

INDEX TO THE EIGHTH 2019 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

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The pack contains the acceptors for the six non-novice Grade One championship races at The Festival – the Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase, the Ryanair Chase, the Unibet Champion Hurdle, the Sun Racing Stayers' Hurdle and the OLBG Mares' Hurdle.

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Altior heads championship race acceptors at The Festival

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 – Superstar chaser **Altior** headlines the acceptors for the six non-novice G1 championship races at The Festival™ presented by Magners following yesterday's scratching deadline, details of which are revealed today.

Timeform's top-rated Jump horse Altior (Nicky Henderson, 191p with Timeform) is going for back-to-back victories in the £400,000 G1 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase (18 acceptors) over two miles on Ladies Day, Wednesday, March 13.

The nine-year-old, unbeaten in 17 races over obstacles, is seeking a fourth successive victory at The Festival, with his illustrious CV also featuring the 2016 G1 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle and 2017 G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase at The Festival.

Altior defeated **Min** (180) by seven lengths in great style in the 2018 G1 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase and that rival could re-oppose after a faultless display in the G1 Dublin Chase at Leopardstown on February 2. Min's trainer Willie Mullins has also left in **Footpad** (183), an impressive winner of the 2018 G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase.

Native River (Colin Tizzard, 183) and **Might Bite** (Nicky Henderson, 179?) are among the 36 acceptors for the feature race of the four days at Cheltenham in March, the £625,000 G1 Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup over three and a quarter miles at 3.30pm on Friday, March 15. The pair served up a pulsating battle in the championship staying chase last year, with Native River repelling Might Bite by four and a half lengths.

Both horses contested the G1 32Red King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, in which progressive seven-year-old **Clan Des Obeaux** (181) came of age for multiple Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup-winning trainer Paul Nicholls. Native River and Might Bite finished third and seventh respectively.

The powerful Irish challenge, numbering 20 at the moment, for the Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup is spearheaded by **Presenting Percy** (Pat Kelly IRE, 180p), who was the runaway winner of the G1 RSA Novices' Chase at The Festival in 2018. He won on his seasonal debut in the G2 Galmoy Hurdle last month and is set to return to Gowran Park for the G2 Red Mills Chase this Saturday, February 16.

Bellshill (177) threw his hat into the ring with a short-head victory over **Road To Respect** (Noel Meade IRE, 177) in the G1 Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown on February 3. Bellshill's trainer Willie Mullins is chasing a first victory Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup, having trained the runner-up on six occasions, and is also set to run improving G1 Savills Chase victor **Kemboy** (178p). Dual G1 Betfair Chase winner **Bristol De Mai** (Nigel Twiston-Davies, 178) and **Thistlecrack** (Colin Tizzard, 180), second in the King George VI Chase, are also in the mix.

Dual reigning champion **Buveur D'Air** (Nicky Henderson, 178) is among 24 going forward for the £450,000 G1 Unibet Champion Hurdle. The eight-year-old would become the sixth three-time winner of the two-mile hurdling championship and the first since Istabraq in 2000 if successful on opening Champion Day, Tuesday, March 12 of The Festival™ presented by Magners.

Prolific mare **Apple's Jade** (Gordon Elliott, 185) is the leading Irish-trained hope following her 16-length demolition job from the front in the G1 Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown earlier this month, her first race at two miles since the spring of 2016.

Willie Mullins' five contenders include highly-regarded mare **Laurina** (168p), who is unbeaten in five starts since joining Ireland's champion Jump trainer, plus last year's runner-up **Melon** (177) and **Sharjah** (166+), the winner of G1 contests at Punchestown and Leopardstown this season.

Hot favourite **Paisley Park** (Emma Lavelle, 175p) headlines 44 acceptors for the £325,000 G1 Sun Racing Stayers' Hurdle over three miles on St Patrick's Thursday, March 14. He has carried all before him this season in the staying hurdle division, including gaining impressive victories in the G1 Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot and in the G2 galliardhomes.com Cleeve Hurdle last time out under a penalty at Cheltenham on Festival Trials Day, January 26.

Last year's decisive G1 Sun Racing Stayers' Hurdle victor **Penhill** (Willie Mullins IRE, 175) came into that race having not run all season and is expected to do the same this time around.

Northern star **Waiting Patiently** (Ruth Jefferson, 179p) leads 34 contenders going for the £350,000 G1 Ryanair Chase, also on St Patrick's Thursday, over an extended two and a half miles. Having been brought down on his only start this season in the G1 King George VI Chase, Waiting Patiently will bid for back-to-back successes in the G1 Betfair Ascot Chase this coming Saturday, February 16.

Other notable acceptors for the Ryanair Chase include 2017 winner **Un De Sceaux** (Willie Mullins IRE, 180) and last year's G1 RSA Novices' Chase second **Monalee** (Henry de Bromhead IRE, 172).

The 2018 winner **Benie Des Dieux** (Willie Mullins, 167p), who has yet to race this season, heads the 30 mares going forward, following no scratchings, for the G1 OLBG Mares' Hurdle over two and a half miles and worth £120,000 on Champion Day.

Benie Des Dieux's trainer has won nine of the 11 runnings of the OLBG Mares' Hurdle, thanks mostly to Quevega who triumphed on six occasions between 2009 and 2014.

Apple's Jade (183) is also engaged in the OLBG Mares' Hurdle, though connections have reported that she will instead head to the G1 Unibet Champion Hurdle.

Cheltenham Racecourse

Cheltenham Racecourse is situated in Prestbury on the northern 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™ presented by Magners, which happens in March over four days every year, next takes place from Tuesday, March 12, to Friday, March 15, 2019 inclusive and tickets are on sale. 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/thehomeofjumpingracing and Instagram (@CheltenhamRaces).

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Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup

Grade 1, £625,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, New Course, 3.30pm, Friday, March 15, 2019. Three miles, two and a half furlongs (3m 2f 70y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including the day prior to confirmation. Horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered & such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 5yo 11st 8lb, 6yo+ 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed Tuesday, January 8, entries revealed Wednesday, January 9 (43 entries), scratchings' deadline Tuesday, February 12 (**36 remain**), £31,250 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage Saturday, March 9. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, Wednesday, March 13. Maximum number of runners – 24.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
AL BOUM PHOTO (FR)	7	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
AMERICAN (FR)	9	The Jago Family Partnership	Harry Fry
ANIBALE FLY (FR)	9	J P McManus	Tony Martin IRE
BALKO DES FLOS (FR)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
BELLSHILL (IRE)	9	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
BLACK CORTON (FR)	8	The Brooks, Stewart Families & J Kyle	Paul Nicholls
BLAKLION	10	S Such & CG Paletta	Nigel Twiston-Davies
BRISTOL DE MAI (FR)	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies
CLAN DES OBEAUX (FR)	7	Mr & Mrs P Barber, G Mason, Sir A Ferguson	Paul Nicholls
CONEYGREE	12	The Max Partnership	Mark Bradstock
DEFINITLY RED (IRE)	10	Phil & Julie Martin	Brian Ellison
DON POLI (IRE)	10	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
DOUBLE SHUFFLE (IRE)	9	Crossed Fingers Partnership	Tom George
ELEGANT ESCAPE (IRE)	7	J P Romans	Colin Tizzard
FRODON (FR)	7	P J Vogt	Paul Nicholls
INVITATION ONLY (IRE)	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
KEMBOY (FR)	7	Supreme Racing/Brett Graham/Ken Sharp	Willie Mullins IRE
KILLULTAGH VIC (IRE)	10	Rose Boyd/B Anderson/Mrs M Armstrong	Willie Mullins IRE
MALA BEACH (IRE)	11	Chris Jones	Gordon Elliott IRE
MIGHT BITE (IRE)	10	The Knot Again Partnership	Nicky Henderson
MINELLA ROCCO (IRE)	9	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill
MISTER WHITAKER (IRE)	7	Tim Radford	Mick Channon
MONALEE (IRE)	8	Barry Maloney	Henry de Bromhead IRE
MONBEG NOTORIOUS (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
NATIVE RIVER (IRE)	9	Brocade Racing	Colin Tizzard
NOBLE ENDEAVOR (IRE)	10	Chris Jones	Gordon Elliott IRE
OUTLANDER (IRE)	11	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
PRESENTING PERCY	8	Philip Reynolds	Patrick Kelly IRE
RATHVINDEN (IRE)	11	Ronnie Bartlett	Willie Mullins IRE
ROAD TO RESPECT (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
SHATTERED LOVE (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
TERREFORT (FR)	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
THE STORYTELLER (IRE)	8	Mrs Pat Sloan	Gordon Elliott IRE
THISTLECRACK	11	John and Heather Snook	Colin Tizzard
TOUT EST PERMIS (FR)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
YALA ENKI (FR)	9	Hills of Ledbury (Aga)	Venetia Williams

36 entries remain following February 12 scratchings' deadline

20 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING SEVEN HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED - ACAPPELLA BOURGEOIS (FR), GIVE ME A COPPER (IRE), SIZING JOHN, SNOW FALCON (IRE), TOTAL RECALL (IRE), VALTOR (FR), YORKHILL (IRE)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

Native River 183
 Clan Des Obeaux 181
 Presenting Percy 180p
 Thistlecrack 180
 Might Bite 179?
 Kemboy 178p,
 Bristol De Mai 178
 Frodon 178
 Bellshill 177
 Road To Respect 177

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase

Grade 1, £400,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, Old Course, 3.30pm Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Two miles (1m 7f 199y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including the day prior to confirmation - 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 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 8, entries revealed January 10 (22 entries), scratchings' deadline February 12 (**18 remain**), £20,000 supplementary entry & six-day confirmation stage March 7. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10am, March 11.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
A TOI PHIL (FR)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
ALTIOR (IRE)	9	Patricia Pugh	Nicky Henderson
CASTLEGRACE PADDY (IRE)	8	Clipper Logistics Group Ltd	Pat Fahy IRE
DIEGO DU CHARMIL (FR)	7	Mrs Johnny de la Hey	Paul Nicholls
DOCTOR PHOENIX (IRE)	11	Nick Bradley Racing Club	Gordon Elliott IRE
FOOTPAD (FR)	7	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Willie Mullins IRE
FOREST BIHAN (FR)	8	Phil & Julie Martin	Brian Ellison
FOX NORTON (FR)	9	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
GOD'S OWN (IRE)	11	Crossed Fingers Partnership	Tom George
HELL'S KITCHEN	8	J P McManus	Harry Fry
LADY BUTTONS	9	Jayne Sivills	Philip Kirby
MIN (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
ORDINARY WORLD (IRE)	9	Chris Jones	Henry de Bromhead IRE
POLITOLOGUE (FR)	8	John Hales	Paul Nicholls
SAINT CALVADOS (FR)	6	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
SCEAU ROYAL (FR)	7	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Alan King
SIMPLY NED (IRE)	12	David & Nicky Robinson	Nicky Richards
UN DE SCEAUX (FR)	11	Edward O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE

18 entries remain following February 12 scratchings' deadline

7 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING FOUR HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

GREAT FIELD (FR), OZZIE THE OSCAR (IRE), PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR), SPECIAL TIARA

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

Altior 191p
 Footpad 183
 Min 180
 Un De Sceaux 180
 Fox Norton 178
 Politologue 177
 Simply Ned 173
 God's Own 172
 Sceau Royal 172
 Castlegrace Paddy 170
 Saint Calvados 170

Ryanair Chase

Grade 1, £350,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, New Course, 2.50pm, Thursday, March 14, 2019, two miles & five furlongs (2m 4f 166y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including the day prior to confirmation - 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 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 5-y-o 11st 9lb, 6-y-o and upwards 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 8, entries revealed January 10 (44 entries), scratchings deadline February 12 (**34 remain**), £17,500 supplementary entry stage and six-day confirmation stage March 8. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, March 12. Maximum number of runners - 24.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
A TOI PHIL (FR)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
AL BOUM PHOTO (FR)	7	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
ALPHA DES OBEAUX (FR)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
ASO (FR)	9	The Bellamy Partnership	Venetia Williams
BALKO DES FLOS (FR)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
BELLSHILL (IRE)	9	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
CASTLEGRACE PADDY (IRE)	8	Clipper Logistics Group Ltd	Pat Fahy IRE
CHARBEL (IRE)	8	Julie and David Martin	Kim Bailey
CONEY ISLAND (IRE)	8	J P McManus	Eddie Harty IRE
DOCTOR PHOENIX (IRE)	11	Nick Bradley Racing Club	Gordon Elliott IRE
FOOTPAD (FR)	7	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Willie Mullins IRE
FOX NORTON (FR)	9	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
FRODON (FR)	7	P J Vogt	Paul Nicholls
HELL'S KITCHEN	8	J P McManus	Harry Fry
INVITATION ONLY (IRE)	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
JANIKA (FR)	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
KEMBOY (FR)	7	Supreme Racing/Brett Graham/Ken Sharp	Willie Mullins IRE
KILLULTAGH VIC (IRE)	10	Rose Boyd/B Anderson/Mrs M Armstrong	Willie Mullins IRE
MIN (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
MISTER WHITAKER (IRE)	7	Tim Radford	Mick Channon
MONALEE (IRE)	8	Barry Maloney	Henry de Bromhead IRE
OUTLANDER (IRE)	11	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
POLITOLOGUE (FR)	8	John Hales	Paul Nicholls
ROAD TO RESPECT (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
SAINT CALVADOS (FR)	6	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
SHATTERED LOVE (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
SUB LIEUTENANT (IRE)	10	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
TERREFORT (FR)	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
THE STORYTELLER (IRE)	8	Mrs Pat Sloan	Gordon Elliott IRE
TOP NOTCH (FR)	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
TOUT EST PERMIS (FR)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
UN DE SCEAUX (FR)	11	Edward O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
WAITING PATIENTLY (IRE)	8	Richard Collins	Ruth Jefferson
WILLIE BOY (IRE)	8	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Charlie Longsdon

34 entries remain following February 12 scratchings' deadline

21 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING 10 HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

ACAPELLA BOURGEOIS (FR), ACTIVIAL (FR), BACHASSON (FR), BLACK HERCULES (IRE), PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR), SIZING JOHN, SNOW FALCON (IRE), TOTAL RECALL (IRE), VALTOR (FR), YORKHILL (IRE)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

Footpad 183

Min 180

Un De Sceaux 180

Waiting Patiently 179p

Kemboy 178p

Fox Norton 178

Frodon 178

Bellshill 177

Politologue 177

Road To Respect 177

Top Notch 177

Unibet Champion Hurdle

Grade 1, £450,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, Old Course, 3.30pm, Tuesday, March 12, two miles and half a furlong (2m 87y). For four-year-olds and upwards who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the senior BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and taking account of races run up to and including the day prior to confirmation - horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st 2lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 15, entries revealed January 16 (27 entries). Scratchings deadline February 12 (**24 remain**), £22,500 supplementary stage & six-day confirmation stage March 6, final declaration 10.00am, March 10, maximum number of runners 26.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
APPLE'S JADE (FR)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
BRAIN POWER (IRE)	8	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson
BUVEUR D'AIR (FR)	8	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
CALL ME LORD (FR)	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
CHARLI PARCS (FR)	6	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
CH'TIBELLO (FR)	8	The Can't Say No Partnership	Dan Skelton
CILAOS EMERY (FR)	7	Luke McMahon	Willie Mullins IRE
ESPOIR D'ALLEN (FR)	5	J P McManus	Gavin Cromwell IRE
FARCLAS (FR)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
GLOBAL CITIZEN (IRE)	7	The Megsons	Ben Pauling
LAURINA (FR)	6	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
MELON	7	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
MOHAAYED	7	June Watts	Dan Skelton
PETIT MOUCHE (FR)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
PINGSHOU (IRE)	9	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
SALDIER (FR)	5	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
SAMCRO (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
SHARJAH (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
SILVER STREAK (IRE)	6	L Fell	Evan Williams
SUPASUNDAE	9	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Jessica Harrington IRE
VERDANA BLUE (IRE)	7	Crimbourne Stud	Nicky Henderson
VISION DES FLOS (FR)	6	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
WE HAVE A DREAM (FR)	5	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
WHOLESTONE (IRE)	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies

24 entries remain following February 12 scratchings deadline
11 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING THREE HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

MAN OF PLENTY, TOMBSTONE (IRE), WESTERN RYDER (IRE)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

Apple's Jade 185
 Buveur d'Air 178
 Melon 177
 Petit Mouchoir 173
 Samcro 173
 Supasundae 173
 Espoir d'Allen 172
 Verdana Blue 170+
 Laurina 168p
 Cilaos Emery 168

Sun Racing Stayers' Hurdle

Grade 1, £325,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, New Course, 3.30pm, Thursday, March 14, three miles (2m 7f 213yds). For four-year-olds and upwards who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including the day prior to confirmation - horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 15, entries revealed January 17 (51 entries). Scratchings deadline February 12 (**44 remain**), £16,250 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 8, final declarations 10am, March 12. Maximum 24 runners.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
AGRAPART (FR)	8	Gascoigne, Brookes & Barker	Nick Williams
APPLE'S JADE (FR)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
AUX PTITS SOINS (FR)	9	John Hales	Dan Skelton
BACARDYS (FR)	8	Shanakiel Racing Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
BACHASSON (FR)	8	E O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
BAPAUME (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
BENIE DES DIEUX (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
BLACK OP (IRE)	8	Roger Brookhouse	Tom George
BLEU BERRY (FR)	8	Luke McMahon	Willie Mullins IRE
BRISTOL DE MAI (FR)	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies
COQUIN MANS (FR)	7	George Creighton	Willie Mullins IRE
CRACKING SMART (FR)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
DIAMOND CAUCHOIS (FR)	8	Danny & Eamon Partnership	Gordon Elliott IRE
DORTMUND PARK (FR)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
FARCLAS (FR)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
FAUGHEEN (IRE)	11	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
KEEPER HILL (IRE)	8	McNeill Family	Warren Greatrex
KILBRICKEN STORM (IRE)	8	A Selway & P Wavish	Colin Tizzard
LIL ROCKEFELLER (USA)	8	Davies Smith Govier & Brown	Neil King
LIMINI (IRE)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
MAN OF PLENTY	10	G Thompson	Sophie Leech
MELON	7	Mrs J Donnelly	Willie Mullins IRE
MIA'S STORM (IRE)	9	The Maple Street Partnership	Alan King
MIDNIGHT SHADOW	6	Mrs Aafke Clarke	Sue Smith
MOMELLA (IRE)	7	Holt, Clark, Macnabb, Nugent & Robinson	Harry Fry
NAUTICAL NITWIT (IRE)	10	Birrafun 2	Philip Kirby
OLD GUARD	8	The Brooks, Stewart Families & Jeremy Kyle	Paul Nicholls
PAISLEY PARK (IRE)	7	Andrew Gemmell	Emma Lavelle
PALLASATOR	10	Qatar Racing Limited	Gordon Elliott IRE
PENHILL	8	Tony Bloom	Willie Mullins IRE
PETIT MOUCHE (FR)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
PRINCE OF SCARS (IRE)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
ROBIN WATERS (FR)	6	Colm Donlon	Dan Skelton
ROKSANA (IRE)	7	Sarah Faulks	Dan Skelton
SAM SPINNER	7	Caron & Paul Chapman	Jedd O'Keeffe
SAMCRO (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
SUPASUNDAE	9	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Jessica Harrington IRE
THE MIGHTY DON (IRE)	7	Golden Rose Partnership	Nick Gifford
THOMAS CAMPBELL	7	Mrs Van Geest & Mrs Kelvin Hughes	Nicky Henderson
TOP NOTCH (FR)	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
VIVE LE ROI (IRE)	8	Surefire Racing	Tony Carroll
WEST APPROACH	9	John and Heather Snook	Colin Tizzard
WHOLESTONE (IRE)	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies
YANWORTH	9	J P McManus	Alan King

44 entries remain following February 12 scratchings' deadline

20 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING SEVEN HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

DARASSO (FR), EARLY DOORS (FR), GARO DE JUILLEY (FR), MULCAHYS HILL (IRE), SHANESHILL (IRE), SOUL EMOTION (FR), UNOWHATIMEANHARRY

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

Apple's Jade 185, Melon 177, Faugheen 176, Paisley Park 175p, Penhill 175, Petit Mouchoir 173, Samcro 173, Supasundae 173, Bapaume 170+, Benie Des Dieux 169p

OLBG Mares' Hurdle

Grade 1, £120,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, Old Course, 4.10pm, Tuesday, March 12, two and a half miles (2m 3f 200y). For four-year-olds and upwards, fillies and mares. Weights: 4yo: 10st 10lb; 5yo+: 11st 5lb. Entries closed January 15, entries revealed January 17 (30 entries). Scratchings deadline February 12 (**30 remain**), £6,000 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 6, final declarations 10am, March 10. Maximum number of runners 24.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
ALLETRIX (IRE)	6	Sally Rowley-Williams	Jessica Harrington IRE
ALSA MIX (FR)	7	June Watts	Alan King
APPLE'S JADE (FR)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
APPLE'S SHAKIRA (FR)	5	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
BENIE DES DIEUX (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
CAP SOLEIL (FR)	6	Mrs S A Noott	Fergal O'Brien
CHAMPAYNE LADY (IRE)	7	Rory Connell	Alan Fleming IRE
ELIMAY (FR)	5	J P McManus	Willie Mullins IRE
FLORAL BOUQUET	6	The Picnic Party	Jamie Snowden
FORGE MEADOW (IRE)	7	Joseph M Doyle	Jessica Harrington IRE
GOOD THYNE TARA	9	Nigel King	Willie Mullins IRE
IF YOU SAY RUN (IRE)	7	Highclere T'Bred Racing If You Say Run	Paul Nicholls
INDIAN OPERA	7	Jo Tracey & Friends	Iain Jardine
KALAHARI QUEEN	6	Sir Chips Keswick	Jamie Snowden
LACKANEEN LEADER (IRE)	7	Mrs C Walsh/Grant Mercer	Gordon Elliott IRE
LADY BUTTONS	9	Jayne Sivils	Philip Kirby
LAURINA (FR)	6	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
LIBERTY BELLA	5	Brian Eckley	Brian Eckley
LIMINI (IRE)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
MEGA YEATS (IRE)	5	The Mount Fawcett Partnership	Ruth Jefferson
MIA'S STORM (IRE)	9	The Maple Street Partnership	Alan King
MIDNIGHTREFERENDUM	6	Robert Abrey & Ian Thurtle	Alan King
MISSY TATA (FR)	7	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Gordon Elliott IRE
MOMELLA (IRE)	7	Holt, Clark, Macnabb, Nugent & Robinson	Harry Fry
QUEENOHEARTS (IRE)	6	The Sherington Partnership	Stuart Edmunds
ROKSANA (IRE)	7	Sarah Faulks	Dan Skelton
SENSULANO (IRE)	6	Allison, Allison, Williams	Noel Williams
SLOWMOTION (FR)	7	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
STORMY IRELAND (FR)	5	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
TINTANGLE (IRE)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE

All 30 entries remain following February 12 scratchings' deadline

14 Irish-trained

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

Apple's Jade 183
 Benie Des Dieux 167p
 Laurina 166p
 Limini 162
 Missy Tata 159?
 Roksana 157
 Mia's Storm 156
 Lady Buttons 155
 Momella 154
 Stormy Ireland 153