

Welcome to my analysis of the 2017 Cheltenham Festival

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Note

Rating in square brackets [] - a horse who didn't complete the race, but got far enough to suggest that the figure given is about what it would have run to

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Supreme Novices' Hurdle

LABAIK	held up, passed a couple by 5th but given plenty to do, moved comfortably at the top of the hill but 6 to 8 lengths behind leader, ridden into 3 out, started a move, closing in prominent to midfield position with 4 or 5 lengths to find approaching 2 out, effort delayed till pushed along approaching home turn then switched outer for a clear run, made up ground quickly and suddenly came there travelling much the best nearing last, continued quick move to lead and go 2 lengths up jumping last, 1st 2 pulled clear up the hill, ridden out, wandered briefly then ran on last 150 yards, decisive. The irony of it - no racehorse goes slower than one who refuses to race, as this one has done several times, but few racehorses have ever quickened and made up lengths like this one did from the home turn to the winning post.	151
MELON	prominent, landed on all fours 4th, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, travelled comfortably after 3 out but not shaken up and 2 to 3 lengths off leader nearing 2 out, still moved strongly nearing home turn and seemed poised straightening, shaken up once in line and got a split between horses, ran on but headed by Labaik coming from the proverbial nowhere approaching last, mistake, hard driven, 1st 2 clear, no response last 100 yards. Ran into one on this occasion, but the future's bright for next season.	149
RIVER WYLDE	midfield, keen, high head carriage, closer order and more prominent from 3rd, seemed poised and moved comfortably at the top of the hill, travelled comfortably with leaders approaching 2 out, went on and led a neck when pushed along home turn, carried head high and awkwardly, headed nearing last, outpaced when mistake, quickly left behind, hard driven, lost ground on 1st 2, held on to 4th.	141
BALLYANDY	midfield, hampered 2nd, not fluent 4th and niggled along away from it, closer order after 5th, prominent only 2 lengths down when not fluent 3 out, ridden and outpaced 2 out, hard ridden, kept on at same pace home turn, lost ground on those ahead, well held last, kept on, closed on 3rd but not by enough to get the place, Clearly tapped for pace, kept on up the hill and is one for longer trips in 2017/18.	140
CILAOS EMERY	led, not fluent 5th, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, travelled comfortably in slight lead approaching 2 out, ridden, narrowly headed home turn, ridden, held place till weakened nearing last, well held jumping, continued to lose ground and was being closed on by the next one last 75 yards.	135
BEYOND CONCEIT	chased leaders, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, travelled comfortably only a neck down approaching 2 out, shaken up approaching home turn, faded, put under pressure, weakened approaching last, well held when not fluent, kept on after last and was closing on the 5th last strides.	134
ELGIN	held up, nudged along 3rd, niggled away from 4th, firmly pushed along 5th, ridden and struggling towards rear 3 out, well held next, hard ridden, stayed on nearing home turn, sustained effort approaching last and passed beaten ones, no impression on those ahead when slow last, no extra up the hill. Did a bit of work going to the home turn, so how come he was a bit part from halfway here - not going near his Kempton form - is hard to know.	128
CAPITAL FORCE	held up, mistake 2nd, blundered 3rd, little impression throughout, struggling towards rear under a ride 3 out, passed a beaten one approaching 2 out, put under pressure home turn, no extra once in line for home, well held, closed on the 7th final strides.	128
HIGH BRIDGE	midfield, raced outer, closer order and more prominent from 3rd, shuffled back a little and nudged along in prominent to midfield position at the top of the hill before 3 out, niggled along and started to fade approaching 2 out, stuck to task home turn, hard ridden, weakened approaching last, no more.	125
PINGSHOU	chased leader, tracked leaders after 5th, ridden approaching 3 out and lost place, weakened to rear then blundered 2 out, well held home turn, no more, mistake last, eased off final strides.	117

MAGNA CARTOR	midfield to rear, lost a little ground and in last pair 4th, mistake 5th and became slightly detached, already looking held when mistake 3 out, lost ground, detached last 2 out, was 15 to 20 lengths behind home turn, lost further ground, passed a beaten one close home.	114
BUNK OFF EARLY	held up, raced inner, keen, made some ground and midfield 4th, moved comfortably from the top of the hill till blundered 3 out, lost ground and ridden, weakened after 2 out under a ride, continued to lose ground approaching the last and up the hill, passed by beaten ones.	114
CRACK MOME	midfield, keen hold, travelled comfortably at the top of the hill, inching closer when steadied into and mistake 3 out, soon niggled along, weakened and dropped to rear after 2 out, put under pressure to no avail, weakened further approaching last, tailed off.	114
GLARING	prominent, lost a bit of ground and niggled along in midfield 4th, blundered 5th, ridden and weakened into detached last going down the hill to 3 out, weakened further after, well tailed off approaching last, trailed in.	58
Arkle Chase		
ALTIOR	prominent, some ground to chase leader from 4th, nudged along 10th, niggled along after 3 out, more firmly pushed along home turn and looked to be struggling to get to Charbel when left in front by that one's fall 2 out, ridden, stayed on, was 2 lengths up last, put under pressure, stayed on strongly up the hill, pulled clear. Not at his best, under a ride and no certainty to pick up Charbel when that one fell at the second last, but the way he stayed on strongly up the hill was most taking.	153
CLOUDY DREAM	held up, some ground and midfield when not fluent 9th, further ground going down the hill to 3 out, niggled along after, was a length and a half off leader when left in 2nd by Charbel's fall 2 out, ridden, kept on, some 2 to 3 lengths down last, hard ridden and outpaced as Altior asserted up the hill, kept on to pull clear of the 3rd. Good run, but clear on this evidence that the JLT over 2m4f would have suited him better.	147
ORDINARY WORLD	disputed lead, chased leader from 2nd, shuffled back by 5th but remained prominent, tracked leaders when nudged along after 3 out, ridden home turn, keeping on when left in 3rd 2 out, put under pressure, outpaced approaching last, driven, no impression up the hill, lost ground on the 2nd last 200 yards. Probably outclassed. Worth a try at 2m4f (half-sister May Dullea won over that trip).	138
ROYAL CAVIAR	midfield, raced wide, closer order 6th, prominent when hit 3 out, lost a length and niggled along approaching home turn, soon outpaced, well held and left alone when left in 8 to 10 lengths 4th 2 out, not knocked about, pushed out from last and kept on nicely to assert over the 5th. Not given a hard race and ran okay, although might not jump off the page for anything much going forward, running in the Arkle as a 9-year-old.	131
FOREST BIHAN	held up, mistake 6th, hadn't made any ground but not yet shaken up when blundered badly 3 out, well held after, fading when forced to swerve the faller 2 out, passed a beaten one after last, outpaced in battle for 4th last 100 yards. This one has better form than this to his name over fences already and the blunder he made would have stopped a freight train.	130
SOME PLAN	chased leaders, mistakes 3rd and 8th, hadn't made much ground when pecked on landing 3 out, outpaced and niggled along approaching home turn, soon outpaced, left 12 lengths 5th 2 out, not knocked about between last 2, no more after last.	126
A HARE BREATH	held up, slow 8th and 9th, niggled along in last 10th, more firmly pushed along after 3 out, well held 2 out, tailed off after last, eased down.	106
CHARBEL	disputed lead, definite lead from 2nd, clear 3rd, not so far ahead when jumped left 3 out, niggled along, stayed on approaching home turn, sustained effort and looked strong though not so far in front, maybe a neck up on Altior, when fell 2 out. He was finding plenty at the time of his departure and, with Altior under a ride at that point, it could have gone either way.	[153]
THREE STARS	prominent to midfield, raced widest of all, didn't seem to be striding out well after 1st and pulled up after 2nd.	0

Ultima Handicap Chase

UN TEMPS POUR TOUT	prominent, made ground to track leaders 8th, further ground to chase leader nudged along from 17th, every chance approaching 3 out, pushed along and chased leader closely approaching home turn, ridden from 2 out, stayed on and every chance last, hard driven, a length to find 175 yards out, stayed on strongly to lead final strides.	165
SINGLEFARMPAYMENT	midfield, mistake 6th, little ground yet when ridden into 16th, started a move and closer order approaching 17th, further ground to chase leaders after 3 out, got a split between rivals and every chance approaching 2 out, hard ridden, effort to lead last, driven, stayed on in a length lead starting up the hill, sustained effort, caught by Un Temps Pour Tout final strides, no extra very close home. unlucky. Couldn't have gone closer and never flinched up the hill.	152
NOBLE ENDEAVOR	prominent early, soon shuffled back to midfield, started a move and closer order 17th, closed on leaders and prominent approaching 3 out, ridden along approaching 2 out, stayed on under a ride and only a length to find last, one pace under pressure up the hill, kept on.	160
BUYWISE	midfield to rear on inner, more in rear when mistake 2nd, niggled along 8th, jumped right 9th, struggling when no room against inside rail bend after 12th, good ground final circuit and closing in midfield approaching 17th, further ground after 3 out and tracked leaders under a push approaching 2 out, made no further ground and if anything lost a length on them before not fluent last, ridden up the hill, kept on, passed the 5th final strides. Back to form, but we've been here before many times.	144
GO CONQUER	chased leaders, led 12th, slight advantage when jumped slightly right 3 out, niggled along approaching home turn, moved better than Un Temps Pour Tout turning in and led half a length approaching 2 out, hard ridden, headed approaching last, weakened, lost 4th final strides. Made a bit of use of throughout the race, which might not have been ideal; might need to go back to right-handed tracks.	136
THE YOUNG MASTER	prominent, mistake 13th, niggled along after 17th, lost place after 3 out, well held home turn, kept on from 2 out and sustained effort after last, though no impression on those ahead.	136
THE DRUIDS NEPHEW	held up, headway and midfield when mistake 10th, involved in bumping and barging bend after 12th, pushed along after 14th, struggling when hit 3 out, kept on, passed a couple before 2 out, no further impression after last, weakened up the hill.	127
THEATRE GUIDE	midfield, mistake 12th, losing a bit of ground when pushed along and not much room between horses bend after 12th, ridden along and lost place/towards rear 16th, passed a few and just about midfield though well held 3 out, pushed along, made no ground home turn, faded nearing 2 out, no more.	131
CLARCAM	held up, hampered 1st, niggled along 9th, struggling in rear 15th, not much ground under a ride 3 out, kept on a bit before 2 out, no more from between last 2.	130
A GOOD SKIN	midfield, took the ground of a rival on his inner bend after 12th, hard ridden and lost place/towards rear approaching 16th, mistake 17th, well held in rear when blundered 3 out, pushed along, made no ground before 2 out, no more.	110
LABEL DES OBEAUX	midfield, yet to make a move when mistake 16th, ridden along and lost place 17th, well held when blundered 3 out, pushed along and made no ground approaching home turn, no more.	111
ANNACOTTY	led/disputed, slight mistake 2nd, definite lead after, headed 12th, lost place after 17th, ridden along and dropping back in midfield 3 out, weakened further after.	113

MEASUREOFMYDREAMS	midfield, raced wide, lost a few lengths before mistake 10th, dropping back when involved in bumping and barging bend after 12th, pushed along after 13th, mistake 15th, kept on after 17th, just about in midfield when pushed along after 3 out, stayed on home turn, no more from 2 out, weakened.	107
PILGRIMS BAY	held up rear, hampered 1st, mistake 10th, some ground and midfield racing wide when mistake 15th, niggled along and little impression from 3 out, ridden and weakened home turn, tailed off.	99
HENRI PARRY MORGAN	led/disputed, chased leaders from 2nd, lost place from 12th, midfield when niggled along before 17th, no headway, well held in rear 3 out, pulled wide and pushed along, made no ground, tailed off from 2 out.	95
VINTAGE CLOUDS	led/disputed, mistake 2nd, had dropped a couple of lengths back but still prominent when mistake 11th, pushed along approaching 12th, held place, ridden along and still every chance home turn, ridden and beginning to fade when fell 2 out. Would have finished around where The Young Master did.	123
CAID DU BERLAIS	midfield, fell 1st.	0
HOLYWELL	chased leaders early, mistake 2nd, had dropped back and midfield when niggled along before mistake 12th, involved in bumping and barging bend soon after, weakening when pulled up before 13th.	0
IBIS DU RHEU	prominent to midfield, mistake 4th, midfield and losing place when pushed along after 16th, weakened and well held in rear 3 out, soon pulled up.	0
COOLOGUE	held up, hampered 1st, niggled along away from 2nd, niggled 7th, struggling in rear when mistake 16th, tailed off in last pair 3 out, soon pulled up.	0
JUNCTION FOURTEEN	midfield on inner, lost place and niggled along in rear 3rd, detached last 6th, all over the place 9th, last when not much response under a push 12th, soon pulled up.	0
VICONTE DU NOYER	midfield, lost place 4th and towards rear, blundered 11th, tailing off in last pair when blundered 3 out, soon pulled up.	0
VIC DE TOUZAINE	prominent to midfield, mistake 1st and pecked on landing, lost place and towards rear 11th, good headway going comfortably from 14th, soon prominent, had half a chance when went through 3 out and pecked on landing, weakened further, unseated 2 out (off camera).	0

Champion Hurdle

BUVEUR D'AIR	midfield, a little headway when mistake 5th, closer order and prominent to midfield at the top of the hill, further ground to chase leader 2 out, challenged leader going best home turn, shaken up on straightening, stayed on and went 2 lengths up last, driven out, stayed on well to draw clear up the hill, workmanlike and decisive.	162
MY TENT OR YOURS	held up, a little ground 5th, steadied into 3 out, effort delayed, crept closer approaching 2 out, pushed along approaching home turn, effort and passed come to chase Buveur D'Air off home turn, stayed on at one pace, 3 lengths down last, driven, sustained effort up the hill but no impression on winner. Another second for the Tent, but to be fair it's hard to quibble with his finishing effort.	158
PETIT MOUCHOIR	led, keen, hit 2nd, not fluent 5th, led 2 to 3 lengths at the top of the hill, ridden into 3 out, about 2 lengths up when mistake 2 out, ridden, was challenged home turn, soon headed, put under pressure, kept on, no impression on Buveur D'Air, lost 2nd last, faded, stuck to task last 150 yards. Went fast enough early on and commendable how he kept on up the hill even though chances of the win, then 2nd, had gone.	155
FOOTPAD	midfield, shuffled back and more towards rear 5th, last of main group but in touch 3 out, not asked for anything much and travelled well in 7 lengths 8th approaching 2 out, pushed along approaching home turn, stayed on, came wide off the bend, switched middle, carried head to one side but kept on approaching last, no extra nearing it, faded, put under pressure, no extra, weakening last 75 yards and was being closed on by the 5th last strides.	152

THE NEW ONE	chased leader, jumped right 1st, mistake 4th, went right and mistake 5th, chased leader at the top of the hill, soon pushed along, held place to 2 out under a ride, hard ridden and faded home turn, looked held as put under pressure on straightening, outpaced approaching last, not fluent, kept on last 100 yards and was closing on the 4th as the line came.	151
SCEAU ROYAL	held up, headway and midfield after 5th, closer order 3 out going comfortably, effort delayed and steadied into 2 out, jumped it some 5 lengths off leader, pushed along, not much impression under a push home turn, put under pressure, kept on but still didn't make ground approaching last, driven out, weakened last 150 yards, lost ground on those ahead and was being closed on by the next ones last 75 yards. Didn't come up the hill.	149
YANWORTH	prominent to midfield, raced inner, prominent 2nd, not fluent 3rd/5th, niggled along at the top of the hill, more firmly pushed along approaching 3 out, ridden and outpaced, going worst of the field approaching 2 out, put under pressure and well held some 10 lengths off leader turning in, no more, closed on weakening 6th last strides. Didn't turn up.	148
WICKLOW BRAVE	reluctant to race and needed some stoking up to make a start, last and detached, made up ground and attached himself to the field 2nd, passed a couple after 5th, closer order 3 out moving comfortably, further good ground approaching 2 out and looking strong, niggled along approaching home turn, only 2 lengths down at most, ridden, carried head slightly awkwardly and weakened approaching last, jockey appeared to quickly accept the situation and left him alone nearing it, no more. Went from holding every chance to struggling in a matter of strides between the home turn and the last hurdle, perhaps emptying as a result of making up early ground after he was reluctant at the start.	147
BRAIN POWER	prominent to midfield, mistake 2nd, closer order and tracked leaders 4th, chased leader at the top of the hill, no more than a length down 3 out, ridden and weakened after 2 out, dropping away home turn, eased off after last, tailed off.	132
CYRUS DARIUS	held up, had lost a bit of ground when mistake 5th, pushed along, weakened and started to tail off when mistake 3 out, niggled along and lost further ground after, trailed in.	118
MOON RACER	prominent to midfield, raced outer, prominent 2nd, losing place when mistake 5th, weakening when eased off and pulled up before 3 out.	0

David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle

APPLE'S JADE	tracked leaders, led approaching 5th, moved comfortably in front at the top of the hill, jumped slightly right 3 out, pushed along in a neck lead from 2 out, not going as well as Vroum Vroum Mag home turn, hard ridden, stayed on, narrowly headed approaching last, a head down jumping, stayed on very strongly under pressure up the hill and led 150 yards out, asserted, pulled clear last 100 yards. Proper tough mare to pull this one back, all the more commendable as she was more positively ridden throughout the race than the 2 Mullins-trained mares who followed her home.	152
VROUM VROUM MAG	midfield, shuffled back and more towards rear 3rd, headway and midfield 5th, raced wide at that point, moved up readily 7th travelling comfortably and prominent, looked poised 3 out, produced to challenge Apple's Jade 2 out and going best, pushed along approaching last and took slight lead, a head up jumping, hard driven, stayed on, headed 150 yards out, no extra last 100 yards, was closed on by Limini final strides. Gave of her best but her lack of finishing pace was exposed, and it might now be time to go back to 3m (she's still got the Stayers' Hurdle and Gold Cup to choose from in 2018).	151

LIMINI	midfield, shuffled back and towards rear from 3rd, headway and midfield 5th, moved comfortably and prominent 7th, not fluent 3 out, still not shaken up and 2 lengths behind Apple's Jade approaching 2 out, niggled along approaching home turn, soon more firmly pushed, got a tasty split on the inner and hard ridden off the bend, stayed on strongly and drew upsides Apple's Jade and Vroum Vroum Mag last, mistake (worse jump than the other 2), hard driven, stayed on strongly up the hill, closed on Vroum Vroum Mag last 100 yards and only just failed to get 2nd, no chance with Apple's Jade. The mistake at the last cost her 2nd, but she proved herself at the trip.	150
INDIAN STREAM	with leaders, raced wide, jumped big and windy 1st, shuffled back and midfield 3rd, mistake 4th, lost place 6th, pushed along in midfield to rear approaching 7th, appeared to be struggling, kept on at the top of the hill widest of all under a ride, passed several and seemed to be closing on those ahead approaching 3 out, further ground going better and with leaders/held a chance approaching 2 out, pushed along and outpaced home turn, put under pressure, kept on approaching last, no extra up the hill, lost ground on 1st 3 last 150 yards, stuck to task. A curio of a performance, outrunning her best over fences in the end (had looked a better chaser), but not before she'd hit a major flat spot and lost her place, which must cast doubt over her ability to confirm this form going forward.	147
BRIERY QUEEN	held up, a little keen, mistake 3rd, headway and midfield 4th, made further ground 6th, in touch with leaders at the top of the hill, niggled along from 3 out, hard ridden home turn, stayed on approaching last and chance of a place when mistake last, driven, kept on one pace, stuck to task. Great performance against the best mares around.	146
MIDNIGHT TOUR	prominent to midfield, in close and propped 3rd, nudged along approaching 6th, mistake 7th, looked well held and niggled along 3 out, some 10 lengths back 2 out, ridden with a lot to do home turn, picked up under a hand ride approaching last, put in an extra stride and mistake, no more up the hill, kept on.	142
THE ORGANIST	held up, in last 3 when nudged along approaching 6th, niggled along and outpaced next, went wide down the hill to 3 out, pushed along and stayed on, closed on leaders approaching 2 out, ridden and outpaced home turn, kept on approaching last, no more up the hill, eased off last 100 yards. A good run to the second last and was just about up to her mark despite being eased late.	137
RONS DREAM	chased leader, in close to 3 out, niggled along, hard ridden 2 out, faded home turn, lost further ground and some 10 lengths down jumping last, pushed out, kept on, no extra.	135
DEBDEBDEB	prominent, raced inner, a little keen early, nudged along approaching 7th, held place, tracked leaders going down the hill to 3 out, niggled along before readily lost place approaching 2 out, pushed along approaching home turn, no impression, ridden and lost further ground approaching last, no more up the hill.	135
MIDNIGHT JAZZ	with leaders, shuffled back a little 3rd but remained prominent, not fluent 6th and 7th, niggled along after latter but held place and every chance going down the hill to 3 out, niggled along approaching 2 out, soon ridden, weakened approaching home turn, put under pressure, no more and lost further ground nearing last, continued to fade up the hill.	132
LIFEBOAT MONA	midfield, lost place and towards rear when mistake 6th, lost further ground at the top of the hill, kept on a bit 3 out, pushed along and couldn't go with those ahead from 2 out, well held under a strong ride home turn, came wide into home straight, no more up the hill.	127
ROCK ON THE MOOR	held up last, headway and midfield approaching 6th, pushed along 7th, made ground and moved better in prominent position/held a chance 3 out, soon ridden, mistake next, hard ridden and weakened approaching home turn, dropped away approaching last, weakened further up the hill, tailed off.	121

PASS THE TIME	led, hit 2nd, in close to 3rd, headed approaching 5th, hit that, chased leader when mistake 7th, ridden and weakened quickly at the top of the hill, dropping back further when brought down 3 out. Even though her exit from the race wasn't her fault, there'd been too many mistakes before that.	0
HIDDEN IDENTITY	held up, in rear when mistake 5th, slightly detached from main group and nudged along approaching 7th, ridden and struggling to stay with them after, tailing off when blundered 3 out then brought down. Aged 11 and past her fairly useful best, it's probably broodmare-time.	0
JER'S GIRL	prominent to midfield, keen, in close to 3rd, mistake 7th and niggled along, held place, not going as well as some but not done with either when fell 3 out. With a heavy fall at the third last preceded by a bad mistake at the hurdle before, it might be that her jumping needs work going forward; but should be more a player than not if going for this race in 2018.	0
MISS CRICK	midfield, closer order approaching 6th, ridden along after 7th, lost place and rear of main group 3 out, weakened quickly and lost place/detached by 2 out, tailed off when pulled up.	0
BON CHIC	midfield to rear, raced outer, dropped to last 4th, ridden and slightly detached 6th, started to tail off 7th, hopeless when pulled up before 2 out.	0

National Hunt Chase

TIGER ROLL	prominent, not fluent 6th/10th, blundered badly 11th, not fluent 14th, mistake and pecked on landing 18th, mistake 20th, chased leader 22nd, led travelling best after 3 out, niggled along and effort from 2 out, stayed on between last 2, left clear approaching last, ridden out, stayed on well, workmanlike and unchallenged. For a horse that shouldn't stay this far (when was the last time you saw a Triumph Hurdle winner stay 4m?) and can't jump, this wasn't bad.	149
MISSED APPROACH	chased leader, led 5th to 6th, took off too early 11th, led 15th, headed after 17th, led 19th, moved comfortably approaching 22nd, headed there, effort delayed till shaken up starting home turn, outpaced when in close to 2 out and pecked on landing, left 2nd after last, driven out, was closed on till picked up last 150 yards and stayed on well in battle for 2nd, no chance with Tiger Roll. Doesn't always travel in his races but went through the race with fluency over this longer trip; a campaign presumably involving one or more Nationals beckons in 2017/18.	146
HAYMOUNT	held up, mistake 1st, not fluent 3rd, mistake 10th (water, splashed it with his forelegs), raced keenly and rather pulled his way into prominent position 14th, mistake 15th, lost ground 16th, midfield from 17th, started a move travelling comfortably on inside rail after 22nd, plenty to do when jumped slightly right 3 out, shaken up, put under pressure approaching home turn, stayed on and passed a few by home turn, went for a run between horses and had to force his way through on straightening, went 4th 2 out, ridden and sustained effort, in close to last, left disputing 3rd 150 yards out, hard driven and stayed on well to assert for that position, was closing on the 2nd but not by enough final strides, stuck to task. Had to fight for his position on the turn and showed a good attitude. If he loses the keenness he has a good extreme trip-handicap in him.	145
ARPEGE D'ALENE	prominent to midfield, mistake 10th and lost place/towards rear, pushed along and some ground into midfield approaching 22nd, short of room on landing and shuffled back a couple of lengths, put under pressure from 3 out, behind a wall of horses home turn, finally got a split nearing 2 out, stayed on under pressure, left disputing 3rd 150 yards out, driven and stayed on well till no extra last 75 yards, stuck to task.	143

A GENIE IN ABOTTLE	prominent, restrained and midfield 3rd, in close to 6th, lost further ground and towards rear when mistake 14th, ridden along 21st, in close to 3 out, hard driven, stayed on approaching home turn, bumped rival turning in, left alone approaching 2 out, held together between last 2, lost further ground steadied into last and mistake, pushed out last 100 yards and was being closed on by the 6th final strides. Didn't stay and the jockey nursed him home from two out.	126
KERROW	prominent, had lost a couple of lengths and prominent to midfield when mistake 18th, pushed along after 22nd, made ground and prominent at the top of the hill, kept on under a ride going to 3 out, stayed on approaching home turn, put under strong pressure, disputed 4th and bumped rival (hemming in those on his left) turning in, ridden into 2 out, outpaced in battle for 4th, lost ground on those ahead, no more up the hill.	124
BEWARE THE BEAR	short of room against inside rail for the first few yards and was bumped for a few strides, midfield, blundered 5th, lost place and towards rear when pushed along 12th, in rear when pushed again 20th, reminder after 21st, detached from main body of field and well held approaching 3 out, not hard ridden but kept on approaching home turn, no more from 2 out, passed beaten ones.	122
BELLS 'N' BANJOS	prominent to midfield, pushed along 19th, held place till vigorously pushed along after 22nd, stayed on under strong pressure after 3 out, in contention in battle for 4th turning in, couldn't go on nearing 2 out, lost ground between last 2, no more.	118
CALETT MAD	held up, headway and midfield when blundered 9th, raced keenly and rather pulled his way into prominent position 11th, not fluent 21st, held place and every chance jumping 3 out, lost ground on those ahead approaching home turn, niggled along at most, not stay on, vigorously pushed along home turn but was already weakening then, no more, tailed off.	114
BALLYCROSS	chased leader, shuffled back a couple of lengths but remained prominent when mistake and pecked on landing 18th, blundered 22nd, pushed along after and lost place, no headway from 3 out, well held home turn, weakened further from 2 out, tailed off.	97
CHAMPERS ON ICE	midfield, jumped left 1st, blundered 2nd and lost place/rear, ridden along in slightly detached last 7th, mistake 14th, blundered 18th, struggling when blundered 22nd, weakened further, tailed off when pulled up before 3 out.	0
FLINTHAM	led, jumped left 2nd, headed 5th to 6th, took off too early 11th, headed 15th, blundered 16th, led after 17th, headed 19th, put under pressure, held place till hard ridden in 2nd at the top of the hill after 22nd, still just about in contention 3 out, put under strong pressure, weakened approaching home turn, losing further ground and tailing off when pulled up before 2 out.	0
BIGBADJOHN	prominent, shuffled back a little and midfield when in close to 6th, niggled along in midfield 18th, lost place and ridden along towards rear of main group approaching 22nd, weakened further, last still going/tailing off approaching 3 out, clambered over that, pulled up.	0
DANCING SHADOW	midfield, not fluent 6th, niggled along approaching 7th, lost place and ridden along away from 8th, pushed along in last pair 12th, started to tail off 19th, brushed 21st, tailed off when pulled up before 3 out.	0
MARTELLO TOWER	prominent, mistake 11th, appeared to go wrong bend between 14th and 15th, eased off and pulled up sharply before 15th.	0
WHAT A MOMENT	held up, raced widest of all, keen, continued to go widest of the field after 12th, started a move from 18th, very good ground and prominent going comfortably at the top of the hill after 3 out, every chance jumping, not shaken up in earnest till pushed along approaching home turn, weakened quickly nearing the bend, losing further ground when pulled up before 2 out. Went from holding every chance to tailing off in a matter of strides, in about 10 seconds, after the third last, but his chance must have been prejudiced by going so wide from an early stage. Probably more to come from this one over around 3m if not extreme trips.	0

EDWULF	midfield towards outer, started a move 22nd and travelled comfortably on the bit at the top of the hill, further ground to chase leader after 3 out, 1st 2 a little way clear going to 2 out, went slightly left and jumped it up to 2 lengths down, pecked on landing, outpaced and wandered approaching last, looked held when faltered nearing last, mistake, lost action and pulled up sharply on run-in. The trainer was quoted as saying that Edwulf had a heart problem and that's why he lost his action so badly. Reportedly he'll have a long break before connections decide whether or not to continue with his career.	0
ARBRE DE VIE	held up, keen, mistake 14th, niggled along in rear 20th, a little ground at the top of the hill, was keeping on after 3 out under a ride when clipped heels, unbalanced/pecked and rider unseated approaching home turn. Wasn't done with at the time, but hard to guess where he might have finished.	0
Novices' Handicap Chase		
TULLY EAST	midfield, shuffled back and midfield to rear when hampered 9th, some ground 13th and rear of main group some 5 or 6 lengths off leader at the top of the hill, moved comfortably approaching 3 out, good ground and no more than a length off leaders approaching 2 out, was the only one on the bit between last 2, ridden into and led last, hung left when first shaken up, ridden out, idled in front, stayed on well enough. Probably had a bit in hand having idled.	140
GOLD PRESENT	prominent to midfield, headway 12th and tracked leaders, chased leader 13th, shuffled back a little 3 out, moved comfortably home turn, was short of room and slightly hampered 2 out, shaken up, stayed on, every chance last, hard driven, stayed on one pace up the hill, stuck to task. Doesn't always put it in, but couldn't be faulted on this occasion.	138
TWO TAFFS	midfield to rear, midfield when badly hampered by the faller 8th and lost a few lengths, held up after, rear of main group with 10 in front after 13th, had plenty still in front when took off too early and reached for 3 out, rear of main group approaching home turn, turned in fairly wide, had 3 or 4 lengths to find jumping 2 out, niggled along, passed a few and 2 lengths down jumping last, ridden along, stayed on, hard ridden last 150 yards, no extra up the hill, stuck to task. At the same time as he went for home Tully East also made his move, and Two Taffs was unable to get to him; however he found more than he sometimes does and ran to his mark.	137
POWERSBOMB	held up rear, mistake 2nd, not fluent and went right 4th, raced wide 12th, a little ground and rear of main group with 11 in front after 13th, nudged along, still plenty to pass when mistake 3 out, firmly pushed along after, raced wide, made quick and significant headway round the field approaching home turn and suddenly prominent with every chance turning in, every chance with a view of the front approaching 2 out, ridden into it, effort and went for home, opened up a length lead approaching last widest of all, not on a stride last and in close/brushed it, headed, hard driven, carried head high and not stay on, lost ground on 1st 3, was being closed on by the 5th final strides. Paid a price for being the first to go for home and is one to take out of the race, can do better going forward if his effort is delayed.	132
LAST GOODBYE	prominent to midfield, lost place when ridden after 4th, niggled along in rear 9th, still rear but no more than 4 lengths off leader when niggled along approaching home turn, had a wall of horses in front turning in, badly hampered 2 out, hard driven, no more, well held last, hard driven up the hill, began to pick up in last 150 yards, passed a couple, no impression on 1st 3 but was closing on the 4th final strides. Tempting to speculate that he'd have been 4th had he not been hampered at the second last.	134

BUN DORAN	prominent to midfield, pecked on landing 3rd, dropped hind legs in the water (10th), midfield after, headway on inner and prominent approaching 13th, niggled along after 3 out, effort and made ground to track leaders home turn, ridden into and mistake 2 out, slightly hampered, hard driven, still half a chance jumping last, outpaced once over it, hard driven, faded up the hill, lost ground on them and passed by the 5th final strides.	132
RELENTLESS DREAMER	held up, was bumped 3rd, pushed along detached from main body of the field in one from last 8th, was just about back in touch 10th, started a move and in contention in rear of main group approaching 13th, ridden into it and passed a couple more rivals, about 4 lengths down 3 out, pushed along, had a wall of horses in front approaching home turn, vigorously pushed along, kept on a bit before badly hampered 2 out, hard driven, no more, well held last, kept on nicely final 100 yards and had running in him at the finish. Didn't make it easy for the jockey in the first half of the race, but showed that there's a horse in there in the second half. Could do something going forward if temperament allows.	128
DEANS ROAD	prominent, tracked leaders after 3rd, left in lead 8th, overjumped and as-good-as-fell 9th, lost place and midfield, closer order and more prominent when ridden into 13th, moved comfortably approaching 3 out, chased leader there, moved better than some home turn, just nudged along at that point, every chance 2 out, pushed along and carried head awkwardly/wandered between last 2, driven and weakened from last, lost ground on those ahead up the hill. After what happened at the 9th it was a good effort to get himself back into the race and hold every chance, but his finish wasn't the strongest.	123
DOUBLE W'S	midfield, closer order and prominent 11th, further good ground to track leaders going comfortably going down the hill to 3 out, disputed lead there, moved best of the field approaching 2 out, hit that and pecked on landing, hard driven, headed, still a chance of a place last, weakened quickly under pressure, lost ground up the hill, looked heavy-legged last 100 yards. This looked as though it would be something much better than it ended up at the second last and this one has run better than his finishing position.	121
ZAMDY MAN	held up, raced wide, some ground and midfield when mistake 7th, raced wide when briefly niggled along after 13th, further ground and prominent going well on outer approaching 3 out, every chance just half a length down approaching home turn, niggled along, lost ground on those ahead coming off the bend, weakened and well held when slowed into 2 out, weakened further, tailed off. Stepping this one up in trip didn't work and he needs to stick to 2m.	112
FOXTAIL HILL	led, mistake 2nd, tended to get in close once or twice, fell 8th.	0
BURTONS WELL	midfield, fell 9th.	0
KILLINEY COURT	prominent, mistake 6th, made ground and chased leader 11th, moved comfortably going down the hill to 3 out, disputed lead there, pushed along home turn, every chance though not going as well as a couple of others when steadied into and fell 2 out. Wasn't beaten at the time, but probably wouldn't have won; at a guess would have finished 10 lengths behind the winner.	[131]
ALL HELL LET LOOSE	held up, bumped rival 3rd, dropped to last and pushed along/struggling 4th, reminder after 5th, mistake 6th, pulled up after 8th.	0
ITS'AFREEBEE	tracked leaders, jumped right, in close to 3rd, chased leader after, niggled along when left chasing new leader 8th, left in lead 9th, rider nearly fell off 11th, headed, niggled along after, losing place when mistake 13th and pulled up immediately.	0
SIZING TENNESSEE	midfield, headway and prominent when slow 11th and ridden along away from it, blundered 12th, weakened, tailed off when all over the place 13th, pulled up immediately.	0
HAMMERSLY LAKE	held up rear, not jump well, struggling when slightly hampered 8th, eased off and pulled up before 9th.	0

CAPTAIN REDBEARD	midfield, mistakes 3rd/6th, lost place and rear 10th, pushed along and struggling after 12th, tailed off 13th, pulled up before 3 out.	0
MIXBOY	prominent to midfield, closer order 7th, left chasing new leader 9th, left in lead 11th, moved comfortably going down the hill to 3 out still in front, mistake 3 out, pushed along, headed, lost place, weakened very quickly home turn, looked to get very tired and was grinding to a halt when clambering over 2 out, not so much pulled up as stopped of his own accord.	0
TEMPLEHILLS	chased leader, mistake 1st, shuffled back a little but remained prominent when badly hampered 9th, dropped to midfield and niggled along after, mistake 11th, rear and struggling 12th, detached from main group and tailing off 13th, pulled up before 3 out.	0

Neptune Novices' Hurdle

WILLOUGHBY COURT	led, pressed on a little after 7th, travelled comfortably at the top of the hill, was being challenged when ridden into 3 out, ridden along after and chased by 2 rivals going better approaching 2 out, hard ridden approaching home turn, was strongly challenged by Neon Wolf, pair drew clear, put under pressure approaching last, stayed on strongly, wandered right after last, hard driven, picked up 150 yards out, stayed on well, found a touch more last 50 yards. No way was he winning this going to the second last, but he wanted it more.	148
NEON WOLF	midfield, raced keenly and headway to be prominent before 3rd, a little ground to track leaders at the top of the hill, made ground and nearly upsides Willoughby Court when ridden into 3 out, within half a length and travelled comfortably (better than the winner) approaching 2 out, pushed along after it, challenged Willoughby Court home turn, stayed on under a hand ride till put under pressure nearing last, carried head to one side, pecked on landing last, was crossed by the winner (was just - albeit only just - over a length adrift, so not interference), hard driven, stayed on well, just didn't find quite as much as the winner in last 50 yards. If potential is any guide lucrative compensation, having run into one on this day, should come his way - the Ascot Hurdle would be a suitable start to his 2017/18 campaign.	148
MESSIRE DES OBEAUX	tracked leaders, niggled along at the top of the hill after 7th, headway going better and chased Willoughby Court from 3 out, travelled comfortably (better than the winner) approaching 2 out, not much room against inside rail approaching home turn, slightly outpaced, pushed along turning in, soon put under pressure, looked held approaching last, kept on up the hill, no impression on 1st 2.	144
BURBANK	held up last, made a couple of places but essentially struggling when niggled along approaching 6th, a bit to do when niggled again after 7th, more firmly pushed along at the top of the hill, lost ground and even more to do after 3 out, ridden along, started to pick up nearing 2 out, kept on under a hand ride approaching last, carried head to one side as ridden, ran on strongly last 150 yards to pass a few, nearest finish. In the end ran a stormer, but the way he went about it suggests that this one isn't straight forward, and one should be wary of him.	140
KEMBOY	held up, keen, headway and prominent to midfield approaching 4th, midfield when mistake 7th, pushed along at the top of the hill, made ground, going better at the top of the hill and prominent approaching 3 out, hit that, pushed along racing widest of all, kept on going to 2 out, steadied into it and not fluent, hard ridden, carried head high and outpaced, put under pressure straightening, no impression and looked held, went 4th last, no chance with 1st 3, passed by the eventual 4th last 75 yards.	139

BRELADE	midfield, keen, steadied into and mistake 7th, travelled comfortably going down the hill to 3 out, not shaken up between there and 2 out, gradually edged forward to track leaders and moved comfortably, pushed along approaching home turn, outpaced turning in, put under pressure, faded, unable to go with 1st 2 and well held nearing last, no more under pressure up the hill, lost places last 150 yards.	137
KEEPER HILL	held up, headway and midfield before not fluent 3rd, mistake 6th, lost ground before niggled along away from 7th, a lot to do at the top of the hill, soon detached from main group, mistake 3 out, niggled along but not knocked about approaching 2 out, stayed on under a hand ride approaching last, passed a few, still keeping on last 50 yards though no further impression. A couple of errors affected his performance and he's already done better than this; there should be more to come in 2017/18.	135
SKIPTHECUDDLES	tracked leaders, shuffled back but largely prominent when not fluent 3rd, lost ground and midfield when mistakes 6th/7th, pushed along, no further impression, well held 3 out, hard driven from 2 out, passed a couple of beaten ones approaching last, kept on up the hill though no further impression. Outclassed here and jumping needs work.	134
DE DOLLAR MAN	tracked leaders, jumped left 1st, not fluent 2nd, chased leader from 4th, niggled along approaching 7th, pushed along at the top of the hill, held place going to 3 out, hard ridden, wandered, weakened approaching 2 out, ridden and continued to lose ground before last, no more.	127
LIVELOVELAUGH	chased leader, jumped right 1st, shuffled back after 2nd but remained prominent approaching 3rd, nudged along going down the hill to 3 out and lost ground, pushed along and struggled to stay with leaders before steadied into to 2 out, put under pressure home turn, weakened approaching last, left alone and passed by a beaten one last 50 yards.	126
POETIC RHYTHM	held up, keen, disputing last when as-good-as-brought down 5th, struggling in last when jumped left 7th, made no ground before 3 out, not knocked about before 2 out, lost further ground, tailed off home turn, disputing last when clambered over last in tired fashion.	98
SHATTERED LOVE	midfield, mistake 1st and pushed along away from it, shuffled back and rear approaching 6th, not fluent there and pushed along away from it, struggling in rear 7th and pushed again, pretty much floundering at the top of the hill, weakening when mistake 3 out, eased off before 2 out, tailed off disputing last jumping last, trailed in.	88
CONSUL DE THAIX	sadly fell fatally at the 5th.	0
BON PAPA	held up, keen, jumped big 1st, flat-backed jump 3rd, made ground and midfield 7th, further headway at the top of the hill and in rear of main group going comfortably approaching 3 out, unbalanced on landing and bumped rival, pushed along, carried head high and to one side, steadied into 2 out, ridden and weakened home turn, dropped back through field, eased down, pulled up before last. Looked on for the first four with 3 to jump and perhaps something went amiss.	0
BACARDYS	midfield on inner, flat-backed jump 1st, lost place and towards rear when nudged along approaching 5th, badly hampered by faller there and lost further ground, little headway when niggled along in rear 7th, left alone approaching 3 out, tailed off after, eased right down and pulled up before last. Supported to 4/1 second favouritism, a bad run was on the cards before the incident at the 5th happened - he'd come off the bridle before that.	0

RSA Chase

MIGHT BITE	led, set strong pace, went clear from 15th, had gone 7 or 8 lengths clear approaching 3 out, niggled along approaching home turn and had then gone 15 lengths clear of 2nd, firmly pushed along straightening, hard ridden between last 2, looked as if beginning to tread water when mistake last, idled very badly, went markedly right and came to a virtual standstill, picked up under strong pressure when loose horse went by and Whisper came upsides, driven out, finally stayed on, led post. Surely the most extreme example of idling in front you'll ever see; clearly just needed the company, but put himself in grave danger of losing. Not sure he'll progress into a Gold Cup candidate.	157
WHISPER	not fluent 1st, held up, headway and midfield when mistake 5th, not fluent 11th, still moved comfortably after 16th, headway wide approaching 3 out, went 8 or 9 lengths 2nd after it, niggled along approaching home turn then soon more firmly pushed, hard ridden and stayed on when hit 2 out, ran on strongly approaching last, sustained effort up the hill, presented with every chance when Might Bite came to a virtual standstill in front, took the lead, went at most half a length up, continued to stay on under strong pressure, headed post. A year older than Might Bite, this was an opportunity missed (which he didn't have until after the last, to be fair) and he'll be very high in the weights in good handicaps, vulnerable to unexposed types as the next season progresses and not good enough for Grade 1 chases, so not sure what he can win going forward.	157
BELLSHILL	held up, some ground and midfield 9th, gradual headway 4 out and prominent in chasing group, went 8 or 9 lengths 3rd after 3 out, ridden and outpaced in battle for 2nd home turn, kept on from 2 out, hard driven, stayed on up the hill till seeming to flatten out 150 yards out, no more. Didn't close on Whisper up the hill and lost 10 lengths on the 2nd from the third last; is the right age to make progress in 2017/18, but if he turns out to be Grade 1-standard, it'll probably be the Ryanair Chase that will suit him best.	147
ALPHA DES OBEAUX	tracked leaders, not fluent 13th, allowed leader then 2nd to break away from 14th to 16th, niggled along approaching 3 out, unable to go with new 2nd and 3rd approaching home turn, pushed along and lost ground on them, well held between last 2, kept on up the hill. A bit disappointing considering the level he attained over hurdles in the 2015/16 season.	139
O O SEVEN	midfield, ridden into 6th, mistake 8th, niggled along before mistake 11th, not fluent 13th, mistake 15th, slow 4 out, pushed along at the top of the hill, looked well held and put under pressure after 3 out, weakened before home turn, nearly a fence behind Might Bite jumping 2 out, no more.	109
ACAPPELLA BOURGEOIS	chased leader, strong pace, unable to stay with Might Bite from 15th, some 5 lengths behind when niggled along at the top of the hill, was 6 lengths clear of the 3rd at this point, pushed along and lost place 3 out, weakened quickly, tailed off when eased off home turn, mistake 2 out, trailed in. Unable to get the lead against Might Bite, his Navan win received a boost the following day when Road To Respect won and this one is worth another chance.	96
OUR KAEMPFER	held up, dropped legs in water 4th, no headway at any point, losing ground when blundered 14th, pulled up after 15th.	0
BRIERY BELLE	midfield, lost ground and towards rear when went right 8th and niggled along away from it, weakened further, tailed off 15th, pulled up after 16th.	0
ROYAL VACATION	prominent, mistake 3rd, jumped right 8th, pushed along 14th, lost place 15th, started to tail off when not fluent 16th and pulled up more or less immediately.	0
HERON HEIGHTS	held up, had 2 behind him 11th, brushed 13th, mistake 14th, no headway 15th, some 25 lengths adrift in last pair 16th, had made no ground when mistake 3 out, weakened after, well tailed off and very tired when went left, barely clambered over 2 out and stopped.	0

AURILLAC	midfield to rear, lost place and last/slightly detached/pushed along 6th, tailed off 12th, pulled up after 15th.	0
MARINERO	prominent, blundered and effectively as-good-as-fell 3rd, continued riderless completing the course, blundered last when loose, was the first horse to pass the post (doing Might Bite a huge favour in the process by giving him something to race with).	0
Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle		
SUPASUNDAE	prominent, mistake 7th, well placed when niggled along after 3 out, chased leader 2 out, hard ridden, effort and led approaching last, ridden and stayed on strongly to open up a 3-length lead nearing it, went right, driven out, stayed on strongly up the hill, decisive. In a less-than-strongly run renewal, benefited from being well placed throughout.	154
TAQUIN DU SEUIL	prominent to midfield towards outer, closer order after 7th and every chance going comfortably enough 3 out, only a length and a bit to find 2 out, soon hard ridden, tracked leaders going to last, soon hard ridden, driven up the hill, went right, stayed on, one pace last 150 yards, stuck to task well. Ran a very good race, favourably treated over hurdles, but surely would have done better with softer going.	152
WHO DARES WINS	prominent throughout, effort and disputed lead 3 out, narrow outright advantage 2 out, stayed on, headed home turn, hard ridden, outpaced approaching last, driven out, stuck to task though no impression on 1st 2.	148
MONKSLAND	midfield, pushed along 7th, niggled along going down the hill to 3 out, pushed along after, stayed on and closed on leaders before 2 out, still 8 or so in front jumping, ridden along, stayed on well approaching home turn, sustained effort approaching last and held every chance, driven and no impression on those in front up the hill, stayed on one pace. This didn't look on the cards after he came off the bridle at the 7th, but he's just about run to form.	145
SCOIR MEAR	last pair, mistake 3rd, had passed 2 or 3 but still a great deal to do approaching 3 out, still about 15 or 16 in front when mistake 2 out, hard ridden, had his run blocked on inner by 4 horses coming off home turn, switched inner to middle (by which time a 5th horse had joined the group on the inner), left alone until over last, shaken up, had path blocked again, pulled wide and put under pressure, stayed on strongly, ran on and passed 5 horses in last 100 yards to go 5th close home. In a less-than-truly run race he really lost this with the hold-up tactics employed, before everything went wrong after the home turn, but there were mistakes along the way as well and I'm not sure I want to take half the odds he started here (20/1) about him going forward, for all that clearly there's a horse in there.	138
MODUS	midfield, raced outer, closer order after 7th and prominent going down the hill to 3 out, every chance when pushed along approaching 2 out, no more than a length down jumping on outer, stayed on and every chance under pressure going to last, hard driven, stuck to task without making an impression till faded last 100 yards. Wasn't winning nearing the last but still looked certain to make the frame until he faded, carrying a big weight in a better race than the Lanzarote which he won.	151
OLD GUARD	midfield, niggled along briefly after 7th then closer order going better and more prominent 3 out, raced wide, pushed along approaching 2 out, hard driven home turn, struggling to get to leaders, in contention for a place jumping last, hard driven, no extra up the hill.	149
TIN SOLDIER	midfield, lost ground and towards rear 3rd, niggled along and struggling approaching 3 out, midfield 2 out, hard ridden, forced wide home turn, driven and stayed on approaching last, put head in air and wandered before in close to last, no extra under pressure up the hill. Arguably didn't put a great deal of effort into it nearing the last.	139

RIVER FROST	prominent, niggled along after 7th, in contention when mistake 3 out, vigorously ridden along after, stayed on and still held half a chance 2 out, outpaced and lost a couple of lengths approaching last, steadied into it, hard ridden and faded up the hill.	141
KALONDRA	held up rear, mistake 2nd, not shaken up before 3 out, started a move pushed along and closed on them approaching 2 out, was just about in contention jumping, stayed on under pressure approaching last but still 7 or 8 in front nearing it, hard ridden and no more up the hill, faded.	143
PEREGRINE RUN	midfield, raced inner, pushed along after 3 out and struggling to pick them up when involved in a bumping match with Mister Miyagi on his inner, pushed along after 2 out, outpaced home turn, well held when steadied into last, hard driven up the hill, no more.	138
AUTOMATED	midfield, niggled along away from 7th, midfield and little impression going to 3 out, started to close under a vigorous ride after 2 out but still 10 or 11 in front home turn, hard driven and weakened approaching last, continued to lose ground up the hill.	136
HAWK HIGH	prominent most of the way, in contention when mistake 3 out, niggled along going to 2 out, pushed along approaching home turn, put under pressure, didn't look to be striding out as lost ground on those ahead approaching last, weakened further up the hill.	130
MISTER MIYAGI	held up, had passed a few and midfield when niggled along on inside rail after 3 out, trying to close when going for an ambitious run on the inside of Peregrine Run and involved in a bumping match, rider forced to take a pull to steer him to the correct side of the inside running rail approaching 2 out (close to being forced to run out), hard ridden and stayed on a little approaching home turn, no impression under pressure approaching last, saddle appeared to slip forward, weakened up the hill.	138
MORELLO ROYALE	rear, mistake 1st, no improvement in position when ridden into 7th, niggled along soon after, niggled again after 3 out, little impression when bumped rival 2 out, hard ridden and no impression home turn, no more after last.	122
WAXIES DARGLE	held up, raced inner, blundered 2nd, pushed along in rear going down the hill to 3 out, pushed along and made no ground before 2 out, well held home turn, weakened approaching last, no more.	127
LEONCAVALLO	prominent, mistake 2nd, ridden along after 7th, had lost a couple of lengths when ridden along after 3 out, hard driven after 2 out, weakened approaching home turn, no more, tailed off.	110
THOMAS HOBSON	led, headed bend before 3rd, chased leader when mistakes 6th/7th, disputed lead 3 out, headed 2 out, started to lose place by home turn, put under pressure, weakened before left alone nearing last, mistake, tailed off.	121
HARGAM	midfield towards outer, niggled along 5th, carried head to one side a few strides before 7th, pushed along at the top of the hill, lost ground under a push 3 out, soon well in rear, tailed off.	110
SURE REEF	prominent, mistake 7th, ridden along and lost place/midfield, struggling under a push approaching 2 out, not fluent, weakened approaching home turn, tailed off.	105
BRAVISSIMO	prominent to midfield, headway to chase leader 2nd where mistake, raced keenly, led bend before 3rd, a few lengths clear 4th, wandered and threatened to run out approaching 5th, went well till headed 3 out, readily lost place and appeared to be sympathetically handled, quickly dropped to rear by 2 out, tailed off.	104
TOMBSTONE	midfield, mistake 4th, pushed along 5th, furiously ridden away from 7th, weakened and in last pair (not including tailing-off Allblak Des Places) approaching 2 out, tailed off.	116
ROBINSHILL	midfield and soon pushed along, had not improved position at any point when mistake 3 out and lost ground, weakened to rear under a push before 2 out, weakened further after, tailed off.	59

ALLBLAK DES PLACES	held up, pushed along 7th, no improvement in position, lost ground and detached last after 3 out, pushed along and no impression, eased off before 2 out, soon pulled up.	0
THE ROMFORD PELE	prominent to midfield, losing place when mistake 6th and towards rear, dropped to last and furiously ridden/going worst of the field approaching 7th, detached last after, tailing off when pulled up before 3 out.	0
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Queen Mother Champion Chase		
SPECIAL TIARA	led, strong pace, disputed it 3rd to 4th, pair clear, went clear of pursuer from 5th, was around 8 lengths clear 9th, not so far ahead 3 out, travelled best approaching home turn, the better jump 2 out, hard driven, stayed on, changed legs nearing last, jumped it some 4 lengths clear, put under strong pressure, stayed on up the hill, was closed on last 125 yards but just held on. They don't come much more genuine than the Tiara - not only that but not many jump better.	169
FOX NORTON	chased leader early, head of chasing group from 4th, lost ground and midfield when slow 6th and propped/pecked on landing, closer order 9th, further ground to chase Special Tiara going down the hill to 3 out and some 6 lengths behind at that point, not fluent 3 out, pushed along and outpaced approaching home turn, ridden and started to stay on from 2 out, sustained effort wide and challenging for 2nd last, hard driven, stayed on, closed on Special Tiara last 150 yards, closed on him all the way up the hill but just held post, went down with honours.	169
SIR VALENTINO	held up rear, perhaps made a place but still towards rear of main group when ridden into 8th, good ground 10th and midfield, further headway to chase Special Tiara nearing 3 out, niggled along approaching home turn, outpaced approaching 2 out, jumped it some 3 lengths down, kept on one pace approaching last, hard driven and no extra final 150 yards, lost ground on 1st 2 final strides and was being closed on by 4th, 5th and 6th inside last 50 yards but just held on to 3rd.	163
TOP GAMBLE	midfield, niggled along and outpaced going down the hill to 3 out, looked well held when started to stay on approaching 2 out, kept on and jumped last some 10 lengths down, hard driven, went left under pressure, stayed on strongly all the way to the line, was closing strongly on 3rd but just failed to get the place. On going faster than ideal, has run a super race in the end.	163
GOD'S OWN	held up, raced wide, closer order and prominent in main group 7th, took off too early and blundered 10th, lost place, ridden along and good quick headway to be prominent in chasing group going down the hill to 3 out, niggled along, further good ground to chase Special Tiara home turn, staying on and was closing a little when banked 2 out, hard driven, faded approaching last, kept on up the hill, was passed by the 4th and was being closed on by the 6th inside last 75 yards. Two costly mistakes, without which he might have been challenging for the win.	162
TRAFFIC FLUIDE	midfield to rear, shuffled back a bit 4th and niggled along in rear briefly, pushed along in rear of main group 8th, blundered 10th and ridden along away from it, outpaced 3 out, ridden, looked well held in around 12 lengths 7th jumping 2 out, keeping on when steadied into and mistake/went left last, hard ridden, stayed on strongly up the hill and was closing on the 5th last 150 yards, just failed to get the place, nothing else was finishing faster. There is the possibility that he was flattered, but the other interpretation is that he ran as he was expected to in this race, i.e. he struggled for pace and shaped as though he'd be better at 2m4f, which is exactly how it wound up. Either way what's good about it is that it looks like a return to form after he presumably 'bounced'.	161

DOUVAN	head of chasing group, reached for 3rd, not fluent 5th, chased clear leader when reached for 8th and 10th, pushed along and lost place 3 out, weakened, well held 2 out, lost further ground after last. Nothing to add to what's already been discussed in the media after the event.	157
GARDE LA VICTOIRE	chased leader, strong pace, pair clear 3rd, allowed leader to break clear 5th, in close and hit 6th, niggled along approaching 7th, blundered 10th and lost place/hard driven towards rear, weakened after 3 out, last and tailing off 2 out, no more.	140
SIMPLY NED	midfield, niggled along after 7th, ridden and outpaced 3 out, well held under a ride and carried head awkwardly approaching home turn, weakened, well held one from last jumping 2 out some 20 to 25 lengths adrift of leader, weakened further.	127
SIZING GRANITE	held up rear, last and struggling when in close to 7th, tailed off 8th, soon pulled up.	0
Cross Country Chase		
CAUSE OF CAUSES	midfield, niggled along 11th, closer order 19th, outpaced before 23rd and pushed along, prominent 6 out, ridden along 4 out, chased leader 3 out, bumped rival bend before 2 out, within 2 lengths jumping it, hard driven, challenged home turn, led, driven clear, stayed on strongly, went left last, driven out, went further clear.	146
BLESS THE WINGS	held up, midfield 13th, mistake 6 out, closer order and prominent 4 out, moved comfortably approaching 2 out, travelled best home turn, pushed along, stayed on approaching last, chased winner nearing it, hard driven, wandered and idled up the hill, driven out, kept on well enough in last 150 yards to hold 2nd, no chance with Cause Of Causes. Ran into one on the day and was never in danger of losing 2nd even though he threatened to idle it away, so the benefit of the doubt re: resolution.	137
CANTLOW	midfield, headway from 25th, tracked leaders 26th, chased leader 28th, slow 29th and pushed along away from it, stayed on and with leaders 2 out, chased leaders under a strong ride home turn, kept on, unable to go with 1st 2 approaching last, kept on up the hill, no impression last 50 yards. Ran to his best.	136
AUVERGNAT	held up, mistake 8th, niggled along 9th, mistake 10th, pushed along 13th, niggled along and headway to be in midfield 23rd, got the inside 27th (Aintree) and made several places at a stroke, pushed along and chased leader 28th, mistake 3 out, ridden, held place, with leaders 2 out, faded under a ride home turn, well held last, went 4th starting up the hill, stayed on, was closing on the 3rd last 75 yards. Ran in snatches and could have done with another mile and a half.	135
AMAZING COMEDY	midfield to rear, headway and prominent by 19th, disputed lead 26th, led outright 27th, was a length up when ridden 2 out, stayed on, headed home turn, faded approaching last, weakened further up the hill and was being closed on by the next ones last 50 yards. Pressed on far enough out, with the thick end of a mile still to go, and had nothing left for the hill as a result; he's run better than the distance he was beaten suggests.	130
BALLYBOKER BRIDGE	chased leader, led 2nd, in close to 22nd, reached for 23rd, disputed lead 26th, shuffled back a few positions and midfield jumping 27th, struggling 29th, ridden 3 out, kept on after 2 out, continued to keep on but no impression from last.	129
COLOUR SQUADRON	rear. last of those remaining when took the inner and picked a couple off 27th (Aintree), stayed on approaching 3 out, not hard ridden (either being held on to to get the trip or getting the kid-glove treatment) when made further places bend before 2 out, within 5 lengths of leaders when finally shaken up after 2 out, carried head to one side, put under pressure, not stay on approaching last, no extra up the hill. The way he was ridden with 2 to jump hinted at the possibility of the horse not putting it in when it mattered, and he didn't put it in, quite possibly as well as failing to get the trip.	128

THIRD INTENTION	prominent, lost place and pushed along in midfield 20th, mistake 21st, pushed along and lost ground 28th, well held approaching 2 out, tailed off from last, eased off and being closed on by the next ones at the post.	117
ANY CURRENCY	led, headed 2nd, chased leader after, disputed lead 26th, chased leader 27th, shuffled back and soon ridden in prominent to midfield position, well held from 29th, tailed off home turn.	116
KINGSWELL THEATRE	slow 1st, rear, pushed along 16th and struggling, rear of main group when not fluent 25th, ridden 27th, tailing off when mistake 3 out, no more.	115
VALADOM	chased leader, lost place by 23rd and pushed along in midfield at that point, good ground wide from 26th and prominent when mistake 27th (Aintree), lost place quickly, rear when mistake 3 out, tailed off.	115
SAUSALITO SUNRISE	midfield, lost place 5th and rear, pushed along 16th and appeared to be struggling, mistake 21st, hard ridden 27th, tailed off when steadied into 2 out, no more.	69
USUEL SMURFER	midfield, unseated rider 16th (Cheese Wedges).	0
QUANTITATIVEASING	rear, pushed along 21st, tailing off when pulled up after 25th,	0
ALELCHI INOIS	prominent to midfield, prominent by 23rd, niggled along approaching 27th, lost place 28th, struggling towards rear 29th, mistake 3 out, well held when steadied into 2 out, tailed off when pulled up after last.	0
FIRST LIEUTENANT	chased leader, gradually lost place and midfield when unseated rider 16th (Cheese Wedges).	0

Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle

FLYING TIGER	midfield to rear, keen, a little headway and midfield after 5th, closing further when unbalanced on landing 3 out, switched middle before in a bit of a heap on landing 2 out, ridden along, passed a few before home turn, switched inner and got a clear run, made good ground to chase leaders last, hard driven, ran on under pressure, led 150 yards out, driven out, held on well.	136
DIVIN BERE	midfield, closer order fairly wide approaching 5th, further ground to track leaders going down the hill to 3 out, led there and went well, pushed along approaching home turn, put under pressure, headed approaching last, the better jump, driven and stayed on, headed 150 yards out, one pace last 75 yards. Looks more of a staying type and it showed as he was unable to match Flying Tiger's finishing pace.	141
NIETZSCHE	prominent, tracked leaders when mistake 5th, moved comfortably 3 out, and after 2 out, switched wide and pushed along, stayed on to lead approaching last, steadied into and hit last, ridden and headed, driven and one pace last 100 yards, getting back to them last couple of strides.	131
PROJECT BLUEBOOK	midfield, headway to chase leaders 3 out, moved comfortably, further ground on inner before 2 out, shaken up after, outpaced home turn, put under pressure, pulled wide, faded approaching last, driven and no more up the hill, stuck to task.	134
DIABLE DE SIVOLA	midfield, ridden along approaching 3rd, lost places and towards rear 5th, no headway and some 12 to 15 lengths off leader jumping 2 out, pushed along with the vast majority in front home turn, passed some before last, hard driven, ran on to pass more, pretty much flying last 100 yards, very much nearest finish. Nowhere near throughout the race.	124
PERCY STREET	led, headed 1st, remained prominent, niggled along 3 out, closer order and prominent 2 out, pushed along, outpaced home turn, put under pressure, kept on wide approaching last, hard driven, little impression, passed beaten ones.	118

DAKOTA MOIRETTE	with leaders, raced wide, chased new leader when not fluent 3 out, moved comfortably, ridden into 2 out, hard ridden home turn, chased leader, disputed lead approaching last till faded nearing it, left alone and in close to it, hard ridden and visibly losing ground up the hill, was passed by the 6th and being caught by the next one.	124
DINO VELVET	held up, shuffled back and in last pair after 4th, blundered 5th, kept on approaching 3 out and passed a couple, still a great deal to do 2 out, hard ridden with about 15 or 16 in front, put under pressure approaching last, passed some and jumped it in around 11th, driven out, stayed on to pass a couple more, nearest finish. One to take out of the race, blundered badly at the 5th then some good late work - might well have made the frame without the mistake.	118
ZIG ZAG	with leaders, lost a few lengths 3rd and niggled approaching 4th, not fluent there, going better in prominent to midfield position at the top of the hill, not shaken up after 3 out, ridden 2 out, weakened home turn, no impression under pressure approaching last, hit it, no more, passed beaten ones up the hill to go 9th post.	113
LONG CALL	held up, some ground on inner and midfield at the top of the hill, was bumped 3 out but came away from that going comfortably, not shaken up immediately after 2 out, pushed along home turn, put under pressure approaching last, not much response, well held when in close to last, weakened last 100 yards.	124
DOMPERIGNON DU LYS	midfield, niggled along briefly after 3 out, blundered 2 out, trying to rally when squeezed between rivals approaching home turn (knock-on effect caused by the weakening Poker Play), weakened quickly, not much response under pressure approaching last, no more up the hill. Having met an awful lot of trouble, might be worth another chance.	122
RAINBOW DREAMER	chased leader, ridden into 5th where mistake, tracked leaders 3 out, came under a push, stayed on till mistake 2 out, hard ridden, put under strong pressure approaching last, faded, well held when mistake last, weakened further up the hill.	120
DOLOS	tracked leaders, shuffled back a length or so when niggled along after 5th, moved comfortably as pulled wide approaching 3 out, tracked leaders approaching 2 out, ridden, faded approaching home turn, soon well held, looked heavy legged in midfield approaching last as weakened, no more.	118
POKER PLAY	held up, headway 5th, prominent to midfield racing wide approaching the top of the hill, niggled along, pushed along from 3 out and effort to take prominent position approaching 2 out, hard ridden and weakened before home turn, hung left, not stay on, went left last, no more.	116
DREAMCATCHING	midfield, caught wide when mistake 3 out, niggled along and headway to chase leaders 2 out, hard ridden and weakened approaching home turn, well held approaching last, eased off.	106
FADAS	held up rear, started a move 5th, closed up going comfortably from 3 out, closer order still approaching 2 out, pushed along once over, run blocked and bumped approaching home turn (hampered by weakening Poker Play, forcing Fadas to block Domperignon Du Lys), lost place immediately, well held when left along approaching last. Got no luck in running and possibly worth another chance.	98
DODGYBINGO	chased leader, collided with rival 2nd, niggled along after 3 out, soon more firmly pushed along and weakened before mistake 2 out, dropped away, tailed off last.	94
CANDY BURG	midfield, mistake 5th, lost ground and towards rear when ridden along after 3 out, ridden and well held going to next, weakened, tailed off.	85
FIDUX	niggled along to make a start, chased leaders, led 2nd, pushed along approaching 3 out, headed there, weakening when mistake 2 out, lost further ground, detached from main group home turn, tailed off.	91

ICARIO	held up rear, not much contribution at any point, struggling to get to them when mistake 2 out, boxing on a bit under a ride and gaining, though probably not by enough to get to the leaders, when fell last.	0
PROSPECTUS	held up, slightly detached last approaching 2nd, not fluent 4th and firmly ridden along, again detached last 5th, left alone and allowed to tail off approaching 3 out, pulled up before last.	0
LINGER	prominent, led 1st, keen hold, mistake/collided with rival 2nd and headed, started to lose place approaching 3rd, midfield 4th, in rear when mistake 5th, weakened further, tailed off when pulled up before 3 out.	0
Champion Bumper		
FAYONAGH	well positioned in the standing start but slow (possibly a bit reluctant) to start and raced in slightly detached last, still last but no longer detached after 10f, passed a couple and moved comfortably 3f out but still had most of the field in front approaching home turn, niggled along approaching home turn, headway and midfield turning, switched from inner/middle to outer on the bend, ran on a furlong and a half out, put under pressure entering last and ran on strongly to pass eventual 3rd/4th/5th and chase Debuchet last 150 yards, continued strong run to lead 75 yards out, going away at the post. Tempting to speculate that she'd have won by 7 to 10 lengths if she'd got away on terms.	116
DEBUCHET	midfield on outer, made good ground from 5f out, with leaders going comfortably 3 ½ f out, arguably travelled best when sent for home from home turn, led by a length and a bit when put under pressure 1 ½ f out, stayed on, was caught by Fayonagh and headed 75 yards out, no extra.	114
CLAIMANTAKINFORGAN	midfield, made ground from 4f out, tracked leaders though niggled along 3f out, pushed along and effort to chase leaders home turn, stayed on entering final furlong, effort and within a length of the leader Debuchet 150 yards out, one pace last 100 yards, was being closed on by the 4th at the post.	120
NEXT DESTINATION	prominent, niggled along 4f out, pushed along and stayed on to chase leaders home turn, put under strong pressure and stayed on well entering final furlong, one pace last 150 yards, held by 1st 2 last 100 yards, was closing on the 3rd at the post. Did best of those that were ridden prominently from the start.	120
WESTERN RYDER	midfield on inner, lost places and nudged along after 7f, pushed along 3f out and kept on though had most of the field in front, stayed on approaching home turn, went for a run on inside rail turning in but run blocked, put under pressure once in line and stayed on well to pass a few, wandered last 175 yards, sustained effort till one pace last 125 yards. In the end a good run, but was one of the first of the field to come off the bit, so perhaps distances of 2m4f and up are the order of the day when he goes over jumps.	120
DANS LE VENT	prominent, tracked leaders after 10f, disputed lead going comfortably 4f out, hard ridden home turn, faded entering final furlong, weakened inside last 150 yards,	107
AND THE NEW	held up, travelled comfortably 4f out but had most of the field in front, not asked for an effort with 3f to go, very good headway through the field approaching home turn, shaken up turning in, put under pressure, carried head high but prominent entering final furlong and closing on those ahead, effort flattened out last 175 yards, no more. Tempting to speculate that he could have had a better finishing position if he'd been better placed half a mile out.	113
MOUNTAIN ROCK	held up, nudged along and made some ground into midfield 3 1/2 f out, ridden and stayed on well widest of all approaching home turn, outpaced entering final furlong, kept on.	113
CAUSE TOUJOURS	midfield, made ground and prominent after 10f, tracked leaders going comfortably 4f out, pushed along chasing leaders home turn, couldn't find more inside final furlong, weakened last 175 yards, lost places. A better run than his finishing position indicates as he didn't come up the hill.	112
NELSON'S TOUCH	slow to start, rear, hadn't made much ground when nudged along 4f out, had most in front approaching home turn, pushed along, switched widest of all entering final furlong, one pace last 175 yards, kept on late and closing on the one in front final strides.	103

PERFECT HARMONY	midfield, niggled along after 6f, still niggled and made ground/more prominent 3 1/2 f out, hard ridden and lost place approaching home turn, well held last furlong, no more under pressure up the hill.	110
BETTER GETALONG	held up, niggled along after 7f, struggling at the top of the hill then made ground from 5f out and prominent though pushed along 3 1/2 f out, held a chance home turn, ridden and lost place turning in, carried head high and to one side, lost further ground last 175 yards.	109
WEST COAST TIME	prominent to midfield on inner, closer order 4f out, prominent and travelled comfortably but pretty much hemmed in on all sides 3 1/2 f out, not asked for an effort home turn but well placed in 6th with around 4 lengths to find, pushed along once in line, didn't find much, put under pressure, weakened last furlong. With his effort delayed longer than most he found little, and wary of this one going forward.	108
BAKMAJ	tracked leaders, moved comfortably and every chance 3f out, tried to move off inside rail when stumbled nearing home turn, pushed along, not clear run turning in, pushed along entering final furlong and ground taken by a staying-on rival, weakened 150 yards out, no more. With three things happening in the space of a furlong and a half that hindered his chance of doing better, if anyone besides the winner Fayonagh didn't get the rub of the green in the race it was this one. His 12/1 SP indicates that he wasn't unfancied and likely to be of interest over hurdles.	106
CARTER MCKAY	chased leaders, nudged along 3f out, stayed on and bumped a rival approaching home turn, soon more firmly pushed along, outpaced and couldn't go with leaders turning in, weakened entering last, lost ground and positions and left alone last 50 yards.	104
ROBIN THE RAVEN	chased leaders till ridden along and lost place 3 1/2 f out, well held some 15 lengths behind leaders when put under pressure home turn, no impression, going on a bit passing the post.	101
QUICK GRABIM	midfield, keen, hadn't made much ground when pushed along and surrounded on all sides 3 1/2 f out, weakened approaching home turn, about 20 lengths behind leaders once in line, no more, eased off last 100 yards.	93
IMPERIAL ELOQUENCE	midfield, niggled along 4f out, ridden and weakened approaching home turn, no impression under pressure once in line, tailed off.	92
MY MATE MARK	led, pushed along and disputed lead 4f out, headed 3f out, weakened quickly through the field approaching home turn, tailed off once in line, no more.	60
IRISH ROE	tracked leaders, disputed lead going comfortably 4f out, niggled along and headed 3f out, weakened quickly through the field, well held some 15 to 20 lengths behind leaders turning in, weakened further last furlong and a half. The first three were positioned midfield or worse for much of the way whilst this one was well positioned to the turn and had nothing left for the last two furlongs; worth another chance when he goes jumping.	50
COPERNICUS	chased leader, niggled along 4f out, pushed along and bumped 3f out, weakened very quickly through the field and last before the home turn was reached, weakened further, tailed right off.	14
FISHERMAN FRANK	midfield towards outer, lost place after 9f and hard driven, soon dropped rear, started to tail off at the top of the hill, pulled up eventually.	0

JLT Novices' Chase

YORKHILL	held up on inner, brushed wing 1st, not fluent 5th, waited with, effort delayed when left slightly detached 5th by Balko des Flos' fall 4 out, travelled comfortably approaching 3 out, started a move on inside rail and closed on them on the bit approaching 2 out, led there, not asked for maximum effort but drew 2 lengths clear approaching last, hard ridden up the hill, was closed on initially but stayed on well last 175 yards, didn't go away from Top Notch but maintained advantage to the line. Not perfect, but a good performance; the Ryanair is his target at the 2018 Festival, not the Gold Cup as some have suggested - he might have settled okay here but he's still too gassy an individual to last the Gold Cup trip.	152
TOP NOTCH	midfield, a little headway 11th, further headway going comfortably and left disputing lead 4 out, travelled comfortably approaching 3 out, slight lead home turn, niggled along approaching 2 out, in close to it and headed, stayed on approaching last, stayed on strongly up the hill to go 2nd, no impression on Yorkhill last 150 yards, stuck to task.	151
DISKO	chased leader, disputed lead 4th, pace steadied, mistake 6th, chased leader when left disputing lead 4 out, travelled comfortably approaching 3 out, narrowly headed when niggled along home turn, soon more firmly ridden, stayed on and went with Top Notch and Yorkhill approaching 2 out, led then immediately headed jumping, stuck to task under pressure, 2 lengths down jumping last, stayed on, lost 2nd 150 yards out, lost ground on 1st 2 but stuck to task, genuine effort.	148
POLITOLOGUE	held up, headway and midfield after 2nd, nudged along and slightly outpaced after 11th, left chasing leaders when Balko Des Flos fell 4 out, travelled comfortably approaching 3 out, nudged along tracking leaders approaching home turn, pushed along and tapped for pace approaching 2 out, ridden between last 2, stuck to task without making an impression, outpaced up the hill.	142
KILCREA VALE	prominent, chased leader from 2nd, led approaching 5th, pace steadied, headed approaching 8th, pace increased, chased leader after, niggled along after 10th, left disputing lead 4 out, travelled comfortably approaching 3 out, was the first to be niggled along after it, ridden and outpaced approaching 2 out, soon well held, went through last, lost further ground after.	133
FLYING ANGEL	prominent, raced wide, lost place and nudged along in last after 6th, mistake 9th, beginning to struggle anyway when as-good-as-brought down 11th, tailed off 12th, only nudged along, kept on from 2 out, good jumps last 2 and perhaps closed on the 5th a little till eased off last 150 yards.	114
BAILY CLOUD	held up, headway and midfield approaching 7th, niggled along after 10th, took off too early (possibly unsighted) and fell 11th.	0
BALKO DES FLOS	led, restrained and headed approaching 5th, pace steadied, headway and quickened pace to lead 8th, moving well in front when jockey saw a stride, horse didn't pick up and fell heavily 4 out. Not asked for an effort at the time and it might have been interesting if he'd stood up.	0

Pertemps Final Handicap Hurdle

PRESENTING PERCY	held up, started a move and midfield 9th, had around 10 or 11 in front when mistake 2 out, further gradual headway between there and home turn, continued to move up wide and going best approaching last, given his head and hung left under a hand ride approaching last, soon led, went clear up the hill, ridden out, decisive and maybe a little in hand.	149
BARNEY DWAN	midfield, closer order approaching 7th, mistake there, further headway and prominent going down the hill to 2 out, disputed lead jumping, sent for home off the home turn, ridden and headed approaching last, driven, stuck to task but one pace up the hill. Bit harsh to suggest he went on too soon, but would like to see him sent on later next time.	142

JURY DUTY	midfield, started a move from 9th, back of the leading group 10th, further ground when not fluent 2 out, at most nudged along but going better than plenty as chased leader whilst allowing him first run after home turn, shaken up nearing last, challenged leader at the same time as Presenting Percy went on, outpaced, no more under pressure up the hill, kept on same pace. After his effort had been delayed, he didn't find what it looked as though he might - disappointing that he didn't beat the runner-up Barney Dwan, whilst respecting that he could do nothing about the winner.	142
THE TOURARD MAN	held up, briefly niggled along after 5th, started to race keenly approaching 7th and made ground into midfield, mistake 10th, little further ground before 2 out, ridden along approaching home turn and stayed on to be prominent, held a chance approaching last, hard ridden and lost ground on 1st 3 nearing last, kept on but no extra.	123
SUTTON MANOR	prominent, mistake 7th, made ground to track leaders and moved comfortably at the top of the hill before 2 out, shaken up once over, put under pressure, outpaced, couldn't go with leaders approaching last, kept on up the hill, held on to 5th well.	128
ELECTRIC CONCORDE	midfield to rear, raced outer, lost place and niggled along in rear 10th, at most nudged along as started to pick a couple off at the top of the hill before blundered 2 out, shaken up, had a lot to do home turn, started to stay on approaching last, passed several, just about in contention for a place jumping last, sustained effort, closed on the 5th up the hill but never quite getting the place. Didn't make it easy for the jockey, looking a difficult ride.	129
BALLYMALIN	led or disputed, in close to 2nd, chased leader from 7th, mistake 10th, pressed on and led travelling comfortably at the top of the hill, in close to 2 out, hard ridden, headed, stuck to task to home turn, put under pressure, weakened approaching last, well held jumping it, stuck to task after last though no impression on those ahead. Made some use of and had little left for the hill.	127
CAID DU BERLAIS	held up, mistake 2nd, niggled along 7th, mistake 10th and pushed along in rear, lots to do and the vast majority of the field to pass at the top of the hill, started to pass rivals when mistake 2 out, pushed along and passed more approaching home turn, mistake last, continued to keep on and nearest finish. Looked a difficult ride.	129
FOR GOOD MEASURE	held up, not fluent 4th, headway and midfield before 7th though nudged along, niggled along after 9th, not fluent 10th and hard ridden, struggling at the top of the hill, kept on a bit approaching 2 out, mistake there, ridden and no headway under pressure home turn, well held before mistake last, no more up the hill.	126
EL BANDIT	midfield, mistake 5th, niggled along 6th, pushed along at the top of the hill before 2 out, no impression under pressure in midfield approaching last, pushed out up the hill, no more.	130
THEO'S CHARM	midfield, niggled along 2nd, held place, pushed along approaching 10th, stayed on and tracked leaders no more than 2 lengths down after 2 out, soon ridden, unable to sustain effort under pressure and weakened before blundered last, no more, lost further ground and places up the hill.	124
GOLDEN DOYEN	midfield to rear, pushed along after 7th, ridden along and struggling after 10th, well held towards rear 2 out, kept on a bit approaching last though no real impression, no more up the hill.	123
SPLASH OF GINGE	up with the pace, led 2nd till mistake 5th, ridden along and lost place approaching 2 out, dropped back approaching home turn, put under pressure but continued to weaken approaching last, no more.	118
ISLEOFHOPENDREAMS	held up last, keen hold, lost place 7th, slightly detached last 8th, not shaken up, passed a couple 10th but a great deal to do, moved comfortably approaching 2 out, niggled along after it and passed several rivals, more firmly pushed along off home turn, kept on, little impression approaching last, no more up the hill, eased off and lost places close home. Never put into the race under what might have to count as an exaggerated waiting ride, and not knocked about at any point, might be the wrong side of 10 but is surely a lot better than this.	118

ROCKLANDER	held up, headway and midfield when mistake 9th, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, pushed along before mistake 2 out, put under pressure on inner with around 9 or 10 in front, ridden and weakened approaching last, no more.	119
AUBUSSON	prominent, mistake 3rd, pushed along 9th, held place, hard ridden at the top of the hill, held place, steadied into 2 out, hard ridden, weakened approaching home turn, continued to weaken approaching last, no more.	109
CLONDAW CIAN	prominent, shuffled back and midfield 4th, ridden along 6th, reminders 9th, put under pressure going down the hill, raced wide and apart from the others, made some ground nearing 2 out, no more after, weakened from home turn, ran down last to left, well held.	108
GAYEBURY	firmly hustled along from the tape to make a start, midfield but lost ground in the first few strides, lost place and rear 4th, firmly ridden along in rear 10th, pushed along approaching 2 out, hard driven after to no avail, no impression under a ride approaching last, well held. The ground wasn't the soft surface he'd looked best on prior to this, but gave the impression that he didn't turn up anyway such was the way he failed to travel at all well through the race.	117
ALZAMMAAR	held up, mistake 6th, lost ground when not fluent 7th, blundered 8th, hard ridden in rear and lost place/in last pair approaching 2 out, tailed off home turn, merely passed beaten ones.	108
ARCTIC GOLD	chased leaders, led 5th, knocked down 6th, still just in front when mistake 10th, just beginning to be nudged along when headed 2 out, hard ridden approaching home turn, reminders once in line, weakened through the field approaching last, tailed off.	97
IMPULSIVE STAR	midfield, closer order and prominent 10th, pushed along at the top of the hill, held place till faded after 2 out under pressure, weakened under a ride approaching last, eased off up the hill, tailed off.	103
TOBEFAIR	soon prominent, headway and tracked leaders when in close to 10th, soon hard ridden to hold place, still held a chance going down the hill till weakened a few strides before mistake 2 out, weakened further after and tailed off from home turn.	94
FINGAL BAY	midfield, headway and slightly closer order 5th, niggled along 6th, hustled along approaching 9th, lost place under a ride and in last pair and tailing off approaching 2 out, lost further ground and trailed in.	81
MR MIX	led, headed and mistake 2nd, shuffled back a little but remained prominent, windy jump 5th, lost place and pushed along in midfield 10th, weakened further under a ride and well held in last 3 of the field 2 out, continued to weaken and tailed off home turn, trailed in.	81
Ryanair Chase		
UN DE SCEAUX	prominent to midfield, pulled his way forward to lead 5th, clear after 7th, was 8 to 10 lengths up 8th, not so far ahead 10th, reached for 12th, moved best after 3 out, 4 to 5 lengths up 2 out, hard driven after last, stayed on, ridden out, was closed on last 125 yards but always holding on.	166
SUB LIEUTENANT	tracked leaders, not fluent 4th, shuffled back to midfield by 7th, lost ground and towards rear 13th, ridden along 4 out, headway into midfield approaching 3 out, sustained effort from home turn and in contention for a place 2 out, put under strong pressure, stayed on into 2nd last, hard driven, stayed on strongly last 150 yards, made up 4 or 5 lengths on Un De Sceaux but never getting to the winner. Under a very strong ride, made up a lot of ground up the hill and shaped as though the Cheltenham Gold Cup is the way to go next season.	165
ASO	midfield, not fluent 1st, lost ground 5th, not fluent 6th and 7th, headway and prominent 11th, pecked on landing 4 out, ridden after 3 out and stayed on in to 2nd home turn, hard driven after 2 out, kept on though no impression on Un De Sceaux, lost 2nd last, hard ridden up the hill, stuck to task. Ran above his odds on going that wasn't certain to suit.	159

EMPIRE OF DIRT	held up last, ridden along 8th and struggling, reminders after 11th, hard ridden after 3 out, stayed on and in contention for the places approaching 2 out, hard driven between last 2, outpaced after last, no impression up the hill, eased off once clearly not getting 3rd. A little disappointing, looking less than genuine through the race having come off the bit before anyone else.	157
JOSSES HILL	chased leader early, lost place and midfield 8th, niggled along after 12th, driven and stayed on after 3 out to go 3rd home turn, ridden and outpaced going to 2 out, hard ridden between last 2, no extra nearing last, hard driven and faded up the hill, looked heavy-legged, weakened further last 100 yards.	148
ALARY	midfield, not fluent 1st, raced with low head carriage, lost place after 4 out, rear 3 out, last and weakening when mistake 2 out, no more.	139
UXIZANDRE	went on, headed 5th, chased leader after, mistake 13th, ridden along, held place, reached for 4 out, hard driven after 3 out, weakened home turn, in last pair and losing ground on those ahead approaching 2 out, weakened further after.	137
VANITEUX	held up rear, not fluent 5th and niggled along away from it, in close to 10th, ridden and stayed on 3 out, in contention for a place home turn, faded under a ride and looked held when mistake 2 out, weakened between last 2, no more, tailed off.	134

World Hurdle

NICHOLS CANYON	held up, moved comfortably in 9th place after 10th with 10 lengths to find on leader, jumped 2 out around 6 or 7 lengths adrift and still not shaken up, pushed along once in line for home, ran on to pass a few and chase Lil Rockerfeller approaching last, came stands' side, drew upsides and the better jump last, hard driven, stayed on strongly last 150 yards, asserted close home. Had to get tough against a tough rival, but brought his top class ability to the table, which he hasn't always done since his novice days. He'll be eight next year and should be a contender once again.	168
LIL ROCKERFELLER	chased leader, soon niggled, 1st 3 clear from 3rd, mistake 6th, 1st 3 came back to the rest after, chased leader final circuit, closed on Cole Harden from the top of the hill, moved upsides and travelled comfortably approaching 2 out, pushed along after it, effort and led home turn, found more and opened up a clear lead approaching last, put under pressure, was closed on by Nichols Canyon, steadied into last, went left, hard driven, stayed on well, headed 150 yards out, no extra, stuck to task and went down with honours. Your heart goes out to him, he deserved the win; however, aged only six, time is on his side.	167
UNOWHATIMEANHARRY	midfield, prominent from 6th as the 3 clear leaders came back to the field, niggled along from 10th, good ground from the top of the hill, tracked leaders going comfortably approaching 2 out, tracked leaders after it, pushed along once in line for home, chased Lil Rockerfeller going to last, effort and drew upsides jumping, hard driven, no extra 175 yards out, faded, losing ground on 1st 2 last 100 yards. Perhaps was a little off his game, having briefly come off the bridle after the third last.	164
COLE HARDEN	led, 1st 3 clear from 3rd, they came back to the field 6th but Cole Harden remained clear after, steadied into 7th, pressed on from 9th and went 4 to 5 lengths clear, pushed along at the top of the hill, not so far ahead approaching 2 out, ridden along, stayed on, headed home turn, hard driven, faded approaching last, unable to go with 1st 3, ran down last to left, kept on last 175 yards, no impression. The ground came right, but this was probably a stronger renewal than 2015 when he won.	160
SNOW FALCON	midfield, mistake 1st, mistake 9th and pushed along away from it, moved better from the top of the hill, tracked leaders approaching 2 out, pushed along after it, soon hard driven, unable to go with 1st 4 approaching last, weakened nearing it, no more up the hill. Seems to have rather levelled out, not confirming earlier form which marked him as a potential strong contender for this race.	148

CLONDAW WARRIOR	held up last, hit 7th, moved comfortably after 10th but in 11th place with around 12 lengths to find on leader at the top of the hill, closed on them and just about in contention when mistake 2 out, came away from that going comfortably and not shaken up before home turn, pushed along once in line, stayed on, outpaced approaching last and unable to go with those ahead, not fluent and no extra. It was a promising-looking effort after the second last, but when seriously ridden, nothing there.	144
ZARKANDAR	held up, headway and midfield 7th, pushed along and lost ground after 3 out, a little ground approaching 2 out, soon hard ridden, no more under pressure approaching last, well held.	141
JEZKI	held up rear, keen, not much ground most of the way, jumped 10th one from last, started to close from the top of the hill, good ground going comfortably and just about prominent jumping 2 out, niggled along approaching home turn, soon more firmly ridden, put under pressure and unable to go with those ahead approaching last, weakened quickly nearing it and eased off before jumping, no more. Seemed to empty quickly nearing the last, but was beginning to look not the force of old prior to this race.	137
AGRAPART	prominent, slow 1st, niggled along 4th, mistakes 5th/6th, losing place and midfield when not fluent 7th, ridden along, mistake 8th and rear, more mistakes 9th and 10th, tailing off 2 out, ridden home turn and no impression approaching last, kept on last 50 yards and finished with running in him but unable to make a place. His jumping was shoddy at Haydock on his run before coming here and, with the ground too quick for him, barely got a hurdle right.	135
SHANESHILL	midfield, in close to 9th and lost a length or so, pushed along at the top of the hill, held place till left alone nearing 2 out, ridden again after it, stayed on approaching home turn, unable to find more once in line, weakened under a push, still losing ground when eased off and pulled up before last. Having not appeared to be done with after the second last, he emptied quickly in the straight.	0
WEST APPROACH	prominent to midfield, mistake 4th, gave a swish of the tail after 9th, good ground to track leaders going down the hill, blundered 2 out, pushed along, no impression approaching home turn under a hand ride, put under pressure once in line for home, weakened, losing ground when eased off and pulled up before last. Emptied quickly.	0
BALLYOPTIC	chased leader, 1st 3 clear from 3rd, hit 6th, 1st 3 came back to the field after that, mistake 9th, niggled along and started to lose ground, mistake 10th and pushed along, ridden and dropped back through the field 2 out, eased off and pulled up before last.	0

Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate Handicap Chase

ROAD TO RESPECT	disputed lead very early, windy jump 1st and bumped rival, midfield after, headway from 8th and prominent 9th racing outer, chased leader 13th travelling comfortably, moved best of the field as drew upsides Baron Alco up front after 3 out, 1st 2 pulled clear, asked for effort and led approaching 2 out, ridden clear, in close to last, ridden out, stayed on well under a hand ride to maintain clear advantage, readily and decisive.	146
BARON ALCO	with leaders, chased leader from 2nd, led 8th, niggled along in a length lead going to 3 out, soon more firmly ridden, stayed on, 1st 2 clear, headed approaching 2 out, hard ridden, stuck to task, no impression on Road To Respect but stayed on to go clear of the rest when in close to last, hard driven, stayed on well to pull a little way of the 3rd. Could do nothing about the winner but beat the rest well, sticking to the task in genuine fashion.	141
BOUVREUIL	held up, headway going comfortably on inner and midfield 8th, further ground and in leading group when mistake 4 out, hard ridden and outpaced from home turn, carried head high and idled after 2 out, changed legs and began to pick up approaching last, driven, stayed on one pace up the hill, the 2nd was going away from him final strides. As in the novices' handicap chase last year, a bit less than convincing with his finishing effort, although this time he was beaten by 2 better horses on the day.	138

THOMAS CRAPPER	midfield, good ground niggled along and prominent 12th, tracked leaders approaching 4 out, hard ridden after 3 out, outpaced 2 out, kept on under pressure going to last, no extra up the hill, stuck to task.	124
STARCHITECT	held up, still most to pass when ridden into 12th, ridden along and struggling 4 out, had 8 or 9 in front 3 out, no headway when hampered by the faller Mad Jack Mytton 2 out, hard driven and stayed on going to last, sustained effort up the hill, finished well to go 5th close home. Makes things difficult for himself, doesn't travel through his races, and unlikely to improve on this.	130
BALLYKAN	held up, some ground and midfield when not fluent 8th, further headway and in leading group 4 out, ridden along 3 out, outpaced 2 out, no extra under a ride approaching last, put under pressure, lost 5th place final strides. Didn't quite see the race out.	126
ROCK GONE	held up, headway and midfield when mistake 3rd, lost place and rear/pushed along 10th, looked well held 3 out, was 20 lengths down but started to stay on when went left 2 out, flew up the hill after last and passed several to go 7th close home. Never went a yard, but nothing finished stronger.	116
ART MAURESQUE	midfield 6th, a little ground 10th, nudged along 12th and 13th, pushed along 4 out, a lot to do with 10 in front 3 out, ridden and outpaced, kept on 2 out, made no more ground from last, hard ridden, finished weakly, passed by the 7th and being closed on by the next ones final strides.	133
HENRYVILLE	held up rear, not fluent 2nd, fluent move into midfield 10th, closing further 13th, mistake 4 out, ridden and outpaced in 10 lengths 10th or 11th home turn, ridden 2 out, no more ground approaching last, faded up the hill and being closed on by the next one final strides.	118
KATACHENKO	chased leaders, soon niggled along, chased leader from 3rd, mistake 8th and lost a couple of lengths, pushed along in leading group after 11th, tracked leaders under a push going to 13th, weakened after 4 out, stayed on again though well back approaching 2 out, kept on up the hill and was closing on the 9th but essentially made little impression.	109
VILLAGE VIC	disputed early lead, headed when mistake 3rd, chased leader after, niggled along approaching 13th, ridden along and stayed with leaders 3 out, ridden and started to lose place home turn, weakened approaching 2 out, lost further ground between last 2, tailed off.	127
VOIX D'EAU	held up rear, mistake 2nd, good ground going more comfortably and midfield 11th, further ground and in leading group 4 out, pushed along approaching 3 out, hard ridden approaching home turn, weakened approaching 2 out, carried head high and weakened under pressure between last 2, tailed off.	109
UN ACE	midfield, blundered 1st and rear, mistake 3rd, detached last by 4th, last pair after 7th, pushed along and struggling 10th, mistake 11th, tailed off 3 out, trailed in.	103
KING'S ODYSSEY	chased leaders early, lost ground and midfield when mistake 8th and ridden away from it, pushed along and struggling in midfield 12th, hard ridden at the top of the hill, weakened from 3 out, dropped away, tailed off, last one to jump last.	96
SIZING CODELCO	prominent, not fluent 8th and niggled along, lost place approaching 10th, firmly ridden along, back in midfield under a push 12th, well held 3 out, no response for reminders, weakened, tailed off.	90
MAD JACK MYTTON	midfield, good ground travelling comfortably and prominent 12th, pecked on landing 4 out and nudged along, took off too early 3 out and ridden along, beginning to struggle when fell 2 out. Would have struggled to get home over this trip and, if showing no ill-effects, could bounce back in the Red Rum at Aintree.	0
GERMANY CALLING	midfield, headway and prominent 7th, tracked leaders when not fluent 8th, fell 10th.	0

COCKTAILS AT DAWN	prominent early, taken back and midfield 4th, niggled along and lost a bit of ground approaching 6th, not travelling comfortably approaching 7th and pushed along away from it, pushed along and weakened to rear after 11th, tailing off in last 3 out, soon pulled up.	0
CHAMPAGNE AT TARA	held up, niggled along after 9th, firmly pushed along and struggling 10th, last pair 11th, pulled up soon after.	0
TANGO DE JUILLEY	held up, not much ground at any point, weakened 13th, tailed off in last pair 3 out, soon pulled up.	0
DIAMOND KING	held up, not fluent 1st, blundered 6th and pecked on landing/lost ground, last pair after 7th and still there some 15 to 20 lengths off leader when badly baulked by a faller 10th, detached last and pulled up soon after.	0
PINKIE BROWN	midfield, lost place and rear 6th, struggling 12th, had passed a couple of beaten ones but still well out the back 4 out, tailed off under a ride 3 out, pulled up before last.	0
COLD MARCH	prominent, led 3rd, went a few lengths clear, headed 8th, remained prominent, niggled along and started to lose place 11th, weakened, tailed off when pulled up before 4 out.	0
ALL TOGETHER	chased leaders, mistake 2nd, still chasing the pace and looking comfortable when blundered and unseated rider 12th. I liked this one a bit for this race and he was doing all right at the time of his departure - possibly worth another chance.	0

Trull House Stud Mares' Novices' Hurdle

LET'S DANCE	midfield, taken back and raced in last 4 by 3rd, had made no ground by 2 out, nudged along after and made significant quick ground to pass many and close on leaders home turn, raced on inner, switched from inner to middle/outer coming off home turn, niggled along at that stage, more firmly shaken up approaching last, chased leaders till switched again to challenge inside of Verdana Blue nearing last, took off too early and lucky not to land on top bar of the hurdle and fall, ridden, ran on till changed legs 125 yards out, stayed on well, workmanlike and unchallenged.	144
BARRA	prominent to midfield, raced wide, lost place and midfield when niggled along after 2nd, headway going better after 6th and prominent racing widest of all approaching 2 out, closer order home turn, every chance, moved comfortably till pushed along approaching last, one pace when steadied into it, ridden up the hill, looked held 150 yards out, picked up last 100 yards to go 2nd close home.	136
DUSKY LEGEND	midfield, headway and prominent before 3rd, not fluent 4th, moved comfortably enough before and after 2 out, held every chance, niggled along home turn, switched inside a rival and shaken up approaching last, outpaced nearing it, put under pressure, stayed on one pace up the hill, no impression on Let's Dance, stuck to task.	139
VERDANA BLUE	prominent, steadied into and not fluent 2nd, moving comfortably and held a chance tracking leaders when mistake 2 out, tracked leaders approaching home turn, led approaching last and shaken up in earnest, headed last, carried head awkwardly, not stay on under pressure, faded last 100 yards. Harsh, but it's a found-little.	136
ASTHURIA	held up, keen, headway into midfield by 6th, mistake 2 out, had 9 or 10 to pass and 8 to 10 lengths to find home turn, pushed along, kept on approaching last and passed a few, effort flattened out before steadied into last, kept on.	131
AWAYINTHEWEST	held up, struggling in rear when mistake 2 out, niggled along (not shaken up in earnest at that stage), pushed along off home turn with a great deal to do, started to pick up 150 yards off last, closed on 5th last 100 yards, nearest finish.	130
LA BAGUE AU ROI	chased leader, led 5th, held narrow advantage when mistake 2 out, pushed along home turn, headed, hung left, weakened approaching last, no more.	127

FORGE MEADOW	prominent to midfield, closer order 6th, pushed along 2 out, held place approaching home turn, niggled along straightening, put under pressure, no impression approaching last, weakened, only just held modest 8th.	126
TITI DE MONTMARTRE	held up, niggled along in last after 1st, still in last pair and niggled along after 6th, jumped right 2 out, pushed along, closed a little bit and passed beaten one approaching last, still staying on and closing at the finish. Should be stepped up in trip and interesting if coming back to Britain for a 2m4f novice.	119
ON DEMAND	prominent, lost ground and midfield when niggled along after 6th, no impression when mistake 2 out, pushed along, well held home turn, no more under pressure before or after last.	120
COILLTE LASS	midfield, niggled along after 6th, no headway approaching 2 out, pushed along, no impression under pressure approaching last, well held, pushed out, made no ground.	122
TAHIRA	prominent, some ground and chased leader when hit 6th, led 2 out, pushed along, carried head high, headed and weakened quickly approaching last, dropped through field, no more.	120
MONTANA BELLE	chased leader, mistakes 4th and 5th, lost place 6th, pushed along at the top of the hill, left alone before mistake 2 out, pushed along approaching home turn, weakened approaching last, well held.	113
AIRLIE BEACH	led, keen, not fluent 5th, headed, chased leader after, niggled along going down the hill to 2 out, niggled along approaching home turn, soon more firmly ridden and weakened approaching last, dropped away, left alone nearing last. in close and went left, no more.	114
GROOVEJET	held up, not fluent 3rd, struggling disputing last 3 out, eased off and started to tail off 2 out, trailed in.	87
TOE THE LINE	sadly fell fatally on the flat after the 2nd.	0

Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Chase

DOMESDAY BOOK	led or disputed, chased leader from 2nd, led 15th, not fluent 16th, ridden along and stayed on passing omitted 3 out, 1st 2 clear home turn, steadied into 2 out, headed, hard ridden, steadied into last, hard driven up the hill, stayed on strongly under strong pressure, led close home. Would have won more convincingly with better jumps at the last couple of fences.	146
PENDRA	led or disputed, led outright 2nd, brushed 9th, headed 10th, shuffled back a little but remained prominent and going comfortably 17th, ridden along before and after omitted 3 out, stayed on, 1st 2 clear home turn, led 2 out, ridden clear, was 3 or 4 lengths up last, driven out, idled/wandered up the hill, was closed on, headed close home under pressure, no extra. Positively ridden and, in the end, paid for that.	153
PREMIER BOND	chased leaders, collided with rival 1st, ridden into 17th, headway to chase leader after 18th, mistake 4 out, soon pushed along, outpaced home turn, no impression on 1st 2 but keeping on in 3rd 2 out, sustained effort and closed on 1st 2 last, stayed on under pressure, one pace last 150 yards. Good run and looks on his way to big handicap chases.	145
POTTERS LEGEND	held up, pushed along in rear 5th, passed a few rivals 12th, ridden into 17th, closer order 18th, prominent when blundered 4 out, lost ground and struggling, kept on under a ride and went 8 lengths 4th home turn, went left 2 out, stayed on and closed on 1st 2 approaching last, sustained effort up the hill till flattened out last 100 yards, lost ground on 1st 3 and closed on by the 5th final strides. Did a lot of work from the home turn to after the last and had little left for the hill.	146
MALL DINI	midfield, raced inner when bumped rival 10th, not much progress by 18th, ridden along after 4 out and started to run on well, closed markedly on leaders after passing omitted 3 out, little further impression though kept on approaching 2 out, no more between last 2, sustained effort after last though didn't make a place, stuck to task. Perhaps given a bit to do, but jumped soundly and looks a 'National' type, in all probability the Irish version (runs as though he'll stay at least 3m4f).	149

SUGAR BARON	prominent to midfield, hampered 9th, lost place and midfield when furiously pushed along after 16th, rear and struggling under a ride 4 out, was about 20 lengths down passing omitted 3 out, well held when in close to 2 out, hit last, strong run up the hill, passed several rivals and absolutely flying at the finish. Quirky type consented to run on only when it was too late and flattered by finishing position, but won't have a problem with extreme distances going forward.	134
DOCTOR HARPER	prominent early, gradually shuffled back and midfield 8th, ridden along 18th, lost place under a ride 4 out, made little ground under pressure passing omitted 3 out, mistake 2 out, no more.	137
LESSONS IN MILAN	prominent, mistake 2nd, led 10th, headed and hit 13th, hit 17th, ridden along in prominent position after 18th, hard ridden and started to lose place passing omitted 3 out, little impression pushed along from home turn or under a drive approaching last, no more.	126
UNIONISTE	prominent to midfield, lost place and towards rear when not fluent 15th, struggling in last pair 17th, tailed off passing omitted 3 out, no chance home turn, in last 3 jumping 2 out and in last 2 over last, stayed on strongly under pressure up the hill, passed 4 rivals in last 75 yards, no impression on those ahead. Flattered by finishing position.	130
FORGOTTEN GOLD	chased leaders, raced wide when mistake 9th, niggled along 10th, more firmly pushed along after 13th, lost place under pressure passing omitted 3 out, little impression under pressure before and after 2 out, no more.	127
WHATS HAPPENING	midfield, raced wide final circuit, closer order and collided with rival 17th, prominent 18th, ridden along and lost place after 4 out, well held home turn, no more straight.	127
LAMB OR COD	midfield on inner, badly hampered 9th, slightly closer order when pushed along after 16th, mistake 18th, hard ridden and lost place after 4 out, no more when blundered 2 out, lost further ground after.	121
ANOTHER HERO	midfield, mistake 2nd, had lost a few places when niggled along after 5th, badly hampered 9th, bumped rival 10th, niggled along in last 3 14th, well held in rear under pressure passing omitted 3 out, no more straight.	120
FATHER EDWARD	midfield, lost ground and towards rear 10th, in last pair 14th, struggling under a ride 4 out, no impression under pressure home turn, tailed off.	107
KILFINICHEN BAY	midfield, slightly closer order 8th, badly hampered 9th, ridden in midfield and lost place 4 out, well held passing omitted 3 out, no impression under pressure from home turn, tailed off.	102
SOUTHFIELD ROYALE	midfield, closer order and more prominent when fell 9th.	0
HADRIAN'S APPROACH	midfield, fell 10th.	0
VENITIEN DE MAI	prominent early, had lost place and midfield to rear when fell 9th.	0
POTTERS CROSS	midfield, lost ground and in rear 11th, went right and hit 12th, ridden along 13th, started to tail off 16th, pulled up soon after.	0
ALVARADO	held up rear, lost place and detached last 7th, tailed off 15th, soon pulled up.	0
LOCAL SHOW	midfield to rear, not fluent 5th, niggled along 9th, closer order 15th, mistake 17th, ridden along and lost place/midfield to rear after 18th, tailed off passing omitted 3 out, last when mistake 2 out, pulled up before last.	0
BALBIR DU MATHAN	held up last, mistake 2nd, raced keenly, had made a couple of places when hit 5th, midfield 6th fairly tanking along, mistake 8th, prominent 10th, further ground to chase leader when mistake 11th, headed when mistake 15th, lost place approaching 17th, pushed along and lost further ground before blundered 18th, pulled up after that.	0
LA VATICANE	midfield, mistake 6th, had lost ground and towards rear when badly hampered and as-good-as-brought down 9th, a little ground niggled along and midfield 18th, mistake 4 out, weakened, well held passing omitted 3 out, in rear home turn, pulled up before last.	0
SQUOUATEUR	held up, raced towards outer, mistake 5th, not much progress from the back when mistake 17th, blundered and unseated rider 4 out, continued riderless and was the first horse to pass the post.	0

Triumph Hurdle

DEFI DU SEUIL	midfield, started a move and passed 3 rivals 6th, further ground going comfortably and tracked leaders 2 out, within a length and poised home turn, led once in line for home, soon pushed along, effort and asserted, opened a 3-length lead approaching last, hard driven, continued to run on, drew further clear up the hill, genuine performance.	141
MEGA FORTUNE	led, in close to 3rd and 5th, headed after latter, chased leader at the top of the hill, disputed lead 2 out, definite lead going to home turn but soon closely challenged, ridden and headed once in line for home, stayed on but unable to match Defi Du Seuil approaching last, in close to it, lost 2nd, hard driven, rallied, retook 2nd close home, no chance with winner. Having lost 2nd to Bapaume after the last he stuck to his task very well under pressure to get the place back, a good attitude that could well see him win a good 2m handicap hurdle at some point.	136
BAPAUME	midfield, taken back and held up from 2nd, given a bit to do going down the hill to 2 out and still had 12 in front at that stage, steadied into 2 out, still not shaken up in earnest approaching home turn, switched off inner, some 7 lengths off leader turning in, asked for an effort once in line for home, closed on them, ridden and picked a gap between Mega Fortune and Ex Patriot nearing last, ran on, overjumped last and pecked, chased Defi Du Seuil, hard driven, no chance with winner, no extra last 100 yards and lost 2nd final strides. Ridden to come late, by the time he arrived on the scene the winner had gone. Perhaps a bit early to suggest that this one is a find little-type, but disappointing that he couldn't hold on to 2nd.	136
EX PATRIOT	held up, made good ground racing widest of all approaching 2 out and every chance, sustained effort going comfortably and no more than a length down home turn, nudged along, joined leaders home turn, pushed along straightening, every chance next to stands' side rail, put under pressure approaching last, stuck to task till faded nearing last, hard driven, no more under pressure, kept on, lost no ground on 3rd but being closed on by the 5th last 75 yards.	134
LANDOFHOPEANDGLORY	held up rear, raced inner, headway and midfield approaching 4th, niggled along briefly at the top of the hill, made no ground before 2 out and around 4 lengths down jumping, pushed along approaching home turn, ridden along on straightening, stayed on and closed on leaders, no extra approaching last, well held jumping, kept on and went 5th soon after, stayed on last 100 yards and was closing on the 4th at the line. On this evidence, worth a try at 2m4f as he was doing good work at the finish.	133
CHARLI PARCS	held up, raced wide, keen, pushed along after 6th, made very good quick ground going down the hill to 2 out and prominent racing wide there, niggled along, soon more firmly pushed, ridden once in line for home and carried left, no extra under pressure approaching last, faded, no more last 150 yards.	131
COEUR DE LION	midfield, in close to 2nd, pushed along after 6th, outpaced and rear of main group jumping 2 out, hard ridden and outpaced, appeared struggling in 10th turning in then found a bit extra to close on leaders under a ride, put under pressure and in contention for a place until faded nearing last, mistake/went right and lost significant momentum, hard driven, kept on up the hill but unable to make a place. May well have finished at least 6th but for losing his momentum and making a mistake at the last and is a few lengths better than his finishing position.	130
LANDIN	midfield, shuffled back 4th, niggled along 5th, lost place and last 6th, no headway after, detached from main group and left alone approaching 2 out, pushed along after in a hopeless-looking position, put under pressure and picked up to pass a beaten one approaching last, closed on those ahead, landed running last, ridden and stayed on up the hill to take 8th. At the last he was 3 lengths behind the horse he was racing up the hill (Magie Du Ma) and, in the face of an impossible task (illustrated by his 150/1 SP), he's done better than could have been expected - interesting to see where this one goes.	127

MAGIE DU MA	midfield, mistake 2nd, closer order going comfortably approaching 2 out, mistake there, niggled along approaching home turn, not making much headway when had her ground taken approaching last, weakened readily, well held last, passed by a beaten one last 75 yards.	119
MASTER BLUEYES	held up, a little ground and midfield 3rd, niggled along after 5th, pushed along after 6th, niggled along and effort to close on leaders going to 2 out, mistake there, hard ridden and no impression approaching home turn, put under pressure straightening, kept on a little under a ride till weakened noticeably approaching last, looked tired, went left and mistake, left alone up the hill, lost ground on those ahead. A long way from the horse who won the Adonis, which was a performance that shouldn't be forgotten in the long term.	121
DINARIA DES OBEAUX	prominent, raced wide, chased leader approaching 2nd, led 5th, narrow advantage at the top of the hill, disputed lead 2 out, ridden and weakened approaching home turn, lost further ground after last.	113
EVENING HUSH	chased leaders, blundered 4th, held place, niggled along going down the hill to 2 out, within a length of leaders jumping, pushed along, effort and chased leader closely home turn, hard ridden, went left, put under pressure approaching last, weakened, eased off up the hill, lost further ground on those ahead.	112
DANDY MAG	held up, keen hold, niggled along approaching 3rd where windy jump, last when mistake 5th, mistake 6th, no headway before 2 out and detached last, only passed beaten ones from home turn, well back and hopeless jumping last.	108
I SEE YOU WELL	prominent, raced wide, in close to 1st, closed up at most nudged along approaching 2 out, mistake there, weakened approaching home turn, left alone, eased off, tailed off last.	92
SOLDIER IN ACTION	chased leader, started to lose place from 4th, a bit slow 5th, niggled along approaching 6th, mistake there, reminders after, weakened to be one from last approaching 2 out, weakened further after, tailed off last.	91
County Handicap Hurdle		
ARCTIC FIRE	held up, had only 4 or 5 behind 3 out, headway after 2 out and midfield on the bit, niggled along approaching home turn, taken wide for his finishing effort, ran on strongly and made quick ground against stands' side (near side) rail and passed most to chase leader last, put under pressure, sustained effort, changed le 175 yards out, stayed on well, led close home. Pretty astonishing all round - back after a 418-day break, carrying 11-12 and still with most of the field to pass jumping the second last.	161
L'AMI SERGE	midfield, raced inner, still quite a bit to do going down the hill to 2 out but moved comfortably, at most nudged along approaching home turn, weaved between runners approaching last, made ground, pushed along, effort and closed on leaders, every chance last, put under pressure, stayed on well last 150 yards, passed eventual 3rd close home but could do nothing about Arctic Fire's finish. Found more than he often does, but was racing the 3rd Ozzie The Oscar on his immediate right, and not Arctic Fire who was against the stands' side rail.	155
OZZIE THE OSCAR	prominent to midfield, prominent in chasing group from 3rd, travelled comfortably down the hill to 2 out, niggled along approaching home turn, pushed along on straightening, effort and went 2nd, chased leader and closed on him approaching last, led last, hard driven, stayed on in front, was closed on inside last 75 yards, headed final strides, no extra. Back to form and ran a stormer, easily a career-best.	137

AIR HORSE ONE	midfield, keen hold, moved comfortably 6th, made ground going down the hill to 2 out, about to be asked for an effort when run blocked by 3 rivals approaching home turn, ridden along, pulled wide on straightening, stayed on under pressure and closed on leaders approaching last, every chance when in close and hit it, hard driven, no extra, kept on one pace last 150 yards, stuck to task. Might have been able to race for 3rd had he not had his run blocked after the second last and was clearly in good nick on the day after the progression he'd made during the season.	140
WINTER ESCAPE	midfield, a little ground 6th, closer order 2 out, seemed poised in prominent position till nudged along home turn, made further ground, shaken up in earnest nearing last, stayed on well, every chance last, half a length down jumping, hard driven, no extra up the hill, kept on one pace, stuck to task.	140
IVANOVICH GORBATOV	chased clear leader, yet to be asked for a major effort when mistake 2 out, nudged along as led chasing group approaching home turn, pushed along on straightening, stayed on, put under pressure approaching last, lost 2nd nearing it, in close, hard driven and kept on one pace last 150 yards, stuck to task though losing ground final strides. Ignoring clear leader Wakea, this looked a case of seeing too much daylight before the race took shape, and could do a bit better.	145
MOHAAYED	midfield, raced widest of all, nudged along after 6th, niggled along approaching 2 out and made ground, firmly pushed along after, stayed on approaching home turn, put under pressure on straightening, sustained effort to close on leaders approaching last, steadied into it, outpaced, looked held, stayed on last 50 yards and closing on those ahead at the line. One to take out of the race, could well have been on for a frame-finish but for being steadied into the last.	134
RENNETI	held up, niggled along in one from last 6th, passed a few and travelled better but still quite a bit to do approaching 2 out, raced wide, niggled along after it, pushed along on straightening, raced wide, stayed on approaching last but not well enough to get into contention, ran on strongly last 150 yards, nearest finish.	148
WAIT FOR ME	midfield, started to race keenly by 3rd, at some stage between there and 2 out something went wrong with the horse's reins - hard to make out precisely what but it looked like the left rein ended up going across the horse's face and on the right of the horse's head, lost a few places by 6th, mistake 2 out, nudged along, good ground approaching home turn, pushed along approaching last, every chance in leading group, outpaced under pressure from last, stuck to task. Looked to give his running despite what had clearly gone wrong with the reins, and should go over fences or go up in trip now.	133
COURT MINSTREL	held up, hadn't made much if any ground when ridden along 2 out, passed several runners and midfield home turn, continued to stay on for hand riding and passed a couple more once in line for home, put under pressure approaching last, some 5 lengths down jumping, hard driven, sustained effort, didn't make any more places but stuck to task well and closing last couple of strides. Given a lot to do as usual and good run, back in form.	143
WAKEA	tried to make all and sent well clear back straight, pushed along approaching 2 out, pack closed on him, hard ridden and readily swallowed up approaching last, no extra.	137
DIEGO DU CHARMIL	prominent to midfield, prominent approaching 2nd, moved comfortably approaching 2 out, nudged along approaching home turn, stayed on and every chance at head of chasing group approaching last, hard driven, outpaced nearing last and lost ground, well held jumping it, continued to lose ground on all those ahead up the hill.	140

CRIEVEHILL	prominent to midfield, keen, closer order 2nd, shuffled back a little when nudged along before 6th, pushed along after, pushed along from 2 out, kept on approaching home turn, hard driven and little response once in line for home, kept on past a couple of beaten ones last 100 yards.	124
BALTIMORE ROCK	prominent, lost place and niggled along in midfield after 2nd, niggled along in midfield to rear 5th, not fluent 6th and towards rear, ridden along in last 3 after 2 out, stayed on past beaten ones from home turn, jumped last in a closing 13th, no more after it, kept on without making further impression last 100 yards.	127
BERTIMONT	midfield, blundered 2nd, good ground from 6th, sustained good ground and at head of chasing group 2 out, ridden along home turn, put under pressure approaching last, weakened, lost places, well held last, continued to fade up the hill.	125
NORTH HILL HARVEY	prominent early, a little keen, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, towards head of chasing group when not fluent 2 out, shaken up home turn, ridden and weakened approaching last, well held when left alone nearing it, ridden and went right under a hand ride up the hill, no more. Shouldn't have needed the outing having gone well fresh to win the Greatwood, and disappointing.	137
KAPSTADT	held up, a lot to do when nudged along after 6th, making no ground when mistake 2 out, pushed along, stayed on past a few nearing home turn, no more under a ride once in line for home, put under pressure, no impression approaching last, never at the races.	122
SONG LIGHT	held up, in close to 3rd and nudged along, moved better from next, niggled along after 3 out, a lot to do and yet to be asked for maximum effort in rear when mistake 2 out, shaken up, outpaced under a ride approaching last, no impression, came all the way over to stands' side rail, nothing last 100 yards. After his excellent effort in the Betfair Hurdle at Newbury, didn't turn up here.	113
BOITE	midfield, pushed along and lost ground 6th, struggling when blundered 2 out, pushed along approaching home turn, kept on a bit approaching last but no real impression, had ground taken when mistake last, weakened up the hill, eased off, tailed off.	110
JOEY SASA	midfield, niggled along 3 out, headway and prominent on outer when mistake 2 out, pushed along and bumped rival approaching home turn, ridden along, lost ground turning in, weakened further and eased off approaching last, tailed off.	109
TELL US MORE	held up last, all over the place 1st, lost place and struggling in detached last 3rd, pushed along 5th, mistake 6th, niggled along after 2 out, switched inner to middle home turn, pushed along, kept on past a few, little impression when eased off and allowed to run down last to left, weakened up the hill, tailed off.	104
VOSNE ROMANEE	prominent, shuffled back to midfield by 2nd, mistake 6th and ridden, dropped to rear approaching 2 out, was last over 2 out, left alone approaching last, tailed off.	98
DOMINADA	chased clear leader, mistake 6th, niggled along approaching 2 out, pecked on landing, pushed along and weakened quickly approaching home turn, put under pressure, continued to weakened, visibly losing ground approaching last, last one going when mistake last, tailed off.	92
JALEO	chased leader, nudged along after 5th, firmly pushed along and started to struggle after 6th, held place approaching 2 out, was bumped by a rival approaching home turn, put under pressure, faded once in line for home, no extra nearing last, losing place when fell there.	0
DE NAME ESCAPES ME	close up towards outer, keen, jumped right, mistake 2nd, pushed along approaching 2 out, manoeuvred right slightly after and bumped rivals approaching home turn, lost place and weakened, quickly ended up in rear home turn, eased right off, tailed off and almost at a walk when pulled up before last.	0

Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle

PENHILL	held up, not fluent 1st, hit 2nd, still had most in front 9th, started a move after 10th and gradually closed on leaders, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, raced wide, had 9 still in front approaching 2 out, jumped it widest of all, made good significant headway approaching home turn, niggled along approaching last and ran on, made further quick ground to challenge leaders and take slight lead last, hard ridden, idled when in front initially, ridden out, stayed on strongly final 150 yards, decisive. This really was a most taking winner, as he made up more ground than most race winners would do from after the second last to the line. Likely Stayers' Hurdle challenger in 2018 judged by the style marks of this win.	144
MONALEE	prominent, travelled strongly, tracked leaders at the top of the hill, shaken up 2 out, effort and challenged strongly on inner home turn, soon led, pushed along, stayed on, hard ridden approaching last, leaned on challenging Wholestone against stands' side rail nearing last, headed by Penhill, hard driven, carried tail awkwardly, one pace up the hill as winner asserted. Ran a stormer, but beaten by the proverbial better horse on the day.	141
WHOLESTONE	midfield, closer order and prominent after 10th, produced to challenge 2 out, moved comfortably, chased new leader Monalee off home turn, shaken up approaching last next to stands' side rail, had ground taken nearing last and forced to switch out to middle, looked well held jumping last, continued to lose ground on 1st 2 until picked up last 125 yards and keeping on at the end. Would have been beaten no matter what, but the distance between the 2nd and Wholestone would have been less.	137
CONSTANTINE BAY	midfield, mistakes 7th and 10th, pushed along after latter, stayed on and closer order at the top of the hill, getting closer still when mistake then badly hampered 2 out and jockey lucky not to get knocked out of the saddle by the hooves of a falling horse, lost quite a bit of ground, pushed along and stayed on approaching last, passed several rivals before and after it, ridden out, no impression on 1st 3 but ran on strongly up the hill and nobody finished faster. The way he finished is illustrated by his jumping the last a length and a half behind the fifth Ami Desbois, and cleared away from that one up the hill to finish 6 lengths in front of that rival. Jumping is a potential problem going forward, but there's clearly a good horse in there.	129
AMI DESBOIS	led, mistakes 1st and 7th, nudged along approaching 10th, niggled along at the top of the hill, hard ridden from 2 out and stayed on in narrow lead, ridden and headed home turn, faded, stuck to task but lost further ground on 1st 3, kept on up the hill, passed by the 4th in last 150 yards, stuck to task. A big ask to make all at Cheltenham in a field of this class and ran well to a point, looking to have his limitations exposed.	123
AUGUSTA KATE	held up rear, blundered 8th, niggled along in last approaching 10th, vigorously pushed along at the top of the hill and making no ground, detached last and hard ridden 2 out, looking well held, started to stay on approaching last and passed a few beaten ones, kept on up the hill and took 6th final strides, no chance with those ahead. Declined to get involved.	112
ELEGANT ESCAPE	tracked leaders, mistake 6th, chased leader after, niggled along, mistakes 7th and 10th, niggled along at the top of the hill, stayed on and still every chance 2 out though hard ridden, faded under pressure approaching home turn, weakened further once in line for home, well held approaching last, was passed by the 6th final strides.	118
TOMMY RAPPER	held up, blundered 4th, in rear and travelling comfortably 7th, not fluent 10th, not asked for effort before mistake 2 out, niggled along after, passed a couple but a lot to do, hard ridden home turn and made no ground, continued to make no impression and well held before mistake then hampered last, lost further ground, tailed off.	112

STEP BACK	chased leader to 6th, niggled along after but stayed close up, pushed along after 10th, hard ridden and lost place approaching 2 out, weakened further before home turn, tailed off.	112
C'EST JERSEY	held up, started a move going comfortably and midfield 9th, ridden into and mistake 10th, closer order before 2 out, hard ridden once over it, quickly put under strong pressure and not stay on, soon well held, weakened further approaching last, tailed off run-in. Was beaten in a stride when asked a question, suggesting a temperament issue.	106
BADEN	midfield, losing place when not fluent 9th, niggled along after 10th, still niggled but lost no further ground mistake 2 out, hard ridden after and carried head to one side, well held approaching last, weakened further, tailed off jumping last.	85
THE WORLDS END	held up, niggled briefly after 6th, started a move approaching 8th, ridden into 9th, pushed along, again pushed after 10th, made good ground at the top of the hill and soon prominent, challenging when ridden into and fell 2 out. Was looking like going very close.	0
ANY DRAMA	midfield, headway and prominent before mistake 2nd, shuffled back a little after 5th, nudged along and lost place after 10th, pushed along at the top of the hill, well held 2 out, weakened further approaching home turn, eased right off once in home straight and pulled up before last.	0
TURCAGUA	held up, mistake 8th, struggling in rear when not fluent 10th, ridden along, weakened, tailed off when pulled up before 2 out.	0
DEATH DUTY	midfield to rear, mistake 3rd, a little headway and midfield when not fluent 8th, good ground after 10th and in touch in leading group, further ground going down the hill, had ground taken approaching 2 out and nearly pushed to the inside of the hurdle, hard ridden after, put under strong pressure home turn, faded once in line for home, well held approaching last where fell. It was officially recorded as unseated, but if you watch it, it's clearly more of a fall.	0
Cheltenham Gold Cup		
SIZING JOHN	midfield, jumped slightly right throughout, ridden into 16th, slow 17th, closer order after 4 out, niggled along after 3 out, tracked leaders home turn, more firmly pushed along approaching 2 out, the best jump and led there, hard ridden, stayed on strongly to pull clear going to last, wandered a little up the hill, driven out, stayed on strongly, decisive. Genuine performance - wasn't going the best approaching the second last but got much the best jump there, matched it at the last, and a worthy Gold Cup winner.	170
MINELLA ROCCO	held up rear, niggled along approaching 10th, a bit to do 4 out, pushed along at the top of the hill, outpaced approaching 3 out, put under pressure approaching home turn, rather stuck against inside rail with a horse on his outer from home turn to 2 out, pulled off inside nearing it, stayed on under pressure between last 2, reached for last, took 4th soon after it, sustained strong effort under pressure, stayed on strongly, passed another 2 rivals to take 2nd in the closing strides. If the Gold Cup was over five miles I'd forget studying the form and go all in on Minella Rocco, but he's more a Grand National type if only he wasn't so highly rated. Like Native River, he's not a Gold Cup type and it showed.	167
NATIVE RIVER	chased leader, disputed it from 2nd, headed 7th and chased leader, made a length or so to dispute it again from 15th, niggled along, definite lead 17th, pressed on from 18th, mistake 4 out, ridden along approaching 3 out, headed there, hard ridden, stayed on and still held every chance approaching 2 out, outpaced between last 2, was 2 lengths down last, hard driven, stayed on, took 2nd off Djakadam 100 yards out only to lose that to Minella Rocco close home. Not a Gold Cup type, too much of a grinding stayer who needs a push, and a place is the best that can be hoped for this time in 2018.	167

DJAKADAM	prominent, tracked leaders from 10th, made a place to chase leader from 17th, the better jump and disputed it 4 out, led outright next, moved best - only at most niggled along - approaching 2 out, mistake there and headed, put under pressure, stayed on, was 2 lengths down last, hard driven, kept on, lost 2nd 100 yards out then lost 3rd close home. Jumping lets him down again, not a first with Djakadam, but he ran into one in Sizing John anyway, and it may be that his chance of a Gold Cup win has passed.	167
SAPHIR DU RHEU	prominent to midfield, raced outer, in close to 6th, midfield 10th, closer order 13th, further good ground and prominent approaching 3 out racing widest of all, moved comfortably till shaken up and outpaced in 4 to 5 lengths 4th coming off home turn, still a change of a place approaching last, no extra up the hill, unable to make a place but stuck to task. A best to date over fences and, for the third run in a row, his jumping held.	164
MORE OF THAT	rear, not fluent 2nd, a little keen, not fluent 9th, ridden into 14th, niggled along and outpaced 18th, struggling 4 out, hard ridden and detached from main group looking well held 3 out, began to stay on and passed a couple (including eventual 2nd Minella Rocco) 2 out, ridden and stuck to task approaching last, no extra under pressure up the hill, lost ground and a position close home.	160
BRISTOL DE MAI	chased leaders, not fluent 2nd, disputed lead from 2nd to 4th, slow 8th and lost a length or so though still remained prominent, not fluent 14th, closer order 18th, moved comfortably enough till in close to 3 out and pecked on landing, pushed along and readily lost place after, kept on going to 2 out, put under pressure, keeping on when blundered last, weakened. Was probably going to find little - as usual - if he'd turned for home with a chance, but some jumping errors this time made things worse.	150
SMAD PLACE	prominent, shuffled back a little and prominent to midfield approaching 7th, closer order 18th, moved comfortably enough till pushed along and outpaced after 3 out, ridden and outpaced approaching 2 out, weakened between last 2, no more.	143
CHAMPAGNE WEST	led, mistake 2nd, headed, tracked leaders after, back disputing it from 4th, definite lead 7th, joined 15th, lost place 17th, midfield when mistake 18th, ridden along and outpaced from 3 out, weakened after 2 out, no more after last.	143
OUTLANDER	midfield, lost place and niggled along in rear 13th, outpaced and struggling under a ride 4 out, tailing off when had to swerve the faller 3 out, weakened, tailed off home turn, eased off between last 2. Didn't want to know on the final circuit.	119
CUE CARD	midfield, closer order when ridden into 13th to 15th, no gap on inner when steered wide before 16th, niggled along and outpaced 18th, pushed along and struggling to get to leaders when fell 3 out. Unlike the 'million pound-fall' at the same fence in 2016 it didn't look like he would be going close, having already been off the bridle for the last quarter of a mile.	0
IRISH CAVALIER	prominent, not fluent 2nd, lost place and rear/niggled along 5th, mistake 11th, slow 12th and very much struggling in detached last, tailed off when mistake 16th, pulled up before 17th.	0
TEA FOR TWO	held up rear, blundered and unseated rider 2nd, continued with the field for the next circuit.	0

Foxhunters' Chase

PACHA DU POLDER	prominent, niggled along after 4 out, made ground and tracked leaders when bumped by rival 3 out, pushed along home turn, 1st 3 clear, hard driven, stayed on, not much room against far side (inside) rail approaching last as Balnaslow leaned on him, the better jump and led last, hard driven up the hill, held on grimly, several pursuers closed on him last 100 yards and was closed on but just held on.	144
WONDERFUL CHARM	held up, jumped big 1st, passed a few and midfield by 13th, niggled along 16th, still niggled and struggling to get to the leading group 18th, pushed along after 4 out, switched wide and made ground going to 3 out, had 10 lengths to find home turn, stayed on under pressure from 2 out, closed on them approaching last, sustained strong effort up the hill, passed several to go 2nd, was closing on Pacha Du Polder last few strides but ran out of track. Looked a tricky ride in this stronger hunter than the Musselburgh and Haydock races on his 1st 2 hunter chase-starts, off the bit throughout the last mile.	144
BAREL OF LAUGHS	prominent, not fluent 16h and ridden along away from it, put under pressure after 3 out, stuck to task, carried head awkwardly, sustained effort under pressure from last, disputed close 2nd last 125 yards, not reaching Pacha Du Polder, no extra in battle for 2nd close home.	143
ON THE FRINGE	held up, made ground and midfield 10th, hard ridden and stayed on well from 3 out, passed several and got into contention, battling for 4th when not fluent 2 out, stuck to task, jumped last in 5th, hard driven, stayed on under pressure, weaved between horses last 150 yards, went 4th close home, nearest finish. He's had a great career in this sphere, but he didn't travel like the On The Fringe of old and was never winning this.	141
BALNASLOW	led, mistake 12th, 1st 2 went 3 lengths clear approaching 3 out, moved comfortably and not asked for maximum effort approaching 2 out, 1st 3 clear, ridden along between last 2, the worse jump last, no extra under pressure, kept on one pace, lost ground last 100 yards, lost 4th close home.	141
MINELLA FOR VALUE	prominent to midfield, shuffled back and midfield 4 out, ridden after 3 out and stayed on to pass a few, hard driven after 2 out, closed on them a little approaching last, no extra up the hill, stuck to task under pressure and closing on fading 5th final strides.	140
ASK THE WEATHERMAN	chased leader, mistakes 1st and 6th, lost a length or so after 12th and niggled along but still remained prominent, mistake 16th, ridden along and lost ground approaching 3 out, fading home turn, losing ground when mistake 2 out, well held last, kept on up the hill but no further impression. Having impressed in ordinary company, on his first start in a good hunter, found wanting with several mistakes.	138
PAINT THE CLOUDS	prominent, made ground to track leaders approaching 10th, chased leader going comfortably approaching 3 out, 1st 2 went 3 lengths clear, hard driven off home turn, stayed on, 1st 3 clear, losing ground when not fluent 2 out, ridden, no extra, continued to lose ground and places up the hill. Positively ridden, didn't see the race out.	138
MENDIP EXPRESS	prominent to midfield, good ground and in leading group 10th, lost ground 4 out, niggled along, faded, well held 2 out, no more.	122
SALSIFY	dropped out last, picked a few rivals off before 3 out and midfield there, put under pressure, well held home turn, weakened straight, nearly lost tailed-off 10th place post.	109
PENTIFFIC	held up, mistake 3rd, ridden along in rear after 16th, lost further ground, tailed off 3 out, no more, kept on late and nearly got poor tailed-off 10th post but just held for that.	109
WARDEN HILL	midfield, lost place and ridden along in rear 10th, struggling when mistake 13th, no more, tailed off 3 out, pushed out from last, all out to hold on to tailed-off 12th.	105

AUPCHARLIE	prominent to midfield, lost place and towards rear when slow 7th, lost further ground and in rear and tailing off 4 out, eased down and well tailed off from 3 out, passed beaten ones straight, was closing on the one in front when reaching the post and appeared to have running in him.	104
GRAND VISION	prominent to midfield, made a little ground and prominent final circuit, mistake 18th, in 1st half-dozen and not without a squeak when pecked on landing 3 out, weakened, well held when jumped left 2 out, weakened further after losing ground and positions, not fluent last, eased off, tailed off.	97
GRAND GESTURE	midfield, keen, closer order 4th, prominent when mistake 6th, mistake 8th, chased leader from 12th, ridden along after 16th, mistake 18th, lost place and midfield at the top of the hill, left alone till pushed along briefly after 3 out to little effect, no more, weakened, tailed off.	93
CURRENT EVENT	chased leaders, shuffled back final circuit but remained prominent, losing place when mistake 3 out, kept on under a push approaching home turn, weakened approaching 2 out, no more, tailed off.	91
DOLATULO	midfield on inner, losing ground when slow 8th, rear 10th, tailing off approaching 13th, was some 50 to 60 lengths behind leaders approaching 3 out, no more, was a fence behind leaders when in close to 2 out, well tailed off.	58
PREMIER PORTRAIT	midfield, lost place on first circuit and tailing off approaching 13th, was 50 to 60 lengths behind leaders approaching 3 out and a fence behind when mistake 2 out, no more, well tailed off.	57
SWEET AS A NUT	prominent to midfield, lost place and niggled along towards rear 2nd, passed a few and just about midfield when mistake 12th, ridden along 17th, struggling 4 out, no headway under a ride approaching 3 out, tailed off from 2 out, stumbled on landing and fell last.	0
LETS GET SERIOUS	midfield, lost ground and niggled along towards rear 5th, soon dropped to last, tailed off when reached for 9th, was around 350 to 375 yards (well over a fence) behind leader home turn, pulled up before last.	0
COTTAGE OAK	midfield, raced outer, lost a bit of ground when mistake 8th, lost further ground final circuit and in rear and tailing off 17th, was some 50 to 60 lengths behind leader approaching 3 out and a fence behind when mistake 2 out, pulled up before last.	0
BLACK THUNDER	midfield, mistakes 1st, 8th and 17th, weakened and well held in rear 3 out, tailed off when pulled up before 2 out.	0
BUCKERS BRIDGE	prominent, lost place 8th, eased down and pulled up before 9th.. Presumably something went amiss here as he was moving comfortably until he was eased.	0

Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle

CHAMPAGNE CLASSIC	prominent towards outer, moved comfortably, a little ground and tracked leaders at the top of the hill before 2 out, disputed lead there, shaken up once in line for home, hard driven approaching last, driven out up the hill, found more, stayed on well to maintain clear advantage to the line.	139
VERNI	prominent, knocked down 3rd, moved comfortably, a little ground and tracked leaders approaching 2 out, moved comfortably home turn, shaken up once in line for home, hard driven, outpaced and no extra nearing last, stuck to task up the hill but no impression on Champagne Classic. Good run and might be worth trying in something like Chepstow's Silver Trophy at the start of the new season.	134
RUNFORDAVE	prominent, at most nudged along at the top of the hill before 2 out, shaken up, stayed on to chase leaders home turn, every chance, outpaced under pressure approaching last, kept on up the hill, went 3rd last 100 yards and closing on the 2nd but not by enough to get that place. Finished well and this won't be the last we see of this one.	138

COO STAR SIVOLA	chased leader, led 2nd, moved comfortably at the top of the hill before 2 out, disputed lead there, niggled along away from it, headed, put under pressure home turn, stuck to task though no extra as disputed 3rd approaching last, kept on up the hill, lost 3rd last 100 yards. Good effort, trying to make all and there to be shot at; seems effective at this trip but I'd like to see a little less use made of him.	135
THOMAS CAMPBELL	prominent on outer, in close to 1st, shuffled back to midfield 2nd and niggled along away from it, pushed along away from 4th, not fluent 5th, ridden along away from 6th, ridden again approaching 8th, pushed along going down the hill to 2 out, mistake there, pushed along, stayed on, in touch in rear of leading group home turn, outpaced approaching last, switched outer nearing last, ridden into it, hard driven, stayed on well, closed on those ahead, went 5th and was closing on the 4th close home. It's a good run on the figures, but hit a race-long flat spot first - maybe could do with headgear.	134
BORN SURVIVOR	midfield, keen, mistake 6th and lost a couple of lengths, nudged along for a stride, closer order 8th, travelled comfortably at the top of the hill, switched inner before 2 out, nudged along before home turn, carried head awkwardly, driven, kept on approaching last, chance of a place jumping it, faded under strong pressure up the hill and lost ground and places last 150 yards. Not the first weak finish of his career.	138
NO COMMENT	held up towards rear, mistake 6th, only had 3 behind him 3 out, started a move at the top of the hill, good headway round the field and prominent 2 out, shaken up straight, one pace approaching last, kept on, no impression up the hill. Came there going well but didn't find much.	126
BATTLEFORD	midfield, niggled along going down the hill to 2 out with a bit to do, ridden along and outpaced approaching home turn, turned in detached from leading group of 10 and with several lengths to find, kept on a little approaching last, ran on under pressure and made 3 lengths to pass a couple last 150 yards, going on well and nearest finish. If someone from the race is worth another chance above others it's this one, who wasn't well positioned and tapped for toe but ran on up the hill, shaping as though worth a try over 3m.	116
DADSINTROUBLE	prominent, keen, lost a length or so and niggled along after 7th, going worst of the leading group 8th, held place going down the hill to 2 out but under a push, outpaced under pressure home turn, kept on approaching last without making an impression, well held when mistake last, no more.	121
CASTELLO SFORZA	midfield towards outer, keen hold, started a move from 3 out, gradually moved closer and in touch in leading group approaching 2 out, ridden home turn, held a chance though a couple of others were going better, ridden and faded before mistake last, lost a few lengths and places, no more up the hill. Didn't see out the trip from approaching the last.	123
TOMMY SILVER	prominent to midfield, a little keen, closer order approaching 4th, mistake 5th, moved comfortably at the top of the hill, nudged along going to 2 out, not clear run before mistake there, hard ridden, reminders home turn, no impression under a ride, left alone after last. Had his ground taken before the second last but it probably made little difference, and didn't show the anticipated improvement for going up in trip.	121
TAGLIETELLE	started rear, quickly niggled, pushed along after 1st for a couple of strides, ridden and struggling in rear of main group 8th, well held in rear when mistake 2 out, ridden to little avail, carried head awkwardly and lost further ground approaching last, no more.	117
DOESYOURDOGBITE	led to 2nd, chased leader after, nudged along approaching 8th, pushed along at the top of the hill, held place till ridden and weakened approaching last, no more.	111
MASSINI'S TRAP	midfield to rear, keen, struggling when mistake 7th, left alone	112

	approaching 2 out, not knocked about approaching home turn, pushed along a little once in line for home, no more after jumped left last.	
REMILUC	midfield, raced inner, nudged along a little after 4th, mistake 5th, lost ground 7th, nudged along and headway going down the hill, mistake 2 out, ridden along away from it, no impression and faded before jumped right last, weakened and lost places last 150 yards.	110
LAC FONTANA	prominent, ridden into 2nd, shuffled back to midfield, made up ground and prominent 3rd, nudged along approaching 5th, lost ground again, ridden into 6th, more firmly pushed along, in close to 7th, midfield and looked to be struggling, lost more ground and places nearing 3 out, hard ridden and going worst of the field as lost place going down the hill to 2 out and towards rear, hard driven, no extra approaching last. Took little interest.	110
PAIN AU CHOCOLAT	held up just about last, not fluent 4th and pushed along away from it, lost place and detached last after 5th, pushed along going down the hill to 2 out, passed a couple of stragglers, lost ground again under a ride after 2 out, no more, tailed off.	103
DELL' ARCA	midfield, losing place and ridden towards rear when mistake 8th, lost place and reminders in rear at the top of the hill, dropped to last approaching 2 out, reminders approaching home turn, weakened further approaching last, tailed off.	96
BALLYHILL	held up, badly hampered by the faller 2nd, never a factor after, pushed along after 8th, passed a few going down the hill to 2 out, went wide, ridden along approaching home turn, closed on those ahead a little, put under strong pressure, no more, well held approaching last, weakened nearing it, tailed off.	94
CATAMARAN DU SEUIL	prominent, windy jump 3rd, tended to jump flat-backed, pushed along at the top of the hill, weakened through the field before 2 out, looked tired when well tailed off straight, trailed in.	40
GIBRALFARO	midfield, fell 2nd, continued and completed the course riderless.	0
I SHOT THE SHERIFF	held up, headway and midfield 3rd, niggled along 8th, pushed along and lost place at the top of the hill, tailing off when pulled up before 2 out.	0
RATHER BE	midfield when hampered and unseated rider 2nd, ran out and came to a stop passing the walkway between 3rd and 4th.	0

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ROCK THE WORLD	led or disputed to 2nd, restrained, midfield 3rd, more towards rear 6th, headway and midfield 4 out, further forward move and prominent when not fluent 3 out, had 3 or 4 lengths to find and niggled along home turn, pulled wide once in line for home and ridden along. stayed on strongly, every chance in a line of 6 disputing lead jumping 2 out, hard ridden and stayed on strongly to lead last, driven out, asserted last 150 yards, sustained effort to the line.	154
GARDEFORT	tracked leaders, shuffled back a little but still prominent when not fluent 8th, moved comfortably, tracked leaders on inner 3 out, pushed along home turn, headway and every chance in a line of 6 disputing lead jumping 2 out, hard ridden and stayed on between last 2, headed last, hard driven, hung left and momentarily unbalanced against the tape-rail on inner, stayed on last 150 yards, no extra close home.	147
THEINVAL	prominent, tracked leaders going comfortably approaching 3 out, looked poised as tracked leaders yet to be shaken up home turn, niggled along, every chance in a line of 6 disputing lead jumping 2 out, steadied into it, hard ridden and chased leaders between last 2, still a chance when steadied into last, hard driven, outpaced up the hill, stayed on, closed on 2nd a little last 150 yards but not by enough to get the place. Didn't meet the last 2 fences on a stride which might have cost him 2nd, but good run and stayed on under pressure, which he hasn't always in the past.	146

DANDRIDGE	midfield, slightly closer order and rear of leading group approaching 4 out, further ground and prominent when not fluent 3 out, pushed along and outpaced in 5 lengths 6th or 7th home turn, pushed along and tracked leading group of 6 jumping 2 out, hard driven, stayed on and half a chance approaching last, driven and one pace up the hill, stuck to task but unable to make a place, lost ground on 1st 3 last 50 yards. Has been off the map this season off higher handicap marks than he raced off in 2015/16 and this is one of his better efforts.	145
CROCO BAY	prominent, jumped slightly right throughout, narrow lead 2nd to 3rd, led 7th, 3 lengths clear 9th, only a length ahead 4 out, moved comfortably going down the hill to 3 out, niggled along approaching home turn, soon vigorously pushed along, stayed on in narrow advantage, every chance in a line of 6 disputing lead jumping 2 out, hard ridden, outpaced approaching last, still a chance of 3rd, hard driven and lost ground up the hill, stuck to task though no impression, was being closed on by the 6th last strides but just held 5th. Exposed and plenty high enough in the weights, but turned in a smashing effort.	141
CALIPTO	prominent early, lost place and pushed along in rear 5th, had only 3 behind when pushed along 10th, still plenty to do approaching 3 out, mistake, ridden along, stayed on home turn, had around 13 in front of him as started to thread a path through horses going to 2 out, ran on strongly under pressure approaching last and only at most 8 lengths down when hit last, hard driven, closed strongly on 5th last 75 yards but just failed to get the place, nothing finished stronger. Something of a curio, as he put little into it early but was doing great work in the last half mile.	136
BRIGHT NEW DAWN	midfield, closer order and prominent 4th, good ground to chase leader and going comfortably after 4 out and on the downhill run to 3 out, further good ground going comfortably to challenge leader home turn and looked strong, pushed along straightening, every chance in a line of 6 disputing lead jumping 2 out, hard ridden, put head in air and weakened approaching last, hung left, not stay on, continued to lose ground. Blew it with a poor attitude in the closing stages.	142
LE PREZIEN	midfield, a little ground going comfortably and closed on them approaching 4 out, not shaken up before 3 out, had 3 or 4 lengths to find and raced outer when niggled along home turn, soon more firmly pushed along, carried head slightly awkwardly, not stay on, looked held 2 out, kept on under a ride until no more after last, no further impression and was being closed on by the next one last 75 yards.	141
ULTRAGOLD	prominent, niggled along going down the hill to 3 out, held place, hard ridden off home turn, unable to go on and faded approaching 2 out, well held under pressure between last 2, no more although did keep on very late and nearly finished 8th.	133
EASTLAKE	prominent to midfield, settled midfield when mistake 4th, travelled comfortably when took closer order approaching 3 out, further good ground to track leaders home turn, every chance in a line of 6 disputing lead jumping 2 out, hard ridden, faded and looked heavy legged as weakened nearing last, in close to it, continued to lose ground under pressure up the hill, was passed by a couple close home.	148
PAIROFBROWNEYES	midfield, was travelling comfortably when ridden into and blundered 4 out, ridden along and struggling 3 out, pushed along, well back home turn, kept on a bit approaching 2 out, no more between last 2 or up the hill.	133
BOLD HENRY	midfield, had dropped to rear when not fluent 3rd, slow 4th, niggled along in rear 7th, ridden after 8th, no headway, left alone before not fluent and went right 3 out, kept on a bit approaching 2 out, no more between last 2 or up the hill.	131

QUITE BY CHANCE	midfield, niggled along away from 1st, going more comfortably 9th, mistake 10th, ridden and struggling 4 out, carried head awkwardly but stayed on past a few under a ride approaching home turn, effort flattened out approaching 2 out, hung left, no more, weakened, eased off after last.	125
MICK THONIC	prominent to midfield, slightly closer order and going comfortably enough when stumbled next to inside rail bend before 4 out, still not shaken up until ridden along in midfield 3 out, kept on to home turn, closed on them until appeared to be sympathetically handled nearing 2 out, pushed along and looked heavy legged, weakened approaching last, no more.	111
MR FIFTYONE	held up, niggled along in rear 7th, some ground into midfield approaching 4 out, hard ridden after 3 out and little impression, lost ground approaching home turn, weakened further approaching 2 out, no more.	117
SOLAR IMPULSE	raced widest of all early, keen hold, assumed prominent position from 4th, soon tracking leaders, mistake 5th, not fluent 7th, moved fairly comfortably on outer when not fluent 4 out, not shaken up approaching 3 out, soon pushed along once over it, couldn't go with headers, hung left and not stay on approaching 2 out, soon well held, no more.	112
UPSILON BLEU	tracked leaders early, lost place 2nd, rear 3rd, slightly detached last when mistake 5th, last pair 10th, no forward move at any point after, tailed off 3 out, was given reminders after last, merely passed beaten ones up the hill.	116
WITNESS IN COURT	midfield, raced outer, headway and closer order before not fluent 9th, further ground to chase leaders 4 out, ridden along and struggling to hold place after 3 out, weakened under pressure approaching 2 out, continued to lose ground, tailed off.	102
SIZING PLATINUM	prominent to midfield, headway and chased leader from 2nd, hit 4th, mistake 7th, lost place and midfield 9th, mistake 10th, struggling when mistake 4 out, tailed off from 3 out, left alone approaching 2 out.	104
VELVET MAKER	held up early, keen hold, pulled his way forward to lead 3rd, headed 7th, mistakes 8th and 4 out when chasing leader, lost place after 3 out and appeared to be sympathetically handled as dropped back home turn, well held 2 out, lost further ground approaching last, tailed off.	105
THE GAME CHANGER	midfield to rear, hit 3rd, headway and midfield 10th, niggled along approaching 4 out, no headway approaching 3 out, raced wide, not hard ridden as began to inch closer approaching home turn, carried head high and to one side, no headway before 2 out, hard ridden, no headway, weakened before and after last, tailed off, eased right off and passed the post at a walk.	94
DODGING BULLETS	midfield, never travelled and gradually lost place, in rear approaching 3 out, pulled up before 2 out. Has been retired.	0
UN BEAU ROMAN	led or disputed to 2nd, lost place and midfield 4th, struggling in rear 7th, last pair 10th, weakened further and tailed off 4 out, eased down and steadied into 3 out, pulled up before 2 out.	0
SOLITA	misbehaved before start, slowly away, held up last, mistake 2nd, no headway at any point, mistake 4 out, pulled up before next. Probably best to put a line through this, it was evident watching TV pictures of her before the start that she hadn't turned up on the day.	0