

INDEX TO THE THIRD 2017 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

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Faugheen and Annie Power star among 28 entries for Stan James Champion Hurdle

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – The two latest winners of the Stan James Champion Hurdle, **Faugheen** (2015) and **Annie Power** (2016), headline 28 entries, the highest level since 2013, for the 2017 renewal of the £400,000 Grade One hurdling showpiece at Cheltenham on the first day of The Festival, Champion Day, Tuesday, March 14.

Faugheen led home a one-two-three for Ireland's champion Jump trainer Willie Mullins in 2015, but was unable to defend his crown last year due to a tendon injury. In his absence, Annie Power, who also carries the colours of Susannah Ricci, stepped in to become the first mare since Flakey Dove in 1994 to win the two-mile hurdling championship.

Sponsor Stan James makes Faugheen its 2/1 favourite, with Annie Power next best at 5/1. Both horses are yet to run this season.

Mullins has nine entries in total as he bids for a record-equalling fifth success in the Stan James Champion Hurdle. His formidable hand is strengthened by seven-time G1 victor and last year's third **Nichols Canyon** (25/1 with Stan James), 2016 OLBG Mares' Hurdle winner **Vroum Vroum Mag** (16/1), who is also entered in the three championship chases, and 2015 County Hurdle scorer **Wicklow Brave** (33/1), successful in the G1 Irish St Leger on the Flat in September. Galway Hurdle winner **Clondaw Warrior** (50/1), **Diakali** (40/1), **Ivan Grozny** (40/1) and **Footpad** (50/1) are also engaged.

The other four Irish-trained entries feature 2014 Stan James Champion Hurdle victor **Jezki** (Jessica Harrington, 40/1), who has not raced since April, 2015, **Petit Mouchoir** (Henry De Bromhead, 8/1), who thrashed Nichols Canyon by eight lengths in a G1 contest at Leopardstown over Christmas, and G1 Hatton's Grace Hurdle heroine **Apple's Jade** (Gordon Elliott, 25/1).

The leading British-trained challenger is **Yanworth** (Alan King, 5/1) after his three and a quarter-length victory over **The New One** (Nigel Twiston-Davies, 25/1), third, fifth and fourth in the last three Stan James Champion Hurdles, in the G1 Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park.

Yanworth has won six of his seven starts over hurdles, with his sole defeat coming at the hands of Yorkhill in last year's Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle at The Festival.

Nicky Henderson has enjoyed five Champion Hurdles wins, more than any other current trainer, and his five 2017 contenders are headed by **Brain Power** (12/1). The progressive six-year-old has a rating of 162 following a five-length success in a valuable G3 handicap hurdle at Ascot just before Christmas. **My Tent Or Yours** (50/1), runner-up in both 2014 and 2016, **Buveur D'Air** (33/1), **L'Ami Serge** (33/1) and **Top Notch** (40/1) complete his hand.

An unknown quantity among the entries is **Cyrus Darius** (50/1), who has a 100 per cent record over obstacles. Trained by Malcolm Jefferson, the eight-year-old is unbeaten in three starts over hurdles including a 10-length demolition of his rivals in the 2015 G2 Top Novices' Hurdle at Aintree's Grand National Festival. Cyrus Darius has not raced since scoring on his chasing debut at Perth in September, 2015.

Jefferson said: "Cyrus Darius is doing great. He is entered in the StanJames.com Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock at the weekend and, all being well, he will go there.

"We have decided to go back over hurdles for now. He improved a lot over hurdles and ended up being quite impressive at Aintree.

"The owners have said they would like to have a go over hurdles, so we will see how things go on Saturday before deciding what we do for the rest of the season.

"He is a big horse and is as ready as I can get him at home. He has done a lot of steady work, which has gradually built up, and his schooling has been very good. He is in great nick, but it is his first run for a long time and, at this time of year, you are meeting race-fit horses on testing ground.

"I am expecting him to run a real nice race, although if he does need it he won't be knocked about."

Other Stan James Champion Hurdle contenders include last year's County Hurdle winner **Superb Story**, 16/1), one of three horses entered by Dan Skelton, Stan James Elite Hurdle victor **Sceau Royal** (Alan King, 33/1) and Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle favourite **Moon Racer** (David Pipe, 33/1).

Brett Williams, PR spokesperson for StanJames.com, said: "We are delighted with the 28 entries for the Stan James Champion Hurdle, the final leg in our Road To Cheltenham series.

"With the previous three winners, Annie Power, Faugheen and Jezki, among the possible contenders along with last season's exciting novice Yanworth, this year's contest has maintained its status as the premier hurdle race in the horseracing calendar and is shaping up to be real corker.

"It is also great to see Stan James Jump ambassador Nicky Henderson with strong entries including the improving Brain Power and L'Ami Serge, not to mention the admirable My Tent Or Yours,

"Stan James is extremely proud to once again support Jump racing's hurdling crown and look forward to seeing the how the shape of the race develops over the coming weeks."

Stan James Champion Hurdle – Stan James prices: 2/1 Faugheen; 5/1 Annie Power, Yanworth; 8/1 Petit Mouchoir; 12/1 Brain Power; 16/1 Vroum Vroum Mag, Superb Story; 25/1 The New One, Nichols Canyon, Apple's Jade; 33/1 Wicklow Brave, L'Ami Serge, Buveir D'Air, Sceau Royal, Moon Racer; 40/1 Jezki, Top Notch, Diakali, Ivan Grozny; 50/1 Gwafa, Clyne, My Tent Or Yours, Ch'tibello, Cyrus Darius, Ivanovich Gorbатов, Clondaw Warrior; 66/1 Mister Miyagi, Footpad

Cheltenham Racecourse

Cheltenham Racecourse is situated in Prestbury on the outskirts of the historic spa town of Cheltenham. The Home of Jump Racing, Cheltenham Racecourse is the venue for the world's pre-eminent Jump meeting, The Festival, which happens in March over four days every year. The Festival 2017 takes place from Tuesday, March 14, to Friday, March 17 inclusive. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Cotswolds, Cheltenham Racecourse is a stunning natural arena and offers the highest-quality action throughout the Jump season. More information is available at www.cheltenham.co.uk and through Twitter (@CheltenhamRaces), Facebook www.facebook.com/thehomeofjumpracing and Instagram (@CheltenhamRaces).

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Entry Statistics

Number of Entries

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
28	19	23	18	34	27	31	34	34	38	28
2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
35	35	48	44	40	47	33	41	44	50	66

Irish-trained Entries

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
13	5	12	6	10	11	7	21	15	19	17
2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
13	12	13	12	12	11	7	6	10	14	12

Stan James Champion Hurdle Facts & Figures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Champion Hurdle was inaugurated in 1927, with a value to the winner of £365. The race is worth £400,000 now, with the winning horse gaining £227,800. The race was abandoned in 1931 due to persistent frost, in 1943 and 1944 because of the Second World War, and in 2001 because of foot and mouth disease.

There have only been three sponsors. Waterford Crystal backed the championship two-mile hurdling contest from 1978 to 1990, while the Smurfit Group sponsored the top hurdle from 1991 to 2010. Stan James took over the sponsorship in 2011 and also support a series of high-profile races on the Road to Cheltenham.

BIGGEST FIELD

The highest number of runners was 24 (1964 and 1991), with the smallest field being three (1932). The first five runnings saw a total of only 24 participants between them. The current safety limit is 26.

MULTIPLE WINNERS

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

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

MOST SUCCESSFUL OWNER

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

MOST SUCCESSFUL TRAINER

Peter Easterby, who retired in 1996, and Nicky Henderson are the race's most successful trainers, with five wins each. Easterby's victories came courtesy of Saucy Kit (1967), Night Nurse (1976 and 1977) and Sea Pigeon (1980 and 1981). Nicky Henderson's five victories so far have been See You Then (1985, 1986 and 1987), Punjabi (2009) and Binocular (2010). Willie Mullins, Ireland's champion Jump trainer, is closing in, having sent out the winners of four of the last six runnings of the Stan James Champion Hurdle, thanks to Hurricane Fly (2011 & 2013), Faugheen (2015) and Annie Power (2016).

MOST SUCCESSFUL JOCKEY

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

MARES

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

BETTING

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

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

In the 86 runnings, 36 favourites (42 per cent) have prevailed.

GREYS

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

AGE

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

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

The overall age breakdown is as follows:

4yo - 4 victories
5yo - 11 victories
6yo - 30 victories
7yo - 21 victories
8yo - 9 victories
9yo - 7 victories
10yo - 2 victories
11yo - 2 victories

RECORD TIME

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

RIDDEN AND TRAINED WINNER

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

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

OVERSEAS-TRAINED WINNERS

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

The Stan James Champion Hurdle

Grade 1, £400,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 3.30pm, Tuesday, March 14, two miles and half a furlong (2m 87yds). For four-year-olds and upwards which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the senior BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and taking account of races run up to and including March 7 - horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 7 would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st 2lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 17, entries revealed January 18 (**28 entries**). Scratchings deadline February 14, £20,000 supplementary stage & six-day confirmation stage March 8, final declaration 10.00am, March 12.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
ANNIE POWER (IRE)	9	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
APPLE'S JADE (FR)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
BRAIN POWER (IRE)	6	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson
BUVEUR D'AIR (FR)	6	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
CH'TIBELLO (FR)	6	The Can't Say No Partnership	Dan Skelton
CLONDAW WARRIOR (IRE)	10	Act D Wagg Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
CLYNE	7	David M Williams	Evan Williams
CYRUS DARIUS	8	Mr & Mrs G Calder & P M Warren	Malcolm Jefferson
DIAKALI (FR)	8	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd	Willie Mullins IRE
FAUGHEEN (IRE)	9	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
FOOTPAD (FR)	5	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Willie Mullins IRE
GWAFI (IRE)	6	Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar	Paul Webber
IVAN GROZNY (FR)	7	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
IVANOVICH GORBATOV (IRE)	5	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
JEZKI (IRE)	9	J P McManus	Jessica Harrington IRE
L'AMI SERGE (IRE)	7	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
MISTER MIYAGI (IRE)	8	Ben Turner & Jay Tabb	Dan Skelton
MOON RACER (IRE)	8	Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew	David Pipe
MY TENT OR YOURS (IRE)	10	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
NICHOLS CANYON	7	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
SCEAU ROYAL (FR)	5	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Alan King
SUPERB STORY (IRE)	6	A Holt, J Robinson, A Taylor & S Miller	Dan Skelton
THE NEW ONE (IRE)	9	S Such & C G Paletta	Nigel Twiston-Davies
TOP NOTCH (FR)	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
VROUM VROUM MAG (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
WICKLOW BRAVE	8	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd	Willie Mullins IRE
YANWORTH	7	J P McManus	Alan King

28 entries

13 Irish-trained

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer

9 entries

Willie Mullins IRE – **Annie Power, Clondaw Warrior, Diakali, Faugheen, Footpad, Ivan Grozny, Nichols Canyon, Vroum Vroum Mag, Wicklow Brave**

5 entries

Nicky Henderson – **Brain Power, Buveur D’Air, L’Ami Serge, My Tent Or Yours, Top Notch**

3 entries

Dan Skelton – **Ch’Tibello, Mister Miyagi, Superb Story**

2 entries

Alan King – **Sceau Royal, Yanworth**

1 entry

Henry de Bromhead IRE – **Petit Mouchoir**

Gordon Elliott IRE – **Apple’s Jade**

Jessica Harrington IRE – **Jezki**

Malcolm Jefferson – **Cyrus Darius**

Joseph O’Brien IRE – **Ivanovich Gorbatov**

David Pipe – **Moon Racer**

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

Paul Webber – **Gwafa**

Evan Williams – **Clyne**

Stan James Champion Hurdle entries with previous Festival form

Year	Race	Pos	Jockey	SP
Annie Power (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Sun Bets Stayers' Hurdle	2nd	Ruby Walsh	11/8f
2015	OLBG Mares' Hurdle	F	Ruby Walsh	1/2f
2016	Stan James Champion Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	5/2f
Apple's Jade (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2016	JCB Triumph Hurdle	2nd	Bryan Cooper	12/1
Buveur D'Air (Nicky Henderson)				
2016	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Noel Fehily	10/1
Diakali (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2013	JCB Triumph Hurdle	4th	David Casey	10/1
2014	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	4th	Danny Mullins	25/1
Faugheen (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Neptune Investment Management Nov' H	1st	Ruby Walsh	6/4f
2015	Stan James Champion Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/5f
Footpad (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2016	JCB Triumph Hurdle	3rd	Ruby Walsh	5/1
Ivan Grozny (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	12th	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2016	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	8th	Paul Townend	40/1
Ivanovich Gorbatov (Joseph O'Brien IRE)				
2016	JCB Triumph Hurdle	1st	Barry Geraghty	9/2f
Jezki (Jessica Harrington IRE)				
2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	8th	Robbie Power	12/1
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Robbie Power	5/1
2014	Stan James Champion Hurdle	1st	Barry Geraghty	9/1
2015	Stan James Champion Hurdle	4th	A P McCoy	6/1
L'Ami Serge (Nicky Henderson)				
2015	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	4th	Barry Geraghty	7/2
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	3rd	Nico de Boinville	8/1
Mister Miyagi (Dan Skelton)				
2016	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	6th	Ian Popham	33/1
Moon Racer (David Pipe)				
2015	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	1st	Tom Scudamore	9/2f
My Tent Or Yours (Nicky Henderson)				
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	2nd	A P McCoy	15/8f
2014	Stan James Champion Hurdle	2nd	A P McCoy	3/1
2016	Stan James Champion Hurdle	2nd	Barry Geraghty	10/1
Nichols Canyon (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2015	Neptune Investment Management Nov' Hurdle	3rd	Ruby Walsh	7/2f
2016	Stan James Champion Hurdle	3rd	Paul Townend	15/2
Petit Mouchoir (Henry de Bromhead IRE)				
2016	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	8th	David Mullins	20/1
Sceau Royal (Alan King)				
2016	JCB Triumph Hurdle	12th	Daryl Jacob	8/1
Superb Story (Dan Skelton)				
2016	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	1st	Harry Skelton	8/1

The New One (Nigel Twiston-Davies)

2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	6th	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
2013	Neptune Investment Management Nov' H	1st	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2
2014	Stan James Champion Hurdle	3rd	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/3
2015	Stan James Champion Hurdle	5th	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/3
2016	Stan James Champion Hurdle	4th	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2

Top Notch (Nicky Henderson)

2015	JCB Triumph Hurdle	2nd	Daryl Jacob	7/1
2016	Stan James Champion Hurdle	5th	Daryl Jacob	14/1

Vroum Vroum Mag (Willie Mullins IRE)

2016	OLBG Mares' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/6f
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Wicklow Brave (Willie Mullins IRE)

2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	6th	Paul Townend	8/1
2015	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	1st	Paul Townend	25/1

Yanworth (Alan King)

2015	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	4th	A P McCoy	16/1
2016	Neptune Investment Management Nov' H	2nd	Barry Geraghty	11/10f

**Record of trainers with entries in the Stan James Champion Hurdle
(since 1994 plus any winners beforehand)**

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
Henry de Bromhead IRE – Petit Mouchoir				
2008	14th	Sizing Europe	Andrew McNamara	2/1f
2016	6th	Identity Thief	Bryan Cooper	8/1
Gordon Elliott IRE – Apple’s Jade				
No previous runners				
Jessica Harrington IRE – Jezki				
1997	3rd	Space Trucker	John Shortt	9/2
2005	5th	Macs Joy	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2006	2nd	Macs Joy	Barry Geraghty	13/2
2012	6th	Oscars Well	Robbie Power	14/1
2014	1st	Jezki	Barry Geraghty	9/1
2015	4th	Jezki	A P McCoy	6/1
Nicky Henderson – Brain Power, Buveur D’Air, L’Ami Serge, My Tent Or Yours, Top Notch				
1985	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	16/1
1986	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	5/6F
1987	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	11/10F
2000	3rd	Blue Royal	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2000	7th	Katarino	Norman Williamson	25/1
2002	12th	Regal Exit	John Kavanagh	66/1
2002	4th	Geos	Richard Johnson	16/1
2002	5th	Landing Light	Mick Fitzgerald	100/30
2003	7th	Landing Light	Mick Fitzgerald	14/1
2004	PU	Geos	Mick Fitzgerald	20/1
2007	3rd	Afsoun	Mick Fitzgerald	28/1
2008	3rd	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2008	7th	Afsoun	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2009	14th	Sentry Duty	Andrew Tinkler	33/1
2009	1st	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	22/1
2009	3rd	Binocular	A P McCoy	6/4f
2010	1st	Binocular	A P McCoy	9/1
2010	3rd	Zaynar	Andrew Tinkler	15/2
2010	9th	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	15/2
2011	3rd	Oscar Whisky	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2012	4th	Binocular	A P McCoy	4/1
2013	5th	Binocular	A P McCoy	10/1
2013	6th	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	50/1
2013	F	Grandouet	Barry Geraghty	13/2
2014	2nd	My Tent Or Yours	A P McCoy	3/1
2015	8th	Vaniteux	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2016	2nd	My Tent Or Yours	Barry Geraghty	10/1
2016	5th	Top Notch	Daryl Jacob	14/1
2016	8th	Sign Of A Victory	Andrew Tinkler	66/1
2016	10th	Hargam	Mark Walsh	16/1
2016	PU	Peace And Co	Nico de Boinville	16/1
Malcolm Jefferson – Cyrus Darius				
1998	13th	Dato Star	Eddie Callaghan	6/1
2000	6th	Dato Star	Lorcan Wyr	9/1
Alan King – Sceau Royal, Yanworth				
2006	F	Penzance	Robert Thornton	40/1
2008	1st	Katchit	Robert Thornton	10/1
2009	6th	Katchit	Robert Thornton	12/1
2010	7th	Medermit	Robert Thornton	11/1
2011	11th	Mille Chief	Robert Thornton	16/1
2013	UR	Balder Succes	Wayne Hutchinson	100/1
2014	8th	Grumeti	Wayne Hutchinson	66/1

Willie Mullins IRE – Annie Power, Clondaw Warrior, Diakali, Faugheen, Footpad, Ivan Grozny, Nichols Canyon, Vroum Vroum Mag, Wicklow Brave

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

Joseph O'Brien IRE – Ivanovich Gorbatov
No previous runners

David Pipe – Moon Racer

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

Dan Skelton – Ch'Tibello, Mister Miyagi, Superb Story

2015	7th	Bertimont	Harry Skelton	100/1
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Nigel Twiston-Davies – The New One

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

Paul Webber – Gwafa

1996	10th	Land Afar	Mick Fitzgerald	25/1
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Evan Williams - Clyne
No previous runners

Stan James Champion Hurdle Results

2016-WINNER-ANNIE POWER 8-11-03 Owner-Susannah Ricci; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-5/2 Fav
2ND-My Tent Or Yours 9-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-10/1
3RD-Nichols Canyon 6-11-10 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Paul Townend; SP-15/2
12 ran, Time-3m 45.10s (new record); Dist-4½, hd

2015-WINNER-FAUGHEEN 7-11-10 Owner-Susannah Ricci; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/5 Fav
2ND-Arctic Fire 6-11-10 Owner-Wicklow Bloodstock Limited; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Danny Mullins; SP-20/1
3RD-Hurricane Fly 11-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Paul Townend ; SP-8/1
8 ran, Time-3m 50.90s; Dist-1½, 5

2014-WINNER-JEZKI 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-9/1
2ND-My Tent Or Yours 7-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-3/1
3RD-The New One 6-11-10 Owner-Sarah Such; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Sam Twiston-Davies; SP-10/3
9 ran, Time-3m 45.25s; Dist-nk, 2½ 11/4 Fav Hurricane Fly (4th)

2013-WINNER- HURRICANE FLY 9-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-13/8 Fav
2ND-Rock On Ruby 8-11-10 Owner-The Festival Goers; Trainer-Harry Fry; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-11/2
3RD-Countrywide Flame 5-11-10 Owner-Estio Pinnacle Racing; Trainer-John Quinn; Jockey-Denis O'Regan; SP-16/1
9 ran, Time-3m 59.35s; Dist-2½, 1¾

2012-WINNER-ROCK ON RUBY 7-11-10 Owner-The Festival Goers; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-11/1
2ND-Overtun 8-11-10 Owner-Tim Leslie; Trainer-Donald McCain; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-20/1
3RD-Hurricane Fly 8-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/6 Fav
10 ran, Time-3m 50.10s; Dist 3¾, 1¾

2011-WINNER-HURRICANE FLY 7-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/4 Fav
2ND-Peddlers Cross 6-11-10 Owner-Tim Leslie; Trainer-Donald McCain; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-9/2
3RD-Oscar Whisky 6-11-10 Owner- Walters Plant Hire Ltd; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-7/1
11 ran, Time-3m 53.71s; Dist 1¼, 5

2010-WINNER-BINOCULAR 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-9/1
2ND-Khyber Kim 8-11-10 Owner-Caroline Mould; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-7/1
3RD-Zaynar 5-11-10 Owner- Men In Our Position; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Andrew Tinkler; SP-15/2
12 ran, Time-3m 53.80s; Dist-3½, 6 11/4 Fav Go Native (10th)

2009-WINNER-PUNJABI 6-11-10 Owner-Raymond Tooth; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-22/1
2ND-Celestial Halo 5-11-10 Owner-The Stewart Family; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-17/2
3RD-Binocular 5-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-6/4 Fav
23 ran, Time-4m 0.90s; Dist- nk, hd

2008-WINNER-KATCHIT 5-11-10 Owner-D S J P Syndicate; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-10/1
2ND-Osana 6-11-10 Owner-Thomas Barr; Trainer-David Pipe; Jockey-Tom Scudamore; SP-9/2
3RD-Punjabi 5-11-10 Owner-Raymond Tooth; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-25/1
15 ran, Time-4m 8.10s; Dist-1, 5 2/1 Fav Sizing Europe (14th)

2007-WINNER-SUBLIMITY 7-11-10 Owner-Bill Hennessy; Trainer-John Carr IRE; Jockey-Philip Carberry; SP-16/1
2ND-Brave Inca 9-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/2
3RD-Afsoun 5-11-10 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-28/1
10 ran, Time-3m 55.70s; Dist-3, nk 6/4 Fav Detroit City (6th)

2006-WINNER-BRAVE INCA 8-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-7/4 Fav
2ND-Macs Joy 7-11-10 Owner-Mac's J Racing Syndicate; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-13/2
3RD-Hardy Eustace 9-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-11/2
18 ran. Time-3m 50.00s; Dist-1, 3½

2005-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE 8-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-7/2 Jt Fav
2ND-Harchibald 6-11-10 Owner-Des Sharkey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-7/1
3RD-Brave Inca 7-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Barry Cash; SP-10/1
14 ran, Time-3m 51.50s; Dist-nk, nk 7/2 Jt Fav Back In Front (9th)

2004-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE 7-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-33/1
2ND-Rooster Booster 10-11-10 Owner-Terry Warner; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-11/8 Fav
3RD-Intersky Falcon 7-11-10 Owner-Interskyracing.com & Jacqui O'Neill; Trainer: Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Liam Cooper; SP-8/1
14 ran, Time-3m 54.50s; Dist-5, 4

2003-WINNER-ROOSTER BOOSTER 9-12-00 Owner-Terry Warner; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-9/2
2ND-Westender 7-12-00 Owner-Matt Archer & Jean Broadhurst; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Rodi Greene; SP-33/1
3RD-Rhinestone Cowboy 7-12-00 Owner-Sue Magnier; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-5/2 Fav
17 ran, Time-3m 54.70s; Dist-11, 3

Stan James Champion Hurdle Roll Of Honour

(Stan James Champion Hurdle from 2011, Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle 2006-2010, Smurfit Champion Hurdle 1991-2005, Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle 1978-1990, no sponsor before 1978). No race 2001, 1931, 1943, 1944.

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Rn
2016	Annie Power	8-11-03	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	5/2F	12
2015	Faugheen	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	4/5F	8
2014	Jezki	6-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Jessica Harrington IRE	J P McManus	9/1	9
2013	Hurricane Fly	9-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	13/8F	9
2012	Rock On Ruby	7-11-10	Noel Fehily	Paul Nicholls	The Festival Goers	11/1	10
2011	Hurricane Fly	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	11/4F	11
2010	Binocular	6-11-10	A P McCoy	Nicky Henderson	J P McManus	9/1	12
2009	Punjabi	6-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Raymond Tooth	22/1	23
2008	Katchit	5-11-10	Robert Thornton	Alan King	D S J P Syndicate	10/1	15
2007	Sublimity	7-11-10	Philip Carberry	John Carr IRE	Bill Hennessy	16/1	10
2006	Brave Inca	8-11-10	Tony McCoy	Colm Murphy IRE	Novices Syndicate	7/4F	18
2005	Hardy Eustace	8-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Dessie Hughes IRE	Lar Byrne	7/2JF	14
2004	Hardy Eustace	7-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Dessie Hughes IRE	Lar Byrne	33/1	14
2003	Rooster Booster	9-12-00	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Terry Warner	9/2	17
2002	Hors La Loi III	7-12-00	Dean Gallagher	James Fanshawe	Paul Green	10/1	15
2000	Istabraq	8-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	8/15F	12
1999	Istabraq	7-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	4/9F	14
1998	Istabraq	6-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	3/1F	18
1997	Make A Stand	6-12-00	A P McCoy	Martin Pipe	Peter Deal	7/1	17
1996	Collier Bay	6-12-00	Graham Bradley	Jim Old	Wally Sturt	9/1	16
1995	Alderbrook	6-12-00	Norman Williamson	Kim Bailey	Ernie Pick	11/2	14
1994	Flakey Dove	8-11-09	Mark Dwyer	Richard Price	John Price	9/1	15
1993	Granville Again	7-12-00	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Eric Scarth	13/2	18
1992	Royal Gait	9-12-00	Graham McCourt	James Fanshawe	Sheikh Mohammed	6/1	16
1991	Morley Street	7-12-00	Jimmy Frost	Toby Balding	Michael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd	4/1F	24
1990	Kribensis	6-12-00	Richard Dunwoody	Michael Stoute	Sheikh Mohammed	95/40F	19
1989	Beech Road	7-12-00	Richard Guest	Toby Balding	Tony Geake	50/1	15
1988	Celtic Shot	6-12-00	Peter Scudamore	Fred Winter	David Horton	7/1	21
1987	See You Then	7-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	11/10F	18
1986	See You Then	6-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	5/6F	23
1985	See You Then	5-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	16/1	14
1984	Dawn Run	6-11-09	Jonjo O'Neill	Paddy Mullins IRE	Charmian Hill	4/5F	14
1983	Gaye Brief	6-12-00	Richard Linley	Mercy Rimell	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	7/1	17
1982	For Auction	6-12-00	Mr Colin Magnier	Michael Cunningham IRE	F Heaslip	40/1	14
1981	Sea Pigeon	11-12-00	John Francome	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	7/4F	14
1980	Sea Pigeon	10-12-00	Jonjo O'Neill	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	13/2	9
1979	Monksfield	7-12-00	Dessie Hughes	Des McDonogh IRE	Dr Michael Mangan	9/4F	10
1978	Monksfield	6-12-00	Tommy Kinane	Des McDonogh IRE	Dr Michael Mangan	11/2	13
1977	Night Nurse	6-12-00	Paddy Broderick	Peter Easterby	Reg Spencer	15/2	10
1976	Night Nurse	5-12-00	Paddy Broderick	Peter Easterby	Reg Spencer	2/1F	8
1975	Comedy Of Errors	8-12-00	Ken White	Fred Rimell	Ted Wheatley	11/8F	13
1974	Lanzarote	6-12-00	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Lord Howard de Walden	7/4	7
1973	Comedy Of Errors	6-12-00	Bill Smith	Fred Rimell	Ted Wheatley	8/1	8
1972	Bula	7-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	8/11F	12
1971	Bula	6-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	15/8F	9
1970	Persian War	7-12-00	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	5/4F	14
1969	Persian War	6-12-00	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	6/4F	17
1968	Persian War	5-11-12	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	4/1	16
1967	Saucy Kit	6-12-00	Roy Edwards	Peter Easterby	K F Alder	100/6	23
1966	Salmon Spray	8-12-00	Johnnie Haine	Bob Turnell	Mrs John Rogerson	4/1	17
1965	Kirriemuir	5-12-00	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs Dorothy Beddington	50/1	19
1964	Magic Court	6-12-00	Pat McCarron	Tommy Robson	J McGhie	100/6	24
1963	Winning Fair	8-12-00	Mr Alan Lillingston	George Spencer IRE	George Spencer	100/9	21
1962	Anzio	5-11-12	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Sir Thomas Ainsworth	11/2	14
1961	Eborneezer	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Dr B N Pajgar	4/1	17
1960	Another Flash	6-12-00	Bobby Beasley	Paddy Sleator IRE	J J Byrne	11/4F	12
1959	Fare Time	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Gerry Judd	13/2	14
1958	Bandalore	7-12-00	George Slack	Stan Wright	Mrs Dorothy Wright	20/1	18
1957	Merry Deal	7-12-00	Grenville Underwood	Arthur Jones	Arthur Jones	28/1	16
1956	Doorknocker	8-12-00	Harry Sprague	Charlie Hall	Clifford Nicholson	100/9	14
1955	Clair Soleil	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Gerry Judd	5/2F	21
1954	Sir Ken	7-12-00	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	4/9F	13
1953	Sir Ken	6-12-00	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	2/5F	7
1952	Sir Ken	5-11-12	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	3/1F	16
1951	Hatton's Grace	11-12-00	Tim Molony	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	4/1	8
1950	Hatton's Grace	10-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	5/2F	12
1949	Hatton's Grace	9-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	100/7	14
1948	National Spirit	7-12-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Len Abelson	6/4F	12
1947	National Spirit	6-12-00	Danny Morgan	Vic Smyth	Len Abelson	7/1	13
1946	Distel	5-11-10	Bobby O'Ryan	Charlie Rogers IRE	Dorothy Paget	4/5F	8
1945	Brains Trust	5-11-10	Fred Rimell	Gerry Wilson	F Blakeway	9/2	16
1942	Forestation	4-11-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Vic Smyth	10/1	20
1941	Seneca	4-11-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Sir Malcolm McAlpine	7/1	6
1940	Solford	9-12-00	Sean Magee	Owen Anthony	Dorothy Paget	5/2F	8
1939	African Sister	7-12-00	Keith Piggott	Charles Piggott	H Brueton	10/1	13
1938	Our Hope	9-12-00	Perry Harding	Roderic Gubbins	Roderic Gubbins	5/1	5
1937	Free Fare	9-12-00	Georges Pellerin	Ted Gwilt	Ben Warner	2/1F	7
1936	Victor Norman	5-11-00	Frenchie Nicholson	Morgan Blair	Michael Stephens	4/1	8
1935	Lion Courage	7-12-00	Gerry Wilson	F Brown	R Fox Carlyon	100/8	11
1934	Chenango	7-12-00	Danny Morgan	Ivor Anthony	Pete Bostwick	4/9F	5

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