

INDEX TO THE EIGHTH 2016 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

This eighth media information pack was compiled by Racenews on behalf of Cheltenham Racecourse on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, and is for immediate release. The pack contains the latest acceptors for six non-novice Grade One championship races at The Festival – the Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase, the Ryanair Chase, the Stan James Champion Hurdle, the World Hurdle and the OLBG Mares' Hurdle.

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Irish-trained horses dominate Grade One acceptors for The Festival

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – Irish trainers are responsible for just under half of the contenders going forward in the six non-novice Grade One championship contests at The Festival following the February 16 scratchings deadline, details of which are revealed today, with horses trained in Ireland making up 77 of the 162 remaining entries.

Timeform, the Halifax-based sports and content provider, also envisages a strong Irish challenge at this year's Festival, with Irish-trained horses currently heading its weight-adjusted ratings for five of the six races.

The £400,000 Stan James Champion Hurdle, the eponymous highlight of Champion Day, Tuesday, March 15, has 14 acceptors, and Ireland's champion Jump trainer Willie Mullins has a formidable hand with four contenders headed by defending champion **Faugheen** (188), who has 9lb in hand over his stable companion and last year's runner-up **Arctic Fire** (179), according to Timeform.

Mullins also trains **Nichols Canyon** (171), the only horse to beat Faugheen, while the home challenge looks set to be provided by the 2014 runner-up **My Tent Or Yours** (178 - Nicky Henderson), **The New One** (174 - Nigel Twiston-Davies) and **Peace And Co** (174 - Nicky Henderson).

Timeform also has a Willie Mullins-trained horse significantly clear in the £100,000 OLBG Mares' Hurdle (37 acceptors), with **Annie Power** (178), who is due to get her season underway at Punchestown today, 12lb clear of her nearest rival.

The eight-year-old, who fell at the final flight when clear in the two and a half-mile race last year, has the option of running in the World Hurdle and Mullins could instead rely upon the progressive **Vroum Vroum Mag** (165P) or **Gitane Du Berlais** (166) as he bids for an eighth consecutive victory in the OLBG Mares' Hurdle. **Polly Peachum** (166 - Nicky Henderson), runner-up to Glen's Melody in the race last year, is the highest-rated British entry with Timeform.

Mullins is responsible for Timeform's top two contenders for the principal race on Ladies Day, Wednesday, March 16, the £350,000 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase, which has 16 entries go forward. Both last year's Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase scorer **Un De Sceaux** and **Vautour**, who is seeking a third consecutive win at The Festival following scintillating victories in the Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle and the JLT Novices Chase, have a mark of 191p.

The brilliant 2013 scorer **Sprinter Sacre** (183), trained by Nicky Henderson, is next best with Timeform, closely followed by two more previous winners – the Gary Moore-trained **Sire De Grugy** (179), who took the spoils in 2014, and defending champion **Dodging Bullets** (177) from Britain's champion Jump trainer Paul Nicholls' yard.

Timeform suggests that **Annie Power** would have a leading chance if she were to line-up in the £300,000 World Hurdle on St Patrick's Thursday, March 17, as she is currently second highest-rated on 180 (including her mares' allowance), 1lb behind the Jonjo O'Neill-trained **More Of That**.

The pair clashed in the 2014 World Hurdle, with More Of That prevailing by a length and a half, although the chances of a rematch look slim as More Of That also holds entries in two of The Festival's top novices' chases.

Thistlecrack (178p), trained by Colin Tizzard, has proven to be one of the stars of the staying hurdling division this season with three impressive wins, while Irish challenger **Dedigout** (175 - Tony Martin) and last year's victor, the Warren Greatrex-trained **Cole Harden** (174) feature highly among the 34 horses still engaged.

St Patrick's Thursday also plays host to the £300,000 Ryanair Chase, which has 40 acceptors headed by the Gordon Elliott-trained **Don Cossack** (194), who was third in the race last year. **Vautour** (191p) also goes forward in the two-mile, five-furlong chase, while **Al Ferof**, who is third-best on Timeform ratings with a mark of 181, could try to provide trainer Dan Skelton with a first success at The Festival.

Don Cossack (194) and **Vautour** (191p) feature prominently with Timeform in the ratings for the £575,000 Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup, the highlight of The Festival and Gold Cup Day, Friday, March 18, for which there are 21 acceptors.

Dual Festival winner, the Tizzard-trained **Cue Card** (192), is trying to follow up victories in the Betfair Chase and the King George VI Chase and claim Jockey Club Racecourses' £1-million bonus, while the Willie Mullins-trained **Djakadam** (182) and **Don Poli** (180p), this season's Hennessy Gold Cup hero **Smad Place** (180), from Alan King's Wiltshire yard, and last year's Crabbie's Grand National victor **Many Clouds** (180), trained by Oliver Sherwood, are also among Timeform's leading contenders.

The next acceptances for the non-novice Grade One championship races at The Festival will be at the five/six-day confirmation stages, when horses can also be supplemented.

The BetBright Cup is awarded annually to the country with the greatest number of winners at The Festival over the 28 races and the sponsor currently bets 5/6 UK, 5/4 Ireland, 11/2 a tie.

Cheltenham Racecourse

Cheltenham Racecourse is situated in Prestbury on the outskirts of the historic spa town of Cheltenham. The Home of Jump Racing, Cheltenham Racecourse is the venue for the world's pre-eminent Jump meeting, The Festival, which takes place in March over four days every year. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Cotswolds, Cheltenham Racecourse is a stunning natural arena and offers the highest-quality action throughout the Jump season.

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The Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup

Grade 1, £575,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 3.30pm, Friday, March 18, 2016. Three miles, two and a half furlongs (3m 2f 70y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 11. Horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered & such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 11 would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 5yo 11st 9lb, 6yo+ 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 12, entries revealed January 13 (32 entries), scratchings' deadline February 16 (**21 remain**), £27,500 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 12. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, March 16.

| Horse | Age | Owner | Trainer |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| BALLYCASEY (IRE) | 9 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| BOSTON BOB (IRE) | 11 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| CARLINGFORD LOUGH (IRE) | 10 | J P McManus | John Kiely IRE |
| CHAMPAGNE WEST (IRE) | 8 | Roger Brookhouse | Philip Hobbs |
| CUE CARD | 10 | Jean Bishop | Colin Tizzard |
| DJAKADAM (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| DON COSSACK (GER) | 9 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| DON POLI (IRE) | 7 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| GILGAMBOA (IRE) | 8 | J P McManus | Enda Bolger IRE |
| HOLYWELL (IRE) | 9 | Gay Smith | Jonjo O'Neill |
| IRISH CAVALIER (IRE) | 7 | Andrew McIver | Rebecca Curtis |
| MANY CLOUDS (IRE) | 9 | Trevor Hemmings | Oliver Sherwood |
| MORNING ASSEMBLY (IRE) | 9 | Clipper Logistics Group Ltd | Pat Fahy IRE |
| O'FAOLAINS BOY (IRE) | 9 | Trembath, Hyde, Outhart & Hill | Rebecca Curtis |
| ON HIS OWN (IRE) | 12 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| ROAD TO RICHES (IRE) | 9 | Gigginstown House Stud | Noel Meade IRE |
| SIR DES CHAMPS (FR) | 10 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| SMAD PLACE (FR) | 9 | Trish Andrews | Alan King |
| THE GIANT BOLSTER | 11 | Simon Hunt & Gary Lambton | David Bridgwater |
| VALSEUR LIDO (FR) | 7 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| VAUTOUR (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |

21 entries remain following February 16 scratchings' deadline
13 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING 11 HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

AL FEROF (FR), FIRST LIEUTENANT (IRE), LORD WINDERMERE (IRE), NO MORE HEROES (IRE), ROCKY CREEK (IRE), ROI DU MEE (FR), SAPHIR DU RHEU (FR), SEEYOUATMIDNIGHT, TRIOLO D'ALENE (FR), VIRAK, WOUNDED WARRIOR (IRE)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 194 | Don Cossack |
| 192 | Cue Card |
| 191p | Vautour |
| 182 | Djakadam |
| 180 | Smad Place |
| 180p | Don Poli |
| 180 | Many Clouds |
| 176 | Road To Riches |
| 173+ | Valseur Lido |
| 172 | Carlingford Lough |

The Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase

Grade 1, £350,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 3.30pm, Wednesday, March 16, 2015. Two miles (1m 7f 199y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 9 - horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain, Ireland or France may also be entered & such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 9 would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 12, entries revealed January 14 (23 entries), scratchings' deadline February 16 (**16 remain**), £17,500 supplementary entry & six-day confirmation stage March 10. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10am, March 14.

| Horse | Age | Owner | Trainer |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| BRIGHT NEW DAWN (IRE) | 9 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| CHAMPAGNE FEVER (IRE) | 9 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| CLARCAM (FR) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| DODGING BULLETS | 8 | Martin Broughton & Friends | Paul Nicholls |
| FELIX YONGER (IRE) | 10 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| GOD'S OWN (IRE) | 8 | Crossed Fingers Partnership | Tom George |
| JUST CAMERON | 9 | Jean & Paul Chapman | Micky Hammond |
| MOZOLTOV | 10 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| SIRE DE GRUGY (FR) | 10 | The Preston Family & Friends Ltd | Gary Moore |
| SIZING GRANITE (IRE) | 8 | Ann & Alan Potts Partnership | Colm Murphy IRE |
| SOMERSBY (IRE) | 12 | Tim Radford | Mick Channon |
| SPECIAL TIARA | 9 | Sally Rowley-Williams | Henry de Bromhead IRE |
| SPRINTER SACRE (FR) | 10 | Caroline Mould | Nicky Henderson |
| TWINLIGHT (FR) | 9 | M L Bloodstock Ltd | Willie Mullins IRE |
| UN DE SCEAUX (FR) | 8 | Edward O'Connell | Willie Mullins IRE |
| VAUTOUR (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |

16 entries remain following February 16 scratchings' deadline
10 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING SEVEN HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

CAPTAIN CONAN (FR), COLD MARCH (FR), JOSSES HILL (IRE), SIMONSIG, SIMPLY NED (IRE), TRAFFIC FLUIDE (FR), VIBRATO VALTAT (FR)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

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|-------------|-----------------|
| 191p | Vautour |
| 191p | Un De Sceaux |
| 183 | Sprinter Sacre |
| 179 | Sire De Grugy |
| 177 | Dodging Bullets |
| 177 | Special Tiara |
| 176? | Champagne Fever |
| 175 | Felix Yonger |
| 168 | God's Own |
| 166 | Sizing Granite |

The Ryanair Chase

Grade 1, £300,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 2.50pm, Thursday, March 17, 2016, two miles & five furlongs (2m 4f 166y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 10. Weights: 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 12, entries revealed January 14 (48 entries), scratchings' deadline February 16 (**40 remain**), £15,000 supplementary entry stage and six-day confirmation stage March 11. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, March 15. Maximum number of runners – 24.

| Horse | Age | Owner | Trainer |
|-------------------------------|-----|--|-----------------------|
| AL FEROF (FR) | 11 | John Hales | Dan Skelton |
| ANNACOTTY (IRE) | 8 | Liz Prowting | Alan King |
| BAILY GREEN (IRE) | 10 | Adam Scott | Mouse Morris IRE |
| BALLYCASEY (IRE) | 9 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| BALLYNAGOUR (IRE) | 10 | Allan Stennett | David Pipe |
| BOSTON BOB (IRE) | 11 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| BRIGHT NEW DAWN (IRE) | 9 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| CAPTAIN CONAN (FR) | 9 | Triermore Stud | Nicky Henderson |
| CHAMPAGNE FEVER (IRE) | 9 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| CHAMPAGNE WEST (IRE) | 8 | Roger Brookhouse | Philip Hobbs |
| CLARCAM (FR) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| CLARET CLOAK (IRE) | 9 | Hawksmoor Partnership | Emma Lavelle |
| COLD MARCH (FR) | 6 | Andrew Brooks | Venetia Williams |
| DON COSSACK (GER) | 9 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| DYNASTE (FR) | 10 | John White | David Pipe |
| FELIX YONGER (IRE) | 10 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| FINE RIGHTLY (IRE) | 8 | Patricia Duffin | Stuart Crawford IRE |
| GILGAMBOA (IRE) | 8 | J P McManus | Enda Bolger IRE |
| GOD'S OWN (IRE) | 8 | Crossed Fingers Partnership | Tom George |
| JOSSES HILL (IRE) | 8 | Alan Spence | Nicky Henderson |
| KINGS PALACE (IRE) | 8 | Drew, George & Johnson Family | David Pipe |
| MA FILLEULE (FR) | 8 | Simon Munir & Isaac Souede | Nicky Henderson |
| MORNING ASSEMBLY (IRE) | 9 | Clipper Logistics Group Ltd | Pat Fahy IRE |
| MOZOLTOV | 10 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| OSCAR ROCK (IRE) | 8 | Graham and Jan Calder | Malcolm Jefferson |
| ROAD TO RICHES (IRE) | 9 | Gigginstown House Stud | Noel Meade IRE |
| ROI DU MEE (FR) | 11 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| ROYAL REGATTA (IRE) | 8 | Lesley Field & Eileen Murphy | Philip Hobbs |
| RUBI LIGHT (FR) | 11 | Bill Hennessy | Robbie Hennessy IRE |
| SIR DES CHAMPS (FR) | 10 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| SMASHING (FR) | 7 | Ann & Alan Potts Partnership | Henry de Bromhead IRE |
| TOP GAMBLE (IRE) | 8 | Walters Plant Hire & James & Jean Potter | Kerry Lee |
| TRIOLO D'ALENE (FR) | 9 | Caroline & Sandy Orr | Nicky Henderson |
| TURBAN (FR) | 9 | Edward O'Connell | Willie Mullins IRE |
| TWINLIGHT (FR) | 9 | M L Bloodstock Ltd | Willie Mullins IRE |
| VALSEUR LIDO (FR) | 7 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| VAUTOUR (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| VIBRATO VALTAT (FR) | 7 | Axom XLIII | Paul Nicholls |
| VILLAGE VIC (IRE) | 9 | Alan Peterson | Philip Hobbs |
| VROUM VROUM MAG (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |

40 entries remain following February 16 scratchings deadline, 22 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING EIGHT HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

BISHOPS ROAD, PTIT ZIG (FR), SALUBRIOUS (IRE), SIMONSIG, SMAD PLACE (FR), SOUND INVESTMENT, TRAFFIC FLUIDE (FR), UN BEAU ROMAN (FR)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 194 | Don Cossack |
| 191p | Vautour |
| 181 | Al Ferof |
| 176 | Road To Riches |
| 176? | Champagne Fever |
| 175 | Dynaste |
| 175 | Felix Yonger |
| 173? | Ma Filleule |
| 173+ | Valseur Lido |
| 171 | Top Gamble |

The Stan James Champion Hurdle

Grade 1, £400,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 3.30pm, Tuesday, March 15, two miles and half a furlong (2m 87yds). For four-year-olds and upwards which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the senior BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and taking account of races run up to and including March 8 - horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 8 would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st 2lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 19, entries revealed January 20 (19 entries), scratchings' deadline February 16 (**14 remain**), £20,000 supplementary stage & six-day confirmation stage March 9, final declaration 10.00am, March 13.

| Horse | Age | Owner | Trainer |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ARCTIC FIRE (GER) | 7 | Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd | Willie Mullins IRE |
| CAMPING GROUND (FR) | 6 | G L Porter | Robert Walford |
| FAUGHEEN (IRE) | 8 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| HARGAM (FR) | 5 | J P McManus | Nicky Henderson |
| IDENTITY THIEF (IRE) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Henry de Bromhead IRE |
| MY TENT OR YOURS (IRE) | 9 | J P McManus | Nicky Henderson |
| NICHOLS CANYON | 6 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| OLD GUARD | 5 | The Brooks, Kyle & Stewart Families | Paul Nicholls |
| PEACE AND CO (FR) | 5 | Simon Munir & Isaac Souede | Nicky Henderson |
| PURPLE BAY (IRE) | 7 | Bloomfields | John Ferguson |
| SEMPRE MEDICI (FR) | 6 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| SIGN OF A VICTORY (IRE) | 7 | Matt & Lauren Morgan | Nicky Henderson |
| THE NEW ONE (IRE) | 8 | S Such & C G Paletta | Nigel Twiston-Davies |
| TOP NOTCH (FR) | 5 | Simon Munir & Isaac Souede | Nicky Henderson |

14 entries remain following February 16 scratchings' deadline
5 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING FIVE HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

ALL YOURS (FR), ARISTO DU PLESSIS (FR), MAD JACK MYTTON (IRE), PARLOUR GAMES, WAR SOUND

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

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|-------------|------------------|
| 188 | Faugheen |
| 179 | Arctic Fire |
| 178 | My Tent Or Yours |
| 174 | The New One |
| 172 | Peace And Co |
| 171 | Nichols Canyon |
| 170 | Camping Ground |
| 169 | Top Notch |
| 168p | Identity Thief |
| 167 | Hargam |

The World Hurdle

Grade 1, £300,000 Total Prize Fund. 3.30pm, Thursday, March 17, 2016 three miles (2m 7f 213yds). For four-year-olds and upwards who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 10 - horses who are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 10 would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st 1lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 19, entries revealed January 21 (48 entries), scratchings' deadline February 16 (**34 remain**), £15,000 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 11, final declarations 10am, March 15. Maximum number of runners - 24.

| Horse | Age | Owner | Trainer |
|---------------------------------|-----|---|--------------------|
| ALPHA DES OBEAUX (FR) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Mouse Morris IRE |
| ANNIE POWER (IRE) | 8 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| AQALIM | 6 | Bloomfields | John Ferguson |
| AT FISHERS CROSS (IRE) | 9 | J P McManus | Rebecca Curtis |
| AUX PTITS SOINS (FR) | 6 | John Hales | Paul Nicholls |
| BOBS WORTH (IRE) | 11 | The Not Afraid Partnership | Nicky Henderson |
| CAMPING GROUND (FR) | 6 | G L Porter | Robert Walford |
| COLE HARDEN (IRE) | 7 | Jill Eynon & Robin Eynon | Warren Greatrex |
| COMMISSIONED (IRE) | 6 | Bloomfields | John Ferguson |
| DEDIGOUT (IRE) | 10 | Gigginstown House Stud | Tony Martin IRE |
| DEPUTY DAN (IRE) | 8 | Tim Syder | Oliver Sherwood |
| KILCOOLEY (IRE) | 7 | J H & S M Wall | Charlie Longsdon |
| KINGS PALACE (IRE) | 8 | Drew, George & Johnson Family | David Pipe |
| KNOCKARA BEAU (IRE) | 13 | Alistair Charlton | George Charlton |
| LIEUTENANT COLONEL | 7 | Gigginstown House Stud | Sandra Hughes IRE |
| LIL ROCKERFELLER (USA) | 5 | Davies Smith Govier & Brown | Neil King |
| MARTELLO TOWER (IRE) | 8 | Barry Connell | Mags Mullins IRE |
| MEDINAS (FR) | 9 | Mr & Mrs F D Bell | Alan King |
| MONKSLAND (IRE) | 9 | Patricia Hunt | Noel Meade IRE |
| MORE OF THAT (IRE) | 8 | J P McManus | Jonjo O'Neill |
| NICHOLS CANYON | 6 | Andrea & Graham Wylie | Willie Mullins IRE |
| NOBLE EMPEROR (IRE) | 8 | J P McManus | Tony Martin IRE |
| PRINCE OF SCARS (IRE) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| PURPLE BAY (IRE) | 7 | Bloomfields | John Ferguson |
| SAPHIR DU RHEU (FR) | 7 | The Stewart Family | Paul Nicholls |
| SILVINIACO CONTI (FR) | 10 | Potensis Bloodstock Ltd & Chris Giles | Paul Nicholls |
| SNOW FALCON (IRE) | 6 | Patricia Hunt | Noel Meade IRE |
| TAGLIETELLE | 7 | Olduvai Syndicate | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| THISTLECRACK | 8 | John and Heather Snook | Colin Tizzard |
| TIGER ROLL (IRE) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| UN TEMPS POUR TOUT (IRE) | 7 | Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew | David Pipe |
| VROUM VROUM MAG (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| WHISPER (FR) | 8 | Walters Plant Hire Ltd | Nicky Henderson |
| ZABANA (IRE) | 7 | Chris Jones | Andrew Lynch IRE |

34 entries remain following February 16 scratchings' deadline, 14 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING 14 HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

ACTIVIAL (FR), BITOFAPUZZLE, BRIAR HILL (IRE), DIAMOND KING (IRE), KAREZAK (IRE), MAXIMISER (IRE), PARLOUR GAMES, PTIT ZIG (FR), RED SHERLOCK, RENNETI (FR), SIMENON (IRE), THE GOVANESE, THIRD INTENTION (IRE), VALUE AT RISK

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

| | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 181 | More Of That |
| 180 | Annie Power |
| 178p | Thistlecrack |
| 175 | Dedigout |
| 174? | Whisper |
| 174 | Cole Harden |
| 173 | Un Temps Pour Tout |
| 173 | Kilcooley |
| 171 | Prince Of Scars |
| 171 | Nichols Canyon |
| 171 | Saphir Du Rheu |

The OLBG Mares' Hurdle

Grade 1, £100,000 Total Prize Fund. 4.10pm, Tuesday, March 15, two and a half miles (2m 3f 200y). For four-year-olds and upwards, fillies and mares. Weights: 4yo: 10st 10lb; 5yo+: 11st 5lb. Entries closed January 19, entries revealed January 21 (45 entries). Scratchings' deadline February 16 (**37 remain**), £5,000 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 9, final declarations 10am, March 13. Maximum number of runners – 24.

| Horse | Age | Owner | Trainer |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| ANNIE POWER (IRE) | 8 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| AUORE D'ESTRUAL (FR) | 6 | Carl Hinchy | Rebecca Curtis |
| BALLYCHORUS (IRE) | 7 | Barry Connell | Mags Mullins IRE |
| BITOFAPUZZLE | 8 | Potensis Bloodstock Ltd & Chris Giles | Harry Fry |
| BUTTERCUP (FR) | 5 | Boulton Brooks Ltd | Venetia Williams |
| DANCING MEADOWS (IRE) | 6 | D Charlesworth | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| DESERT QUEEN | 8 | The Jago Family Partnership | Harry Fry |
| DUBH EILE (IRE) | 8 | Paul Bowtell & Jonathan Shinton | Tim Vaughan |
| DUSKY LEGEND | 6 | Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes | Alan King |
| FAIRYTALE THEATRE (IRE) | 9 | Michael Fennessy | Dan Skelton |
| FLEMENTIME (IRE) | 8 | Figjam II | Martin Keighley |
| GITANE DU BERLAIS (FR) | 6 | Simon Munir/Isaac Souede | Willie Mullins IRE |
| JESSBER'S DREAM (IRE) | 6 | Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock Ltd | Harry Fry |
| KALANE (IRE) | 7 | Paul Murphy | Charlie Longsdon |
| KATIE TOO (IRE) | 5 | Mr & Mrs Christopher Harris | Alan King |
| KEPPOLS QUEEN (IRE) | 8 | Ms C O'Loughlin | Jessica Harrington IRE |
| LEGACY GOLD (IRE) | 8 | Roger Brookhouse | Stuart Crawford IRE |
| LILY WAUGH (IRE) | 9 | Go To War | Anthony Honeyball |
| MELBOURNE LADY | 8 | J Robb | Paddy Fegan IRE |
| MIA'S STORM (IRE) | 6 | The Maple Street Partnership | Alan King |
| MIDNIGHT JAZZ | 6 | Exors of the Late D Allen | Ben Case |
| MORELLO ROYALE (IRE) | 6 | Ann & Tony Gale | Colin Tizzard |
| MORNING RUN (IRE) | 7 | Henry Murphy | Willie Mullins IRE |
| PASS THE TIME | 7 | Dajam Ltd | Neil Mulholland |
| PETITE PARISIENNE (FR) | 5 | Gigginstown House Stud | Willie Mullins IRE |
| POLLY PEACHUM (IRE) | 8 | Lady Tennant & Robert Waley-Cohen | Nicky Henderson |
| ROCK ON THE MOOR (IRE) | 8 | Exors of the Late Steve Hemstock | Jessica Harrington IRE |
| RONS DREAM | 6 | Tania Stepney | Peter Bowen |
| SMART TALK (IRE) | 6 | Mrs J A Martin | Brian Ellison |
| STEPHANIE FRANCES (IRE) | 8 | Mandy Hall | Dan Skelton |
| TARA FLOW | 6 | Kate & Andrew Brooks | Venetia Williams |
| TARA POINT | 7 | Robin Geffen | Paul Nicholls |
| THE GOVANESS | 7 | C B Brookes | Dr Richard Newland |
| TWENTYTWO'S TAKEN (IRE) | 8 | K Alexander | David Pipe |
| VROUM VROUM MAG (FR) | 7 | Susannah Ricci | Willie Mullins IRE |
| WHISTLE DIXIE (IRE) | 6 | Gigginstown House Stud | Gordon Elliott IRE |
| WHITEOUT (GER) | 5 | David Lawlor | Willie Mullins IRE |

37 entries remain following February 16 scratchings' deadline
13 Irish-trained

THE FOLLOWING EIGHT HORSES HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED:

BLUE BUTTONS (IRE), BUCHE DE NOEL (FR), GROOVEJET, INTENSE TANGO, JENNYS MELODY (IRE), MOZO, MYZTIQUE (IRE), TOCORORO (IRE)

Timeform Ratings (Weight-Adjusted)

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 178 | Annie Power |
| 166 | Polly Peachum |
| 166 | Gitane Du Berlais |
| 165 | Bitofapuzzle |
| 165P | Vroum Vroum Mag |
| 159 | Aurore D'Estrual |
| 157 | Tara Point |
| 157 | Smart Talk |
| 156 | Desert Queen |
| 156 | The Govaness |
| 156 | Morning Run |