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Auteuil, 2 November 2003

Ground: Very Soft

3yo chase	4.1	
2m1.5f		
Star Glory		79
Bridge of Stars	2.5	78
Feroe	10.5	74
Mayev	15.5	72
Cyberko	16.5	72
Villezovitch	16.5	72
Melba des Aigles	26.5	67
Aubane *		F
(8 ran)		

Another chase for three year olds run at a decent pace. It's a shame the best hurdler of these, Aubane, fell. Cyberko, second in one of the divisions of the Prix Finot (17 September) has not progressed, and the colts' divisions of that race do not seem to have been as strong as usual this year.

3yo hurdle (Gr.I)	1.6	
2m2f		
Maia Eria		92
Kauto Star	10	87
Il Manifico	16	85
Kizit Lo	17.5	84
Turlyr	20.5	83
Positive Thinking	25.5	80
Mésange Royale	31.5	78
Psychée du Berlais	36.5	76
Tigre	38.5	75
Le Broadway	*	F
Géometre*		P
(11 ran)		

A decent renewal of this championship race. It will be interesting to see if the form holds up next spring; my suspicion is that Maia Eria is going to be hard to beat even assuming a fair amount of progress from those who finished behind her here. There are some nice young hurdlers just beginning their career, though, and it wouldn't surprise me to see one or two of those winning the big races in this age group next spring.

4yo hurdle (hcp)	4.3	
2m3.5f		
Dom Fontenail		78
Midi	0.75	78
Fils à Papa	6.75	75
Val Devie	7.5	75
La Niçoise	8	75
Lutin Vallis	11	74
Abioko	11	74
My Lady Link	17	71
Siamin	21	70
Bayokos	21.5	69
Perle de Puce	>21.5	<69
Dubliner	>21.5	<69
Port Villez	>21.5	<69

The Mirage	*	F
Mermoz du Berlais	*	F
Galopin de Baulieu	*	F
King Man	*	P
Erdeni	*	P
Dalkash	*	P
Salon	*	P
(20 ran)		

4yo chase (Gr.I)	2.7	
2m6f		
Ladykish		86
Loumie	1	86
Yanau Lapin	7	83
Hautclan	7	83
Prince des Ifs	9	83
Ice Mood	13	81
Royaleety	18	79
Gorfou de Maspie	dist	<72
Lutteur de Farges	dist	<72
Latitude	*	F
Compay	*	F
Lutin Ville	*	P
(12 ran)		

A good championship race. Ladykish was a good hurdler, has run well from a somewhat limited number of starts over fences, and it will be interesting to see where she goes next. Although trained by François Doumen, she's not an obvious candidate for races over here, being ineligible for novice events both over fences and hurdles.

If there are a couple who might be bought to run in novice chases this winter, they would be Yanau Lapin and Hautclan, both of whom ran fine races. The soft ground was blamed for the disappointing run by Prince des Ifs, while Ice Mood and Royaleety have run below expectations all autumn.

5yo+ hurdle (Gr.I)	6.0	
3m		
Katiki		70
Karly Flight	0.75	69
Great Love	8.75	67
Vic Toto	12.75	65
Phonidal	18.75	63
Oudry	28.75	60
Nom d'une Pipe	36.75	57
Royal Atalza	39.75	56
El Fuego	59.75	50
Arielle	*	P
Kimbi	*	P
Grand Match	*	P
La Dragonera	*	P
(13 ran)		

The enigmatic Katiki had apparently required the services of a horse psychologist to persuade him to start his race, and probably ran to his best here, enough to beat the out-of-form Karly Flight and a group of horses who are not quite good enough to win races of



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this class. Assuming his mental problems do not sideline his career for good, he'd have a tough time confirming himself as the top hurdler in France should the likes of Nickname and Ennemi d'État take him on next year.

Karly Flight has run her last race, and will now become a broodmare.

Great Love did nothing wrong here, but looks just short of being good enough to win championship hurdles, and has already failed once over fences.

3yo hurdle (hcp)	6.4	
2m2f		
Zonza	67	
Milord des Bordes	0	67
Baby du Rheu	4	66
Bavaro	6.5	64
Art Charentais	8	64
Special Jos	11	62
Le Roi Richard	21	58
Heaven Forbid	22	58
Salima des Aigles	dist	<49
Line Perle	*	P
Horizon de Toury	*	P
Orpheleeds	*	P
(12 ran)		

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3yo chase	8.5	
2m1f		
Manguier	57	
Glafkos (GR)	5	55
Crystal Dance	10	52
Ruben Bravo	30	43
Créatif	*	F
Martin Pêcheur	*	F
(6 ran)		

A straightforward win for Manguier with a couple of the principals falling.

3yo hurdle (colts)	6.5	
2m0.5f		
My Will	67	
Marquiset	0	67
Le Haut Anjou	1.5	66
Mig Well	1.5	66
Coach Gun	7.5	63
Si Anthony	15.5	59
Sailor's Wish	30.5	52
Tycoon's Wish	38.5	48
Méhari	*	P
(9 ran)		

4yo hurdle	2.1	
2m1.5f		
Jolivia	89	
Sweet Shareef	2	88

5yo+ chase	3.8	
2m6f		
Turkish Junior		80
Princelou	20	73
Espoir des Pyrénées	22	72
Hidalgo Royal	23.5	72
Pureden du Rocher	28.5	70
Sweet Lamber	30	70
Celtic Morinière	31	69
Soyeux de Beaufai	46	64
Mood Turk	*	F
Dustar	*	F
Royale Acadou	*	P
(11 ran)		

I like Turkish Junior, who annihilated this field - admittedly helped rather by yet another fall from the favourite Dustar. He's owned by one Bartabas, who runs the Zingaro equine circus based to the north of Paris, and who has quite a track record of doing well with other people's cast-offs; his horses have chased up Al Capone II a couple of times in the Prix La Haye-Jousselin, and I suspect that sooner or later he will land a big race. Realistically, Turkish Junior is going to need the absence of Line Marine and Kotkijet to do so though, as his subsequent running in the Prix Georges Courtois would suggest.

Comédie Divine	12	83
Bambi de l'Orme	12	83
Jameson du Berlais	18	81
King's Show	19.5	80
La Ville Mario	34.5	73
Just Joking	34.5	73
Prince Damelia	*	P
(9 ran)		

3yo chase (fillies)	7.1	
2m1f		
Loin de Moi		64
Denheb	6	61
Scarlock	6.75	61
Cartzagrouas	8.75	60
River Nam	10.25	59
Villemanzie	12.75	58
Monita des Bois	12.75	58
Oh Susannah	13.25	58
Innamorata	21.25	54
Adison	29.25	50
Kirtane Nonantaise	>29.25	<50
Miss Millenium	>29.25	<50
Silvazeyra	>29.25	<50
Pharliska	*	F
Morava	*	P
(15 ran)		

3yo hurdle (fillies)	5.5	
2m0.5f		
Mediévale		72



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Maikawa 10	67	
Jolie Lola	12	66
Contesse Morivière	14	65
Mosdane	14.75	65
Speed Crisellia	17.75	63
Myriade de Karius	18.5	63
Kosna	26.5	59
Halbina de Juilley	26.5	59
Buck's Beauty	26.5	59
Leamannix	>26.5	<59
Classic Deedee	>26.5	<59
Muse du Rieux	>26.5	<59
Niagara Pearl	>26.5	<59
Marie Éliane	*	P

(15 ran)

5yo+ hurdle (claimer) 5.9

2m2f, £6545		
Gypso de Lyse		70
Gulf Raider	0	70
Master Boy	0	70
Tabur	2.5	69
Héraklès	5.5	68
Kaid's Girl	5.5	68
Lacoroyale	5.5	68
Rivière de Fleurs	6	67
Kassiyán	6.5	67
Former Rascal	7.25	67
Jorky	>7.25	<67
Red Black	>7.25	<67
Petit Princequillo	>7.25	<67
Dream Seeker	>7.25	<67
La Brigantine	>7.25	<67
Freedom Fighter	>7.25	<67
Cyrien Morinière	>7.25	<67
Griffithhi	*	P
Symphonic Man	*	P
Nightwalker	*	F

(20 ran)

4yo chase 7.5

2m1f		
Valentin du Turf		62
L'Interprète	2	61
Saint Thomas	7	58
Fidelety	13	56
Nobystar	13.5	55
Turkoa	17.5	54
Empereur du Monde	22.5	51
Mon Zizou	24.5	50
Waldouma	26	50
Kala del Motte	28.5	48
Sisco Gyp	*	F

(11 ran)

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3yo hurdle (fillies) 3.2

2m2f

Psychée du Berlais		83
Kitka	2.5	82
Orcantara	4	82
Full of Birds	9	79
Mirage du Simbeu	12	78
Bleu d'Avril	13.5	77
Adria	17.5	76

(7 ran)

An interesting race, with Psychée du Berlais holding off three who showed up well in the Prix Finot, all of whom look guaranteed to win races this autumn or next spring.

3yo chase (claimer) 5.7

2m1.5f, £6545		
Melba des Aigles		71
Oh Susannah	0.75	71
Sybellius d'Artaix	3.25	70
Le Petit Faune	8.25	67
Villezovitch	13.25	65
Bacilly	21.25	61
Start Hollywood	41.25	52
Petit Owen	*	F
Royal Argent	*	F
Ziggy Stardost	*	P

(10 ran)

5yo+ hurdle (handicap) 4.7

2m4.5f		
Mandrin des Aigles		76
Klassic	1.5	75
Miss Cadine	7.5	73
Jingle Rose	9	73
Ipsos Vallis	9	73
Royal Standard	13	71
Curico	15	70
Philastre	16	70
Ballinasloe	17.5	69
Fou du Roy	19.5	68
Hurdle	>19.5	<68
Imtime	>19.5	<68
Pasgentry	>19.5	<68
Port Gentil	>19.5	<68
Roi d'Ouilly	>19.5	<68
Family Tree	>19.5	<68
Flying Tango	>19.5	<68
Tropical de Cuta	*	P
Pic Rouge	*	P

(19 ran)

An impressive performance from the top-of-the-handicap winner, though his trainer doesn't believe he is championship class (this was not the strongest of handicap hurdles, ratings-wise) and is not keen on running him from high weights in handicaps; a return to racing on the Flat beckons. A number of those chasing him home are better chasers than hurdlers.

5yo+ chase (amateurs) 6.6



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2m4.5f, £13091

Johnny's	66	
Kifill	1	66
Kukulcan	1.75	66
Jumièges	6.75	64
Royal Beaufort	10.75	62
Jemthou	10.75	62
Saint Par	20.75	58
Dear de Beaufai	26.75	56
Kadal Collonges	46.75	48
Bacchus du Berlais	*	F
Kalesso	*	F
Insolent de Cotte	*	P

(12 ran)

4yo hurdle (Gr.I) 4.3 2m4.5f

Nickname		78
Loumie	3	77
Katoune	4.5	76
Sphinx du Berlais	7	75
Ennemi d'État	11	74
Royal Speed	11.75	73
Nériette	12.25	73
Cheler	16.25	72
Homme du Bourg	19.25	71
Abioko	*	P

(10 ran)

Nickname put matters right after his surprise defeat last time out, and confirmed himself the best four year old hurdler in France. A very creditable performance by Loumie, who also finished runner-up in the chase championship the previous weekend.

Ennemi d'État was disappointing, but is still very inexperienced over hurdles compared with most of his opponents, and could yet be a force next year.

5yo+ chase (Gr.I) 1.3 3m3.5f

Batman Senora		93
Rougénoir	1.5	92
Kiléfou d'Airy	3	92
Urga	7	91
Sun Storm	9	90
Scandor	24	86
Idole des Fontaines	24.5	86
Cerilly	39.5	81
Hespoir d'Aurélié	*	B
Kotkijet	*	F
Kotkita	*	F
Sunny Flight	*	R
Paladin	*	P

(13 ran)

An incident-strewn race with a number of the favourites failing to complete, but resulting in (to my knowledge) the first British-trained chase winner at Auteuil since Mandarin, and the first British-trained winner of this prestigious race.

Batman Senora has a fine record in these championship contests, I think partly as his most fancied opponents have often failed to deliver, but he does still seem to be improving and has to be considered the real deal now. Ian Williams will run him in England over fences this winter, but is targeting the Grand Steeplechase de Paris with the Grand National as another possibility, which would appear to rule him out of the Gold Cup picture.

I'd been concerned that the veteran Rougénoir does not really stay this trip, but that doesn't seem to be the case. He could manage another big race win next spring, but would need to avoid genuine top-class horses to do so.

Kiléfou d'Airy seems to have been reluctant on the run-in; that aside, this was a very creditable effort and he has to enter championship calculations next year.

Sun Storm needs a drop in class and this sort of distance, which he is not going to get in France. He'd make an interesting Grand National entry.

Kotkijet fell far too early to say how he might have fared, but Kotkita was in the process of running a big race when coming down. This sort of trip seems to suit her, and she could well be even better next year.

4yo chase 5.1

2m4.5f		
Golden Flight		74
Sleeping Jack	0.75	74
Crystolo	2.75	73
Le Sicyos	3.5	73
Lulumar	3.5	73
Latitude	23.5	65
Lucky Fast	33.5	61
Minor Bihan	41.5	58
L'Orée d'Estruval	*	P
Tenderal	*	P

(10 ran)

3yo hurdle, £12468 7.2

2m2f		
Mill Sabords		63
River Charm	2.5	62
Fabrizio	7.5	60
Rosemauve	8.25	60
Mossman	12.25	58
Seder Pessah	16.25	56
L'Escompteur	17	56
Botador	19	55
Generous Apple	23	53
Pour Dol	23	53
Géometre	>23	<53
Good Bocs	>23	<53
Sworovski	>23	<53
Timanfay	>23	<53
Gwen March	>23	<53



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Sober Song	>23	<53
Meryl	*	F
San Martino	*	F
Tarque	*	F
(19 ran)		

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3yo hurdle (claimer, colts) 7.7
2m, £6545

True Mariner		61
Canagoon	1.5	60
Great Day	4	59
Endiable	6.5	58
Myborg de Sivola	8.5	57
Roy de Sou	9.25	56
Apple Gold	10.75	56
Sky Road	12.75	55
Dom Toscanini	20.75	51
Grand Jeu	*	P
Sept Mars Deux Mil	*	P
(11 ran)		

4yo hurdle	4.7	
2m2f, £14338		
Lasecco	76	
Say Say	0.5	76
Knock Down	0.5	76
Really Royale	0.5	76
Heavenly Wings	15.5	69
Palieter	19.5	67
Top Snob*	P	
(7 ran)		

4yo chase (claimer)	7.4	
2m2f, £6545		
Lutin des Bordes		63
Dianica	4	61
My Lady Link	4.75	61
Cent Prime	19.75	54
Roi Mage	22.25	53
Livret Bleu	30.25	49
Suzi	*	F
Beypassac	*	F
Grapelli	*	P
Du Calme	*	P
Mayreaux	*	P
Waldouma	*	P
(12 ran)		

4yo+ hurdle	4.3	
2m2f		
Foreman	78	
Baléare	1	78
Jameson du Berlais	3.5	77
Exit Sud	6	76
On Y Va	6	76
Solarius	12	73
Worldson	16	71
Barents Sea	17.5	70

Sharp and Happy	20.5	69	
Empereur du Monde	*		P
(10 ran)			

Foreman, now owned by JP McManus, is likely to be back on track for Cheltenham next March. He would not have had to have been at his best to win this, though the runner-up is useful.

Barents Sea hasn't been out for a long while, but was a distinctly useful hurdler in his younger days.

5yo+ chase	6.9	
2m1.5f, £13091		
Gypso de Lyse		65
Echo des Mottes	5	63
Bénin	7.5	62
Petit Princequillo	12.5	59
Speed Burry	14	59
Joucas	15.5	58
Anikosya	18	57
Frissimo	28	52
Didi de Baune	31	51
Jones	41	46
Kadistar	>41	<46
(11 ran)		

Gypso de Lyse, recording his second course win in five days, is clearly enjoying life at the moment.

3yo hurdle (claimer, fillies)	7.7	
2m, £6545		
Adre Naline		61
Saloria	4	59
Pretty Palm	4	59
Julia is the Best	6	58
Maka Roua	8	57
Danse du Loup	11	56
Princess Morgane	17	53
Mepa	18	52
L'Avocate	28	47
Marie Éliane	dist	<37
Orpheleeds	dist	<37
Mamijo	dist	<37
Royale Revue	dist	<37
Myriade de Karius	*	F
(14 ran)		

4yo chase	3.6	
2m3f, £13091		
Luneray	81	
Lys du Moulin Mas		2.5 80
Lys d'Oudairies	3.25	80
Louping d'Ainay	8.25	78
Le Clan Normand	9.75	77
Le Châtelier	10.75	77
Locoal	11.5	76
Lerubis	13.5	76
Lieu Dit de Sivola	18.5	73
Lingot de l'Isle	28.5	69
Le Duc d'Anzy	>28.5	<69



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Lutin du Moulin	>28.5	<69	
Lac Major	>28.5	<69	
Lys d'Estruval	*	F	
Lys d'Aron	*	P	
Lia des Obeaux	*	P	
Logiciel de Condé	*	P	
Littoral	*	P	
Lyphover de Vonnas	*		P

(19 ran)

Auteuil, 16 November 2003

Ground: Holding

3yo hurdle (fillies) 5.0

1m7f, £13091

Ryde	75		
Madame Stella	0.75	74	
Iriana	1.25	74	
Ma Royale	6.25	71	
Reine de Sabot	6.25	71	
Gâtine	10.25	69	
Madrika	15.75	66	
Cyborria	16	66	
Nikotina	24	62	
Fulgurance	*		P
Bleu d'Avril	*		P

(11 ran)

Ryde had been doing well in better races, but doesn't look like becoming top-class, which puts the form here in perspective.

3yo hurdle (colts) 6.6

1m7f, £13091

Indian White		67	
Key West Road	0	67	
Le Haut Anjou	1	66	
Mon Ami Jean Paul	6		63
Good Bocs	6.5	63	
Ruby Crack	11.5	61	
Méhari	12	60	
Bento	20	56	
Aklow	26	53	
Makaho de la Roque		28.5	51
Vin d'Anjou	>28.5	<51	

(11 ran)

Although not the fastest-run of races, the first three home look useful and would be worth keeping an eye open for next spring.

3yo chase (Gr.II) 4.1

2m1.5f

Cyrlight	79		
Star Glory	6	76	
Feroé	14	72	
Cartzagrouas	24	68	
Martin Pêcheur	25.5	67	
El Maestro	40.5	60	
Manguier*	F		

(7 ran)

This looked an above-par running of the Prix Congress, with Cyrlight deservedly being crowned champion three year old chaser. He will have a hard task retaining his place at the head of the chase ratings next year, but looks better equipped than the typical winner of this race would be.

Manguier came to grief at the same fence that his stable's Saint des Saints did a couple of years back in this race. His profile is not dissimilar but he doesn't appear to be quite in that one's league, even if his poor run next time out is ignored.

5yo+ chase (hcp) 3.3

2m5.5f

Royal Atalza		83	
Janville	10	79	
For Pasquini	10.75	79	
Dark Steel	13.75	78	
Sweet Lamber	15.75	77	
Kais Rose	16.5	77	
Iper Noir	17.5	77	
Pureden du Rocher	25.5	74	
Kidimo	45.5	66	
Espoir des Pyrénées		53.5	63
Celtic Morinière	*		P
Jemthou	*		P
Kayseri	*		P
Inès Trémis	*		P
Carmarthen Junior	*		P
Diamond du Roi	*		P

(16 ran)

Royal Atalza, who'd been having a fruitless time mixing it with the best over hurdles, was suited by the drop in class, but it will prove difficult to place him in handicaps and he's given no real sign that he is up to competing with the better chasers.

Janville is thoroughly consistent, but keeps finding one or two too good for him.

4yo hurdle (fillies) 5.1

2m2f

Perle de Puce		74	
Licara d'Airy	0.5	74	
La Niçoise	0.5	74	
Really Royale	0.5	74	
Royale Acadou	4.5	72	
La Ragoterie	8.5	70	
Comédie Divine	23.5	64	
L'Esméralda	38.5	57	
Madrid	58.5	48	
Lili Rochelaise	*		P
La Mongolfière	*		P
Loida	*		P
Gazelle de Beaufai	*		P

(13 ran)

5yo+ hurdle 3.9

2m4.5f, £13091



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Saint Réalisé		80
Saute au Bois	6	77
Ilians de Juilley	7	77
Crylza Royal	9	76
Finisterre 11.5	75	
Arielle 19.5	72	
Lost Dream	19.5	72
Magnus 34.5	66	
Cyrien Morinière	dist	0
Epson *	P	
Jabiru d'Oudairies *	P	P
Pascalo *	P	
(12 ran)		

The horse finishing out the back in what was a pretty decent looking field was THE Magnus of Coral Cup 2002 fame (there's a Magnus(GB) doing the rounds at Auteuil as well), still owned by David Johnson but with his old trainer Jacques Ortet trying to get his career back on track. He'd been entered up in numerous races since the spring, but this was his first appearance since disappointing over fences last autumn. His subsequent start at Bordeaux was no improvement on this, and the conclusion has to be that all is not right with him at present.

4/5yo chase (fillies)	2.5	
2m2.5f, £13091		
Kario de Sormain	87	
L'Ame Soeur	6	85
La Cyrienne	8.5	83
Liste en Tête	11.5	82
Lila 26.5	76	
Klarine 41.5	69	
Kassala 44.5	68	
Lady de Vesvre	61.5	61
Kermesse*	F	
L'Ottima *	F	
Li Moise *	P	
Katy Collonges *	P	P
(12 ran)		

Probably a better race than expected for the prize-money, with the second and fourth being stepped up in class on their next start.

4yo hurdle (claimer)	8.4	
2m3.5f, £6545		
Galopin de Baulieu	58	
Atila de l'Orme	10	54
Dalkash 10	54	
Maracaibo	10.75	53
King Man	13.75	52
Monyoka 18.75	50	
Risk Magic	33.75	44
Perlie Bleu	*	F
Ludomar *	P	
Lune de Beaulieu *	P	P
(10 ran)		

Fairly easy for Galopin de Baulieu, who'd run respectably in much better races than this.

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Ground: Holding		
3yo chase	6.1	
2m1f, £13091		
Rigoureux		69
Loin de Moi	4	67
Monita des Bois	6.5	66
Barramundi	9.5	65
Denheb	11.5	64
Créatif	13.5	63
Oh Susannah	23.5	58
(7 ran)		

Rigoureux had the form to reach the frame in the Prix Congress, but ran here in preference after being beaten conclusively by Cylright earlier on. This wasn't a bad race, with a few of these having run at a high level over hurdles.

3yo hurdle	3.8	
2m1.5f		
Horizon de Toury		80
Tarque	0	80
Le Seychellois	10	76
Altesse de Sou	15	73
Inya	15	73
Royal Internet	25	69
Maletton	40	62
Snulex	50	57
Madoune du Butel	60	53
Line Perle	*	P
Bébé Nageur	*	P
Le Roi Richard	*	P
Zadalko *	P	
Sassant l'Orage	*	P
(14 ran)		

An ordinary race but a decent time and the front two may be capable of winning in better company; Tarque has not exactly been consistent, but has suggested before that he has ability.

4yo hurdle	4.4	
2m2f		
Al Tip	78	
Lamberline	5	75
Tybou	8	74
Moissac	12	72
Latzod'alm	14	71
Sky Secret	18	70
Barelkin	24	67
Little Brick	24.5	67
Royal Yasmina	32.5	63
Guerre Froide	34.5	62
Tango du Lia	>34.5	<62
Ayidawedo	>34.5	<62
Lou Babière	*	F
Lettre d'Estruval	*	P
Le Couesnon	*	P



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Été Indien * P
Effektor * P
Well Done Clare * P
(18 ran)

A big field and a fair pace. The winner Al Tip, who has followed up since, was having only her second start over hurdles, and more is sure to be heard of her.

3yo hurdle (Gr.II) 3.8
2m1.5f
Psychée du Berlais 80
Liverpool Echo 2.5 79
Aaly Star 7.5 77
Il Manifico 10 76
Mésange Royale 14 74
Prince des Brumes 15.5 73
Fighter Cat 15.5 73
Positive Thinking 18 72
Médiévale dist <63
Tigre dist <63
Zonza * P
Fiumincino * P
(12 ran)

Psychée du Berlais, who won a good race at Auteuil last time, built on that here with her biggest success to date. She's hardly lightly-raced and has something to find compared with Maia Eria, but does still appear to be improving.

The two to chase her home have rather less experience and are both progressing well.

The soft ground may be against Positive Thinking, who has been a little disappointing of late.

5yo+ chase 5.4
2m3f
Hurkash 73
Solarius 1 72
Samson 9 69
Cehix des Mottes 10 68
Stenborg 15 66
Secret World 15 66
Katudy 23 63
Sebstar 23.5 63
La Brigantine 33.5 58
Bekalas du Tao 35.5 58
Iechyd Da >35.5 <58
Impérial de l'Écu * P
Kaid's Girl * P
Akhella de Sou * P
(14 ran)

5yo+ hurdle (claimer) 7.1
2m2f, £6545
King Bold 64
Gypso de Lyse 3 63
Master Boy 8 61

Gulf Raider 8.5 60
Freedom Fighter 8.5 60
Jameel 14.5 58
Patterson 17 57
Loi Martiale 19 56
Spur Bering 22 54
Royale Madadoue 30 51
Glucose >30 <51
Miss Dab >30 <51
Jansky >30 <51
Short Silver >30 <51
Dream Seeker >30 <51
Petit Duo >30 <51
Éclair d'Opale >30 <51
Si Royal >30 <51
Héraklès * P
(19 ran)

4/5yo chase (mares) 7.5
2m1f, £13091
Fidelety 62
Liesse de Marbeuf 0.5 62
Famulan 4.5 60
My Lady Link 9.5 58
Rylara des Brosses 12 56
Chantoue Royale 17 54
Lili Valley 18 54
Primadona 24 51
Anikosya 27 49
Dona Honoria 33 46
Kamilla >33 <46
Waldouma >33 <46
Us et Coutumes * P
(13 ran)

Auteuil, 23 November 2003

Ground: Very Soft

5yo+ chase 3.9
2m5.5f
Turkish Junior 80
Princelou 1.5 79
Grand Cyborg 4 78
Turgot 8 77
Kélami 14 75
Green Turf 24 71
Echo des Mottes 29 69
Boisnoir * F
(8 ran)

A good race with a couple of former Grade I winners in Turgot and Boisnoir, though neither look to be nearly as good as they once were. Turkish Junior was given a bit more to do this time.

3yo hurdle (Gr.III hcp) 1.8
2m2f
Baby du Rheu 91
River Charm 10 86



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Fighter Cat	15	84
Ecolomaniac	16.5	83
Key West Road	24.5	80
Barramundi	27.5	78
Seder Pessah	30.5	77
Milord des Bordes *		F
Pak Jack *		F
Manguier*		P
(10 ran)		

This is a particularly valuable handicap with some very high-class winners in the recent past. It attracted a much smaller field than usual, but it was a high-class race, and the comfortable winner is definitely one to note for next season. River Charm, too, stepped up noticeably on previous form.

4yo hurdle (hcp)	3.6		
2m2f			
Jameson du Berlais		82	
Starting Line	4	80	
La Niçoise	5.5	79	
Pouchka Cat's	7	79	
Atila de l'Orme	9	78	
Abioko	9	78	
Lis Royal	10	77	
Allston	14	76	
Dom Fontenail	16	75	
Minor Bihan	17.5	74	
Le Clan Normand	>17.5	<74	
Empereur du Monde	>17.5	<74	<74
Siamin	>17.5	<74	
Midi	>17.5	<74	
Say Say	>17.5	<74	
Lutin Vallis	>17.5	<74	
Fils à Papa	>17.5	<74	
Sweet Shareef	>17.5	<74	
Sylver Boy	*	P	
Val Devie	*	P	
(20 ran)			

A slower race than the three year olds' handicap over the same distance earlier, though a fine win for Jameson du Berlais off top weight. He's been inconsistent to say the least but has shown bits of form in top-class races.

4yo chase (Gr.II)	3.7		
2m4.5f			
Golden Flight		81	
Loumie	0	81	
Black Majesty	8	78	
Hautclan	16	75	
Liste en Tête	21	73	
L'Ame Soeur	26	71	
Macao	32	68	
Sleeping Jack	52	61	
Loup Brave	*	F	
Yanau Lapin	*	F	
(10 ran)			

A race that numbers Banjo, Eudipe and Sleeping Night amongst its winners, and the Macaire-trained winner (who ran here last winter) is one to note should he visit this season. He's still eligible for novice chases, and ought to win without too much difficulty if not given too hard a task, but would look to need to improve a bit to be a realistic Cheltenham contender.

5yo+ hurdle (Gr.II)	4.5		
2m4.5f			
Great Love		77	
El Fuego	0	77	
Vic Toto	2	76	
Nom d'une Pipe	7	74	
Turnium	8.5	74	
Oudry	14.5	71	
Prince Dolois	18.5	70	
Cerilly	20	69	
Tiger Groom	22.5	68	
Katiki	*	P	
(10 ran)			

With Katiki returning to his deranged worst and Karly Flight absent this may not have taken much winning, and the proximity of the eleven year old runner-up without a win at this level before further indicates the class in this race. The winner is young and consistent, and at least theoretically capable of improving further, so is the one most likely to do well next year from this field.

El Fuego has been around for years, being a very good handicapper in his younger days, and has placed before often enough at this level; though likeable and consistent, he is obviously not getting any better at his age.

Vic Toto, who once threatened to be a hurdling star, has been generally disappointing for François Doumen this autumn. He does, however, seem to be creeping back towards something like his best form.

3yo hurdle	4.8		
1m7f			
Millenium Royal		76	
Meryl	8	71	
Nyrche	8.75	71	
Fabrizio	11.25	70	
Prévor	12	69	
Pour Dol	17	66	
Chef du Turf	18	66	
Métronome	22	64	
Josefine du Bourg	26	62	
San Martino	36	56	
Crack d'Ahuille	>36	<56	
Nikotina	*	F	
Aslan	*	F	
Niagara Pearl	*	F	
Persy des Mottes	*	P	
Great Shaka	*	P	
(16 ran)			

Millenium Royal is the sort of horse Doumen will bring over for



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one of the supporting hurdles at somewhere like Kempton or Ascot; it's not impossible that he would make a Festival contender though he has some way to go as yet.

4yo chase	8.0		
2m1.5f, £14338			
Crystolo	60		
Bambi de l'Orme	1.5	59	
Lyphover de Vonnas	2		59
Mon Zizou	3.5	58	
Mimisky	5.5	57	
Song of War	10.5	55	
Tenderal	25.5	48	
Easter Bunny	33.5	44	
Compay	41.5	41	
Le Sicyos	*	F	
Charter Jack	*	F	
(11 ran)			

Crystolo had finished third to Golden Flight last time so was doing what was expected of him in this company.

Auteuil, 26 November 2003

Ground: Holding

3yo chase (fillies)	5.4		
2m1.5f, £13091			
Scarlock	73		
Cartzagrouas	1.5	72	
Melba des Aigles	3	71	
River Nam	3.75	71	
Denheb	3.75	71	
Caline Grace	11.75	67	
Miss Millenium	13.75	66	
Adison	21.75	63	
(8 ran)			

5yo+ hurdle (handicap)	0.9		
2m2f, £27760			
Klassic	95		
Phonidal	1.5	94	
Royal Standard	7.5	92	
Tropical de Cuta	12.5	89	
Royal Bric	14	89	
Jingle Rose	19	87	
Worldson	20.5	86	
Philastre	40.5	77	
Familly Tree	42.5	76	
King Bold	*	P	
Mandrin des Aigles	*	P	P
El Paradiso	*	P	
Imtime	*	P	
Baby Town	*	P	
Glucose	*	P	
Nightwalker	*	P	
(16 ran)			

A strongly-run handicap on the testing ground, with the field finishing well strung out.

5yo chase	5.8		
2m2.5f, £13091			
Royal Beaufort			71
Kourtroom	2.5		70
Karouba	12.5	65	
Prima de Vaige	13.5	65	
Kiwi du Montceau	18.5	63	
Kadal Collonges	22.5	61	
Saint Par *	F		
Éclair d'Opale	*		R
Kiroyal *	P		
(9 ran)			

3yo hurdle (claimer, fillies)	8.0		
2m2f, £6545			
Mamijo	59		
Danse de Loup	2	59	
Mepa	22	50	
Divine Royale	27	47	
Maka Roua	28	47	
Morava	43	40	
L'Avocate	53	36	
Sassant l'Orange	*	P	
Mousme *	P		
Crickette River	*	P	
(10 ran)			

5yo+ chase (mares)	4.0		
2m2.5f, £13091			
Inès Trémis			79
Belle Plume	4	78	
Milarepa	6	77	
Famulan	10	75	
Akthella de Sou	20	71	
Royale Acadou	23	69	
La Brigantine	29	67	
Six Royal*	F		
La Ragoterie	*	P	
(9 ran)			

3yo hurdle (claimer, colts)	8.9		
2m2f, £6545			
Sky Road	55		
Botador	5	53	
Le Petit Faune	10	51	
Great Day	14	49	
Green Prospect	15.5	48	
Roy de Sou	18.5	47	
Myborg de Sivola	33.5	40	
Rosen Black	35	39	
True Mariner	disq	?	
Endiable *	F		
Bleu Gris*	F		
Vin d'Anjou	*	P	
North Times	*	P	
(13 ran)			

4yo chase (claimer)	7.6		
2m1.5f, £6545			



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My Lady Link		61
Le Beyssac	2.5	60
Livret Bleu	2.5	60
Lerubis	8.5	57
King Man	18.5	53
Beypassac	23.5	51
Roi Mage	29.5	48
Classic Movies	37.5	44
Mayreaux	39	43
Suzi	41.5	42
Galopin de Baulieu	*	F
Du Calme	*	P
Rosko	*	P
Jeannot Photo	*	P

(14 ran)

5yo+ hurdle (handicap) 4.0
2m2f, £10597

Espoir des Pyrénées		79
Sebstar	8	76
Ballinasloe	9	75
Saddler's Times	9	75
Pasgentry	19	71
Sainvichoise	19.5	71
Lacoroyale	39.5	62
Jameel	45.5	59
True Lovely	*	P

(9 ran)

enghien-soisy, 28 November 2003

Ground: Holding

3yo chase (claimer) 4.7

2m1f, £6545		
Sybellius d'Artaix		76
My Miss	3	74
Pharliska	5.5	73
Bacilly	11.5	70
Start Hollywood	14	69
Ruben Bravo	*	F
Bunyip	*	P
Aldobrandi	*	P

(8 ran)

3yo hurdle (colts) 4.8

2m1.5f, £12468		
Nagging		75
Le Seychellois	2	75
Rigoureux	6	73
Le Haut Anjou	8.5	72
Mondor	9.25	71
Mably de Chadzeau	11.25	70
Terenez	13.25	69
Cyberko	23.25	65
County Boy	27.25	63
Special Jos	30.25	62
Good Bocs	>30.25	<62
Méli Mélo	*	P

(12 ran)

A decent race for the prize-money, with the first and third already having proved themselves over fences.

3yo hurdle (fillies) 6.6

2m1.5f, £12468		
Saloria		66
Speed Crisellia	2.5	65
Contesse Morivière	5.5	64
Adre Naline	9.5	62
Bronnsa	12	61
Maikawa	12	61
Altesse de Sou	12.75	60
Cyclosporine	20.75	57
Fulgurance	21.25	57
Milady Cateline	41.25	47
Sunrise Bed	*	F
Jolie Lola	*	P
Mosdane	*	P
Shalakotte	*	P
Mediévale	*	P
Merci Pour Tout	*	P

(16 ran)

4yo chase 4.2

2m3f, £13091		
L'Interprète		79
Lord Carmont	1	78
Sir Thomas	3.5	77
Mercelin	5.5	76
Lys d'Oudairies	6.25	76
Really Royale	7.25	76
Lys du Moulin Mas	22.25	69
Prince Damelia	*	P
Besatome	*	P
Le Phénomène	*	P
Comédie Divine	*	P
La Niçoise	*	P
Tago Less	*	P

(13 ran)

The winner was a useful hurdler who had struggled to adapt to fences on his previous runs. He's capable of doing better.

4yo+ hurdle (Gr.II) 7.1

2m3f, £32143		
Norherntown		64
Nom d'une Pipe	3	63
Stodoum	9	60
Baléare	9.5	60
Sphinx du Berlais	17.5	57
Barents Sea	19.5	56
Jameson du Berlais	21	55
Exit Sud	27	53
Fools Rush In	37	48
Percent Premium	37.75	48
Foreman	*	F
Katiki	*	L



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(12 ran)

Northerntown, winner of the big chase here at Enghien on his previous start, did the double here, though he was helped considerably by the fall of Foreman and Katiki refusing to race again.

This is the only Group race where four year olds can compete against their elders, and they often do well in it, but this year's representation was comparatively weak.

4yo hurdle (claimer) 6.2
2m1.5f, £6545

Dianica	69	
Erdeni 6	66	
Lune de Beaulieu 8	65	
Emir Baby 8	65	
Cent Prime 11	64	
L'Esméralda 21	59	
Kendew 25	57	
King's Feast 35	53	
Tiksi *	F	
L'Éraudière *	F	
Primadona *	F	
Léon de Froment *	P	
Monyoka *	P	
Waldouma *	P	
Sparten Sparkle *	P	
Ayidawedo *	P	
Noll de Guerne *	P	

(17 ran)

5yo+ chase 8.9

2m1.5f, £6545		
Gypso de Lyse	55	
Freedom Fighter 3	53	
Gaiac 7	52	
Carmarthen Junior 10	50	
Bénin 10	50	
Le Layon 13	49	
Rivière de Fleurs 13	49	
Petit Princequillo 15.5	48	
Patterson 16.25	47	
Didi de Baune 26.25	43	
Vahopoto >26.25	<43	
Jones >26.25	<43	
Kiwi d'Estruval *	P	
Karful *	P	
Kaid's Girl *	P	
Early Days *	P	
Kaprio de Re *	P	
Si Royal *	P	

(18 ran)

Auteuil, 30 November 2003

Ground: Heavy

4yo hurdle (fillies) 5.4
2m2f, £15584

Al Tip	73	
Lucia Santa	1	72
Liesse de Marbeuf 4	71	
Loucessita	7	69
Johelle	10	68
Kiluti 18	65	
Nina Eria *	F	
Rescad *	P	

(8 ran)

4yo chase 4.9

2m4.5, £15584		
Lulumar	75	
Massac	5	73
Lac Major	5.75	73
Lila	11.75	70
L'Ami	14.25	69
Locoal	29.25	63
Lyphover de Vonnas	*	F
Lord Mirande	*	F
Lutin du Moulin	*	F
Lerubis	*	P
Lalexandre	*	P

(11 ran)

3yo hurdle 5.8

2m2f, £14026		
Kizit Lo	70	
Pour Dol 6	68	
Iriana 6.5	67	
Rosemauve	6.5	67
Bolchoi Star	10.5	66
Fabrizio 14.5	64	
San Martino	17	63
Mon Ami Jean Paul	21	61
Escompteur	21	61
Mill Sabords	27	58
Mehari	>27	<58
Milord des Bordes	>27	<58
Kaprun	*	F
Colonel Glad	*	P
Zadalko	*	P
Géometre*	P	

(16 ran)

5yo+ chase (handicap) 3.5

2m5.5f, £23377		
Sweet Lamber		82
Gignol 3	81	
Samson 3	81	
Kais Rose	4	80
Miss Cadine	6.5	79
Iryntzau d'Airy	7	79
Hurkash 7	79	
Janville 8.5	79	
Insolent de Cotte	23.5	73
Jorje de Boizel	*	F
Johnny's *	P	
Kukulcan*	P	



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Bacchus du Berlais *	P
Jasper Do *	P
Dark Steel *	P
Izmir du Cosquet *	P
Kuchuk Hanem *	P
Jasmin Collonges *	P
Herculanum *	P
Art Stones *	P
(20 ran)	

The testing ground took its toll; the winner has a habit of popping up from time to time in this sort of race.

5yo+ chase (Gr.II) 2.1		
2m6f, £51136		
Kotkijet	89	
Turkish Junior	6	87
Kiléfou d'Airy	8	86
Saint Réalisé	9.5	85
Idole des Fontaines	13.5	84
Urga	13.5	84
Rougénoir	18.5	82
Princelou	22.5	81
Hidalgo Royal	37.5	75
Joseille	*	F
Sun Storm	*	P
Scandor	*	P
(12 ran)		

Kotkijet, back to his best, won as he ought to here. It's a very long time indeed since he was last beaten, and it should be quite a race when he takes on Line Marine next year. Turkish Junior put himself in the reckoning for top-class races with this performance - provided he can avoid the winner.

4yo hurdle	4.5	
2m2f, £16208		
Empereur du Monde		77
Restidor	2.5	76
La Cyrienne	4	75
Royal Away	19	69
Rylara des Brosses	23	67
Song of War	29	64
Nicaragua	*	F
Loving Guard	*	P
L'Orée d'Estruval	*	P
Mimisky *	P	
King Man	*	P
(11 ran)		

Empereur du Monde, who won both the big juvenile handicap hurdles last autumn, had not shown much form on his couple of runs this autumn, but this looks far more promising. It could be that the heavy ground was a help.

5yo+ hurdle	3.3	
2m3.5f, £11221		
Sunny Flight		83
Ibycos	4	81
Astonville	8	79
Lost Dream	8.75	79
First Gold	10.25	79
Finisterre	15.25	77
Commendatore	17.25	76
Darastan	20.25	74
Holiday Light	24.25	73
Grand Vizir	30.25	70
Lucky d'Ange	>30.25	<70
Kario de Sormain	>30.25	<70
Harmonium	>30.25	<70
Kurasso Bleu	>30.25	<70
Benfield	*	F
Cyrien Morinière	*	F
Iliak des Ormeaux	*	P
Governor du Moulin	*	P
Le Mambo	*	P
Sadr	*	P
(20 ran)		

There were four winners of Group races over fences in this, all with wins at over three miles; obviously, given the distance and prize-money on offer here, it was hardly the main target of the year for any of them.