir d'Oudairies**  
Jonjo O'Neill - **Annie Mc**  
David Pipe - **Poker Play**  
Jeremy Scott - **Champagne Court**  
Sue Smith - **Midnight Shadow**  
Evan Williams - **Esprit du Large**  
Christian Williams - **Indietir**

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# MARSH NOVICES' CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

## Background Information

The Marsh Novices' Chase was introduced to The Festival™ presented by Magners in 2011 as a G2 event. The novice chasing championship over two and a half miles was backed by Jewson from 2011 to 2013. The contest was elevated to G1 status in 2014, with JLT taking over the sponsorship. Marsh, the world's leading insurance broker and risk adviser, acquired JLT in April, 2019, and the race now bears its name.

Its two and a half miles falls between the two-mile Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase and the RSA Insurance Novices' Chase, which is staged over an extended three miles.

## Field Size

The most runners in the race's short history was 13, in 2013, while the smallest field of eight lined up in 2015 and 2017.

## Most Successful Trainer

Willie Mullins is the only trainer to have sent out more than one winner, having been successful four times with Sir Des Champs (2012), Vautour (2015), Black Hercules (2016) and Yorkhill (2017).

## Most Successful Jockey

Ruby Walsh has gained three victories on Vautour (2015), Black Hercules (2016) and Yorkhill (2017).

## Betting

Vautour (2015) and Yorkhill (2017) both scored when 6/4 favourite.

20/1 chance Beneficient, who was successful in 2013, is the longest-priced winner in the eight runnings.

## Age

Six seven-year-olds have won – Noble Prince (2011), Beneficient (2013), Taquin Du Seuil (2014), Black Hercules (2016), Yorkhill (2017) & Shattered Love (2018) – compared to three six-year-olds – Sir Des Champs (2012), Vautour (2015) and Defi du Seuil (2019).

## Record Time

Vautour recorded the fastest winning time of 4m 46.30s in 2015.

## Overseas-trained Winners

**IRELAND (7):** Noble Prince (2011), Sir Des Champs (2012), Beneficient (2013), Vautour (2015), Black Hercules (2016), Yorkhill (2017) and Shattered Love (2018).

## Did You Know?

The 2012 scorer Sir Des Champs was runner-up to Bobs Worth in the 2013 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Vautour, successful in 2015, returned to The Festival in 2016 to win the Ryanair Chase.

Dynaste, second in 2013, took the 2014 Ryanair Chase at The Festival, a feat repeated by Uxizandre, who was runner-up in 2014 and captured the Ryanair Chase in 2015.

# MARSH NOVICES' CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

Marsh Novices' Chase 2020, JLT Novices' Chase 2014-2019, Jewson Novices' Chase 2011-2013.

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2019	Defi du Seuil	6-11-04	Barry Geraghty	Philip Hobbs	JP McManus	3/1F	10
2018	Shattered Love	7-10-11	Jack Kennedy	Gordon Elliott IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	4/1	9
2017	Yorkhill	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Andrea & Graham Wylie	6/4F	8
2016	Black Hercules	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Andrea & Graham Wylie	4/1CF	9
2015	Vautour	6-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susanah Ricci	6/4F	8
2014	Taquin Du Seuil	7-11-04	A P McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	Martin Broughton & Friends 1	7/1	12
2013	Beneficient	7-11-04	Bryan Cooper	Tony Martin IRE	Adrian Shiels & Niall Reilly	20/1	13
2012	Sir Des Champs	6-11-04	Davy Russell	Willie Mullins IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	3/1	10
2011	Noble Prince	7-11-04	A P McCoy	Paul Nolan IRE	Des Sharkey	4/1	11

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