

OneToJump2003

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Horses to follow for the 2002/2003 National Hunt Season by ^ . t . h . e . . r . o . o . k . ~

FOREWORD

Since the end of the last season, The Rook has been sifting through the formbook/sales returns for horses to follow this season. This year the list comprising runners trained in Britain, Ireland, Italy France, Germany, and the Czech Republic and includes horses that raced in these countries, as well as Australia, The U.A.E, New Zealand and Argentina.

As usual the list large as we feel it helps to have a 'core' of horses to keep an eye on. We have had to leave some out, but will include them as and when in our FUTURE WINNERS feature during the winter

WHY SUCH A LARGE LIST?

The list is really intended to cover (at least) a twelve-month period, rather than a quick return although some of the horses highlighted have done exactly that. We find it pays to start off with a central 'core' of horses to watch out for, rather than having to try and remember how a horse has performed.

The format is as much as the same as is recent years. We have avoided as many of the big names of jumping, as we could mainly because we all know who they are, and they usually offer very little in the way of betting opportunities (...besides you'll get hundreds of similar features who will offer you these horses!!)

That isn't to say that we don't think they will do well, and our hopes for them will be expressed on the website in our 'FEATURE MEETINGS' reviews, or on the 'CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL' page. There are a couple of exceptions, however don't think it odd, that you will not find ROOSTER BOOSTER, HOR LA LOI III, MALBOROUGH, LIKE-A-BUTTERFLY, DAVENPORT MILENIUM, BEST MATE or EDREDON BLEU amongst this year's offering.

We don't expect these to win all of the time, but we hope they are capable of performing solidly during the season. It is worth having a look in the NATIONAL HUNT, or 'RECOMMENDED BETS' sections to see when we are most keen on their chances.

The list of horses have been placed into the following sections

- (1)-- Bumper Horses
- (2)-- Hurdlers - 3-Year-Olds
- (3)-- Hurdlers - Novices 4-Year-Olds +
- (4)-- Hurdlers - Handicappers
- (5)-- Hurdlers - Championship Class?
- (6)-- Steeplechasers - 3-Year-Olds
- (7)-- Steeplechasers - Novices 4-Year-Olds +
- (8)-- Steeplechasers - Handicappers
- (9)-- Steeplechasers - Championship Class?
- (10)-- Point-To-Pointers & Hunter Chasers

We hope you find this list of some use.

BUMPER HORSES _ (Three-Year-Olds)

(1)-- CONROY :>-

b, g. Greensmith - Highland Spirit

| The Trainer |:>- Frank Jordan

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- One of the late entrants in the list, Conroy makes this list by virtue of a promising effort in an E.B.F. 'Junior' Standard Open National Hunt Flat Race earlier in the week at Newbury on Wednesday, where he

travelled sweetly on the outside of field before staying on at one pace to finish fourth, only 10lengths behind the winner Enitsag. This experience will do win the world of good and he could be capable of winning a similar event before the end of the season.

(2)-- DOM BEYSSAC (FR) :>-

gr, g. Beyssac - Lessons in Love

| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I noted that Venetia Williams bought this grey son of Beyssac at GOFFS France's July sale. He is unraced and is more likely to appear in a bumper next year than over hurdles.... hopefully he'll show some promise in that sphere.

(3)-- LOUP (FR) :>-

b, c. Cyborg (FR) - Quintessence (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I've been waiting for this one to appear since purchasing the '01 version of Horses in Training. Loup is a full-brother to Hors La Loi III, and showed plenty of promise in an AQPS Flat race at Fontainebleau finishing second. Hopefully he can go on to win a race or two on the level this term before going onto better things next season.

(4)-- LYS D'ESTRIVAL (FR) :>- ,

b, g. Lute Antique - Ruse d'Estrival (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Lys D'Estrival is an unraced son of Lute Antique who was bought by Venetia Williams at GOFFS' summer sale in July. He has a chaser's pedigree so I doubt that he'll be rush this term - look out for him in a bumper next year.

(5)-- MILLE ET UNE NUITS (FR) :>-

b, f. Ecologist - Migre (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Miss Kelly Marks

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Mille Et Une Nuits is an unraced daughter of Ecologist out of a dam who has produced nine winning foals including Group win or placed runners in GB, France and Italy. Arguably she is too valuable to race, however a win, even of a minor event would increase her value, so it would be no surprise to see her attempt this goal (probably in a bumper this season).

(6)-- SPANISH (FR) :>-

br, c. Rahotep (FR) - Irune (SPA)

| The Trainer |:>- Guilliamme Macaire

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Spanish could be a nice bumper horse for later on in the season. He is a son of Prix Hoequart winner Rahotep, out of Irune, a winner three times in her native Spain. He was purchased at the recent GOFFS Horses in Training Sale and hopefully will show plenty of promise once he's makes it to the racecourse.

BUMPER HORSES _ (Four-Year-Olds & Upwards)

(7)-- BACK TO BEN ALDER: >-

br, g. Bob Back (U.S.A.) - Winter Fox

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Back To Ben Alder is an unraced five-year-old gelding by Bob Back who is related to winners over jumps. He should make his presence felt in bumpers this winter.

(8)-- BOURBON MANHATTAN :>-

b, g. Alflora - Vanina II (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Bourbon Manhattan is at the time of writing an unraced four-year-old son of Alflora, who showed connections plenty of promise at home last term, however they were unable to get him onto the racecourse. He should do well over hurdles after gaining a bit of experience in bumpers..

(9)-- BUDDHI :>-

b, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Paeon Express

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Buddhi is one of Mark Pitman's more promising four-year-olds. He is a son of Be My Native and at the time out writing is unraced. Like so many in this list, he is an embryonic chaser in the making and won't be over raced this winter.

(10)-- COOK O'HAWICK : >-

b, g. King's Ride - Miner's Yank

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cook O'Hawick is an attractively bred five-year-old son of King's Ride who related to winners over hurdles. He should give Ashleybank Investments Limited some fun in bumpers this winter

(11)-- CORNISH REBEL: >-

b, g. Un Desperado (FR) - Katday

| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cornish Rebel is an unraced full-brother to Best Mate, who I seem to remember cost connections a lot of money at one of the major sales. Clearly chasing will be his forte however I'd like to think he can show promise initially over hurdles.

(12)-- DEMPSEY

b, g .Lord Americo - Kyle Cailin

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Dempsey is one of Mark Pitman's more promising bumpers for this season This four-year-old gelding is a full brother to Puget Blue, and has been pleasing connections at home. He is definitely one to look out for during the remainder of the season.

(13)-- EVER AN OPTIMIST : >-

b, g. Alflora - Sweet Optimist

| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Ever An Optimist could make his presence felt in bumpers this winter. This five-year-old son of Alflora is related to winners over obstacles and should gain some experience this season over jumps

(14)-- FIDÈLE GALOPIN (FR)

b, g. Comte du Bourg (FR) - Buff Beauty (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins'

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Fidèle Galopin is another unraced four-year-old by the Group two winning sire Comte du Bourg, out of a dam who was placed over obstacles, Fidèle Galopin was bought at the '01 GOFFS France Horses-in-Training sale and is a horse to look out for in bumpers this winter

(15)-- IRONMAN MULDOON

gr, g. Roselier (FR) - Darjoy

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- There are some well bred individuals in this list and one of them Ironman Muldoon looks to be one to look out for with a long term view in mind. This five-year-old gelding is a full-brother to Royal Athlete and apparently looks every inch a chaser. Being by Roselier he is unlikely to come to hand early on and will worth watching out for during the second half of this campaign.

(16)-- JACK POT II (FR) :>-

ch, g, Luchiroverte (FR) - Roxane II (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo ,

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jack Pot Ii, is at the time of writing, is an unraced five-year-old gelding, who cost Ashleybank Investments 32,000.00 guineas at the Doncaster May sale. He is likely to have been sent to one of their northern trainers, and is likely to be seen on a racecourse during the second half of the

season.

(17)-- KARACHI (FR) :>-

Br, g. Iris Noir (FR) - Eclipse Royale II (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Karachi is an unraced four-year-old of the sire Iris Noir who is related to numerous winners in France over obstacles. He was bought by connections for 26,000gns at Doncaster's spring sale and should hopefully be able to find a bumper on the Northern Circuit before going onto better things next term.

(18)-- KEEP ON RUNNING (FR) :>-

ch, g. Beyssac (FR) - Kiruna V (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Keep On Running is an unraced gelding by the French sire Beyssac, who was well thought of by Robert Alner last season though didn't make t to the racecourse. He is now in training with Alan King and goes novice hurdling... I'd be hopeful of him showing me some promise before the end of the season.

(19)-- KEPi SACRE (FR) :>-

b, g. Iris Noir (FR) ~ Viva Sacree (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- ()

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kepi Sacre is a four-year-old gelding by Iris Noir out of Viva Sacree, who raced on the flat and over jumps without success, however has produced Iowa Sacree, who has won five races in France (on the flat and over obstacles). He was purchased for 15,000gns at the Doncaster Bloodstock Sale in May and so far hasn't raced. Hopefully he'll show some promise this winter.

(20)-- KIMONO ROYAL (FR) :>-

br, g. Guard Royale - Alizane (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Kimono Royal is at the time of writing an unraced four-year-old son of Guard Royal out of a mare who has produced winners over jumps in France and Italy. He was bought for 41,000 gns at Doncaster sales in May and could be worth noting for in a bumper at some stage this season.

(21)-- KRZYSZKOWIAK :>-

b, g. Polish Precedent (U.S.A.) - Overdrive

| The Trainer |:>- C R Egerton

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Krzyszkiowiak is a four-year-old son of Polish Precedent, who at the time or writing hasn't raced, (although I'm seem to remember him being declared on the flat, so he may be stalls-shy). He is nicely bred and he would be very interesting against more stoutly breeds stores horses in a bumper.

(22)-- LISA DU CHENET (FR) :>-

b, f. Guard Royal - Tchela (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- ()

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Lisa Du Chenet is another well-bred newcomer in this section as she is a full sister to Iris Royal (the winner of four races over hurdles for Nicky Henderson) as well as being related to five other winners including Galant Moss (a winner for Martin Pipe in both this country and more recently in France). She was bought for 42,000 gns at Doncaster spring sales and connections will be particularly keen to get a win out of her.

(23)-- LOUGH RYNN:>-

b, g. Beneficial - Liffey Lady

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Lough Rynn is a four-year-old gelding by Beneficial, who is a half-brother to Yeoman Sailor, he's reportedly been showing plenty of ability on the gallops, so should do well in bumper this winter.

(24)-- MASTEROFFOXHOUNDS :>-

br, g. . Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Sylvia Fox
| The Trainer |:>- A P O'Brien
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I was very interested to note that Masteroffoxhounds is still in the care of Aiden O'Brien. This attractive son of Be My Native, must have some ability to be housed there and I will be interested to watched how he is placed with interest.

(25)-- PATRICK'S NINETEENTH: >-
ch, g Mister Lord (U.S.A.)- Many Miracles
| The Trainer |:>- Paul Webber
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Patrick's Nineteenth is a lovely four-year-old gelding. Bought from Ireland by Paul Webber, I like what I've seen so far, and I'll be interested to see how he fares in bumper this winter

(26)-- ROUGE ET NOIR :>-
b, g. Hernando (FR) - Bayrouge
| The Trainer |:>- Mary Reveley
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:>- Rouge et Noir is an interesting prospect for this season. His breeder clearly had a flat career in mind for him, as both Hernando and Bayrouge were group over middle distances... clearly however he has taken a awhile to come to hand and that means he is eligible to race in bumpers... unless he fails to stay I'd be amazed if he didn't land one this season.

(27)-- ROYAL ALPHABET :>-
b, g. King's Theatre - A-To-Z
| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins in Ireland
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:>- Royal Alphabet is one of several decent prospects that Willie Mullins has in the "bumper" division. He has had a race staying on really strongly to land a 26-runner event at Galway. Connections are talking about the Cheltenham bumper with him... that may be a bit premature however I'd be disappointed if he wasn't capable of building on this promising effort.

(28)-- ROYAL ENGLAND (FR) :>-
b, g. Cadoudal (FR) - Leonie Des Champs (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:>-Royal England is a three-year-old full brother to Royal Auguin, a winner so far of two races in France as well as Cadou Royal (a winner last season for Arthur Moore) as well as being related to five other winners in France. He was bought for 38,000gns at Doncaster spring sales and should make his presence felt in bumpers in the second half of the season.

(29)-- SAMUEL CHARLES:>-
b, g. Green Desert (U.S.A.) - Hejraan (U.S.A.)
| The Trainer |:>- Miss Venetia Williams
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- It'll be odd to see Samuel Charles running over jumps this winter, as you dont usually associate Green Desert's progeny running in this discipline. Clearly this four-year-old old has been slow to come to hand .. which probably explains why Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum waved "au Revoir" to him last term. I'm interested that Venetia Williams has got him as she clearly believes that she can get a win out of him... we shall see.

(30)-- SECRET DES C URS, (FR), :>-
b, g. Sleeping Car (FR) - Djebel Mik (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- ()
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Secret des C urs, at the time of writing is unraced son of Sleeping Car, out of Djebel Mik (who won eleven races and was placed on sixteen occasions). He was another purchase from GOFFS who is worth watching out for in a bumper this term.

(31)-- SIXO :>-
gr, g. Roselier (FR) - Miss Mangaroo
| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Sixo, a five-year-old gelding by Roselier, is at the

time of writing unraced. His dam however was a winning hurdler and so connections are obviously hoping that he will show some promise this season.

(32)-- TI PUNCH :>-

b, g. Jupiter Island - Caipiriunha

| The Trainer |: >- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- TI Punch is a four-year-old by Jupiter Island , out of a winning mare. Connection like him so lets see how he gets on in bumpers in the spring.

(33)-- VICTORIA STONE :>-

b, m. Old Vic - Lampstone

| The Trainer |: >- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Victoria Stone is an unraced half-sister by Old Vic to winning chaser Hurricane Lamp. She is still too pleasing connections and may appear in a bumper during the second half of the season.... Hopefully she'll show some promise for next season.

(34)-- WELCOME ATTRACTION:>-

ch, g. Most Welcome - Canoodle

| The Trainer |: >- Willie P Mullins in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Welcome Attraction is an unraced five-year-old gelding by Most Welcome who is pleasing connections at home . Hopefully he can show some promise bumpers this winter,

HURDLERS _ Three-Year-Olds (Juveniles)

(35)-- AFEEF (U.S.A.) :>-

br, c. Dayjur (U.S.A.) - Jah (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |: >- Richard Philips

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Wouldnt be an immediate choice for a jumper to follow , being by a champion sprinter, though his dam did win over 11f in the USA. He was sold at the July Sales out of Ed Dunlop's yard, having run four times without success, although he was second over a mile on his last start at Carlisle. He was rated 65 on the flat, which if translated over hurdles should be good enough to find a little race somewhere this season.

(36)-- ANGLANIT (CHR) :>-

b, c. Lanitos - Anglointernational (CZE)

| The Trainer |: >- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Anglanit is one of a couple of horses that Mark Pitman bought when he was in the Czech Republic in the summer. He had five starts last term, winning the Cena Ariky R (III) at Velká Chuchle in October '01. He's only had two starts this term, running his best race in the first of them, when finishing third in the Cena Yamato Travel R (II) again at Velká Chuchle in March. He has apparently schooled well and I'll be interested to see how he fares over hurdles this winter.

(37)-- ATTORNEY GENERAL :>-

b, c, Sadler's Wells (U.S.A.) - Her Ladyship

| The Trainer |: >- Jim A. B. Old

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Attorney General is a horse that I have always liked and did me a favour first time out when winning on his debut at Warwick over ten furlongs. He was sent to Thirsk next time out and won a classified race beating Balladeer a head. I am a little surprised that he failed to build on this start in two handicaps however there is virtually no mileage on the clock and could be a good buy for Jim Old, despite costing him 75,000gns at the recent Horses-in-training sale.

(38)-- A VENDRE (FR) : >-

br, g. Kendor (FR) - Waaria

| The Trainer |: >- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I like to cover all my bases and I fill that A Vendre could do well on the country circuit for Nicholashayne this winter. He has

plenty of run for Clive Brittain this summer, and although he didn't win , got progressively better with each effort . Arguably he ran his best race last time out at Nottingham where he may have gone close if more exaggerated waiting tactics were employed - rather than going for glory two furlongs from home. If he stays, I would hope he could find a little race or two this winter.

(39)-- BAREME (FR) :>-

br, g. Homme de Loi (FR) - Roxa (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- (Henri-Alex Pantall in France)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Bareme; a three-year-old gelding by Homme de Loi, out of a winning mare has had three runs to date, winning once, at Nantes in October. he was bought at the recent GOFFS Horses in Training Sale for 38,000, and could be one to note in the juveniles division this winter.

(40)-- BLADOUDAL (FR) :>-

bl, g. Cadoudal (FR) - Blabli (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Robert Collet

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Bladoudal is a particularly attractive son of Cadoudal, who got onto this list by virtue of a good third on his debut at Auteuil in October, where he finished 2lengths behind the eventual winner L'Interprete. He is sure to come on for that run, and with sound placement should get into the winners enclosure this winter.

(41)-- BRIAR (CZE) :>-

b, c. House Rules (U.S.A.) - Bright Angel (ATA)

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I must profess that I don't know very much about Briar, other than he had four starts in the Czech republic without winning, his best effort appears to be when he came third in the Cena Sedlářství Jan Hauzr at Velká Chuchle in March. I liked what I seen of this scopey son of House Rules... He should progress with experience

(42)-- BURJ AL ARAB :>-

b, c. Alderbrook - Princess Moodyshoe

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Burj Al Arab is a three-year-old gelding by Alderbrook by Princess Moodyshoe; a winner on the flat as well as being successful over hurdles. He is a half-brother to Misbehave, (a useful 2yo winner from 5f-1m) and looks to have the perfect jumping pedigree... It does seem odd that he was campaigned on the flat, though to his credit he did run creditably in defeat behind the likes of Snow Leopard and Rapsallion as a two-year-old. He surely will be tried over obstacles and in the right grade should find a little race this winter.

(43)-- CARAPUCE (FR) :>-

ch, g. Bigstone - Treasure City

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Carapuce is an interesting import from France to go jumping this term. He has had six starts, winning twice as a two-year-old; at Saint-Malo and Angers, and was placed once in two starts at three. He was subsequently bought at GOFFS France's July sale....I can imagine him being good enough to find opportunities over timber this term.

(44)-- COPYBOOK :>-

b, c. Danehill (U.S.A.) - Easy To Copy (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Jim B. Walton

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- There was a time that a three-year-old colt trained by Henry Cecil would command at least five figures at a sale (and I dont mean 10,000gns!!)... how times have changed. That doesn't mean though that you couldn't pick up a bargain and Copybook may have been a very shrewd purchase. He didn't show much on the level in truth in five starts, but did compete in some decent maiden, finishing well behind the likes of Spinnette and Helloimustbegoing. He may simply not be very good, however he is an attractive

son of Danehill, who possesses plenty of scope... The 4,500gns paid for him by Jim Walton may prove to be well spent by the end of the season.

(45)-- DESERT AIR (JPN) :>-
ch, g. Desert King - Greek Air
| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I've been hoping that Desert Air was given a chance to race over hurdles, ever since I saw him on his debut at Goodwood last August. Although he's only won the once; at Newmarket in July He is a game sort who always gives 100%. He ran mainly in claimers however should prove to be better than that over obstacles... no world-beater but should win his races.

(46)-- DO L'ENFANT D'EAU (FR) :>-
ch, g. Minds Music (U.S.A.) - L'Eau Sauvage
| The Trainer |:>- Philip Hobbs,
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Do L'Enfant d'Eau should do well over hurdles this winter. He ran three times on the flat in the provinces as a two-year-old finishing third on the last occasion at Mont-De-Marsan in March. He has had two runs over hurdles; finishing in the frame on both occasions at Auteuil - finishing third behind Julius Honor on his debut in April, and more recently when third to Golden Flight and Julius Honor in May. This is fair form and he should be good enough to win over hurdles this winter

(47)-- DON VALENTINO (POL) :>-
ch, c. Duke Valentino - Dona (POL)
| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Don Valentino was one of Poland's better three-year-olds this season, finishing third to Dancing Life in the Nagroda Derby, Prezydenta R.P. in July as well as finishing fifth in the Nagroda Doris Day in May and Iwna (Przychówku) - L.R (kat.A) in June. If he gets the trip he could do well in juvenile hurdles.

(48)-- FILS Á PAPA (FR):>-
b, g. Double Bed (FR) - Syvanie (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Not sure what to make of him. He has ability, he's run over 2400-3000m in France and was placed twice; finishing second to Fountain of Joy in the Prix de la Troublerie (Handicap) in April and more recently behind Tzar Du Frene in the Prix Sans Souci II (Handicap) at Saint Cloud at the end of May. He didn't win though which would concern me, that said, Double Bed is a good sire of jumpers so that may not be too much of a hindrance.

(49)-- FULL OF MICHEL (FR) :>-
gr, g. Michel Georges - Quinte Royale (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Full Of Michel is a three-year-old gelding by Michel Georges who joined Nicky Henderson having run three times over fences at Auteuil, finishing ninth on his debut in September before pulling up next time out. Connections put his in a claimer next time out and despite being unfancied beat Reste Irlandaise by 3/4lengths. He is untried over hurdles and can hopefully build on these efforts this winter.

(50)-- GOLDEN FLIGHT (FR) :>-
b, g. Saint Cyrien (FR) - Sunday Flight (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Guillaume Macaire in France
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Golden Flight is a promising novice hurdler/chaser for next year. He is a half brother to leading four-year-old chaser in France Karly Flight. He has had two runs so far, finishing third on his debut at Auteuil to Julius Honour. (btn 11/2 length). He showed the benefit of that effort when reversing form with Julius Honor in his most recent start; the Prix Chateauvert (Hurdle) again at Auteuil in May. He is a long-term chasing prospect who could continue to progress this term over hurdles

(51)-- KALAMBARI :>-

b, g, Kahyasi - Kalamba

| The Trainer |:>- (Sir Michael Stoute)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Kalambari looks capable of developing into a useful staying hurdler of the future. This three-year-old did not race as a two-year-old and was given six races this season by Sir Michael Stoute, winning a 1mile-3f maiden at Catterick in May by 13lengths. He was purchased at the recent Horses-in-training sale for 20,000 guineas and could do well when allowed to race over a trip over hurdles.

(52)-- LE DUC (FR): >-

b, g. Villez (U.S.A.) - Beberova (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Second to the smart Nickname on his only outing over hurdles at Auteuil in May. Lean and light when he arrived, has done very well, and I'd like to think he'd be good enough to go for the big juvenile contests, possibly starting at Wetherby or Cheltenham next month. Hopefully, he'll take a lot of beating first time out.

(53)-- MANORAM (GER),:>-

b, g. Zinaad - Mayada (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Ian Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Manoram is a three-year-old gelding, who had ten runs in his native Germany, winning once, as well as being placed on six other occasions. He has plenty of scope and will probably be best next term when apparently he'll go chasing

(54)-- PHILIPPÊ (GER) :>-

ch, g. Surumu (GER) - Pasadena (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Andreas Löwe in Germany

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Phillipê is a three-year-old gelding by Surumu who has shown a little promise on the level in Germany, finishing a fair second on his debut at Dresden in April. Has a good pedigree and could do well on the continent

(55)-- PROSPER (FR) :>-

b, c. Le Balafre (FR) - Phalagine (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Guillame Macaire

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Prosper is a horse that I hope will improve as the season progress. He has only recently come into training and has already shown promise; finishing second on his first start, over hurdles at Compiègne in September. He may not a world-beater, but he has potential... in my book that's half the job.

(56)-- ROYAL HECTOR (GER) :>-

b, c. Hector Protector (U.S.A.) - Rudolfina (CAN)

| The Trainer |:>- Christian Von Der Recke

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Royal Hector, is a three-year-old gelding by Hector Protector, who has had ten runs on the flat in his native Germany, winning twice as well as finishing in the frame on five other occasions. He is sure to have been well schooled and may be good enough to win a race in this country this season over obstacles.

(57)-- SELTER (CZE) :>-

b, g. House Rules (U.S.A.) - Selestat

| The Trainer |:>- Thierry Civel in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Selter is a three-year-old gelding by House Rules, who has been lightly raced in his native Czech Republic, winning once from four starts over 1400m at Most in August. He should be well placed by Thierry Civel and hopefully will pick up a few victories on the provincial circuit this winter.

(58)-- SAINTSAIRE (FR) :>-

br, g. Apeldoorn (FR) - Pro Wonder (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Saintsaire is a three-year-old gelding by Apeldoorn who won three times on the flat this summer at Strasbourg, Nancy and most recently at Saint-Cloud in May. This attractive gelding should make his presence felt over hurdles this winter.

(59)-- SMART (SLO) :>-

b, c. Glenstal (U.S.A.) - Satyra (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Another one of Mark Pitman's purchases from the Czech Republic. He had three runs on the flat last term as a two-year-old, failing to trouble the judge on his debut in September. That effort clearly did him the word of good as he came out three weeks later and landed the Cena rebcína Kobylany a Gestüt Gúthler Hof-Kuchyna at Bratislava at the end of September. He had one more start when finishing a good third to Romans (who went on to be on of their better three-year-olds) in the Odvetná cena again at Bratislava in October. There was talk of him running in the Slovak Derby just before he was bought so its clear he possess some ability... it'll be interesting to see how he performs

(60)-- TEÖRBAN (POL):>-

b, g. Don Corleone - Tabaka (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Bogdan Chrzanowski, Poland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Teörban is a recent purchase from the Horses in Training sale at Sluzewiec racecourse in Poland. Formerly trained by Bogdan Chrzanowski, he is a three-year-old by Don Corleone (a sire whose progeny do well over obstacles). He doesn't appear to have won, but has been placed. He is definitely a good-looking individual and it'll be interesting to see how he fares in this country.

(61)-- VISIBILITY (FR)

gr, c. Linamix (FR) - Visor (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Visibility will be going juvenile hurdling this term. This son of Linamix has had five runs, winning on his debut as a two-year-old over 5f before finishing behind Medecis (second to Landseer in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Gr. 1)) in a listed race. He has run respectably in three starts this term (finishing in the frame twice) without building on that form and was sold at the recent Arc sale at GOFFS. being lightly raced there should be improvement to come.

HURDLERS _ Three-Year-Olds (Championship Class?)

(62)-- FAST MIX (FR) : >-

gr, g. Linamix (FR) - Fascinating Hill (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Fast Mix is another three-year-old son of Linamix that Martin pipe purchased at GOFFS France sales. He is a maiden, only having run four times finishing in the frame on his last two starts at Compiègne and at Longchamp. Should progress as the season relents and it will be interesting to see what sort of campaign he's given

(63)-- LOWLANDER :>-

b, c, Fuji Kiseki (JPN) - Lake Valley (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Dermot Weld in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-If I were to buy a three-year-old from the flat to go jumping, then Lowlander would be the sort of horse I'd go for. This gelding by the Japanese sire Fuji Kiseki ran thirteen times on the flat (a bit too much in my view as a potential jumper), winning four times this term at Down Royal in June, Galway in July; Fairyhouse in August and at the Curragh, where he beat American Gothic in the E. B. F. September Handicap. He was strongly fancied to land the Irish Cesarewitch on his last start but disappointed eventually finishing well behind the winner American Gothic. He earned a rating of 100 that

day and he was always likely to attract interest at the recent Horses-in-training sale. Dermot Weld had to dig deep to get him, purchasing him for 125,000gns. He is likely to be a dual purpose horse for the moment, so he may not be seen too often over hurdles, however there won't be many with better credentials and he definitely one to look out for.

(64)-- MALDOUN :>-

b, c. Kaldoun (FR) - Marzipan

| The Trainer |:>- (Robert Gibson in France)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-The Wildenstein disposal Sale at Saint Cloud last week, attracted plenty of interest from prospective jump buyers. Amongst the purchases that will be making his way to this country is Maldoun, a three-year-old son of Kaldoun out of a half-sister to Grade One runner-up Anshan. He had five runs for the Wildensteins winning the Prix de la Villette at Longchamp in April as well as finishing in the frame on each of his other four starts. He was purchased for 44,000 by Hubert Barbe and will be an interesting prospect for juvenile hurdles this winter.

(65)-- NICKNAME (FR), :>-

b, c. Lost World - Newness

| The Trainer |:>- J.-P. Gallorini in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Nickname was the first runner from One To Jump 2003 and he looks like a horse to follow if his smooth success in the Prix Wild Monarch Poulain on his hurdles debut. This full brother of Nom D'Une Pipe and Narkis (who have been in previous horses to follow features) jumped like a natural over the 3.000 metres trip and quickened up nicely in the straight to 6lengths between himself and Le Duc, with Lillium De Cotte, and Homme Du Bourg, finishing promisingly in third and fourth. Trainer Jean-Paul Gallorini was pleased with the effort and fully expects Nickname to come on for the experience, so I'll be hoping that he can get near the top of the tree.

(66)-- OLD CALIFORNIA:>-

b, c. Sadler's Wells (U.S.A.) - Turban

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Old California could be very interesting this winter if he takes to jumping. Formerly with John Dunlop, he ran eight times winning twice this term at Leicester in April and at Haydock in June, where he revelled in the mud, staying on to win by 5 lengths. He didn't win again though ran better than the bare form suggests in the Queen's Vase (Gr. 3) and when he came fourth to Spanish John in the Bahrain Trophy Listed Race) at the July Meeting. He ran well on his last start when finishing second under top weight at Ayr. It isn't the greatest surprise to learn that connections had to go to 85,000gns to purchase him. He's bound to be well schooled and could be interesting if he takes to the game.

(67)-- PRINCE DES IFS (FR) :>-

b, g. Sleeping Car (FR) - Miss Brodie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- G Macaire

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Prince Des Ifs is another unraced but well thought of three year gelding in Guillaume' Macaire's care. This son of Sleeping Car is due to make his debut soon and I would hope that he capable of getting into the winning enclosure this season.

(68)-- VANORMIX (FR) :>-

gr, g. Linamix - Vadsa Honor (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- M. C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Vanormix could be a particularly good purchase to go jumping. Formerly trained by André Fabre, this grey son of Linamix appears to be impeccably bred - being a full brother to Vahorimix, winner of the Prix Jacques Le Marois (gr.1), Poule d'Essai des Poulains (gr.1), as well as finishing second in the Prix La Rochette (gr.3), and 4th in the St James Palace St (gr.1). He himself has had only three runs, failing to win, but finishing in the frame at Maisons-Laffitte, and most recently in the Prix Hébé at Saint-Cloud in June.

Martin Pipe snapped him up at GOFFS July sale and could have plenty of fun win him this term in juvenile hurdles

HURDLERS _ Novices (Four-Year-Olds & Upwards)

(69)-- AIR MARSHALL :>-

ch, g. In The Wings - Troyanna

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Air Marshall is a five-year-old gelding by In The Wings who is a half-brother to a number of winners including smart French miler/1m2f winner Break Bread and fairly useful; middle distance performer Lucrezia. He is one of the best jumping prospect of recent years, having finished second to Millenary in teh Peugeot Gordon Stakes (gr. 3) at Goodwood in August '00, before landing the Great Voltigeur Stakes (gr. 2) where he beat Marienbard, and finishing a brave second again to Millenary in the 2000 St Leger (gr. 1). He was gelded after a poor run in teh Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket i8n May '01 and could be decent if he translates that sort of ability to obstacles

(70)-- ALMIRE DU LIA (FR) :>-

ch, g. Beyssac (FR) - Lita (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs S C Bradburne

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Almire Du Lia is an unraced four-year-old gelding by Beyssac, (a sire who produces plenty of winners over obstacles in France. Chasing will be this horse's forte, however I would hope that he is capable of winning in the meantime over hurdles (although probably not until the end of the season).

(71)-- AMERICANCONNECTION:>-

b, g. Lord Americo - Ballyea Jacki

| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Americanconnection makes a welcome to the track this winter. This six-year-old son of Lord Americo was highly regarded as a four year though disappointed on his only start where he could do no better than come eighth to Ivan De Vonnas at Fairyhouse in April '01, (beaten 171/2 lengths). Americanconnection missed last season through injury however hopefully can confirm his trainers' lofty opinion of him this winter.

(72)-- ARMAGUEDON (FR) :>-

b, g.. Garde Royale - Miss Dundee (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Armaguedon showed plenty of promise on his only starts right at the end of last term, when chasing home Maybe The Business in the bumper at Ayr on Scottish Grand National day. That was a solid effort and I'd expect him to build on that this term over hurdles

(73)-- AR MUIN NA MUICE :>-

ch, m. Executive Perk - Raashideah

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I've already had a few calls about the mare. I'll consider the Cheltenham bumper for her if I still have her. I'm convinced she will be a Gold Cup mare one day. She has already been schooled over fences and is a brilliant jumper.".... These were Caroline Hutchinson's comments about her mare Ar Muin Na Muice, after she'd won her third race in '01 at Leopardstown, where she beat Aintree bumper winner . Kickham by 2lengths. She was reputedly sold to Jonjo O'Neill's yard prior and didn't race since. It'll be interesting to see what course is chartered for the mare.

(74)-- ATUM RÉ :>-

br, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Collopy's Cross

| The Trainer |:>- Paul Webber

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Connections of Atum Ré hold him in the highest of regards and having seen him last term I can see why they hold that opinion. He was very impressive on his debut in a Ludlow bumper in December '01, however he disappointed in the mud at Newbury on his next outing this February. Connections

wisely avoided the championship bumpers with him and they should reap the benefits this winter.

(75)-- BABY NORM (FR) :>-

b, g. Baby Turk - Norma Jane

| The Trainer |:>- Guillaume Macaire in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Baby Norm is a lovely big four-year-old son of Baby Turk who has had five runs to date - w inning twice at Auteuil over fences in June and on his latest start at Chateaubriant. He has plenty of scope and should continue to do well over hurdles either in France or the opportunity arises in this country

(76)-- BALINAHINCH CASTLE :>-

b. g. Good Thyne (U.S.A.) - Emerald Flair

| The Trainer |:>-Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Balinahinch Castle should be capable of winning a little race this term. This five-year-old gelding showed plenty of promise when finishing second to Commanche War Paint in a maiden point-to-point at Athlacca in April. I'm sure that current connections will adopt a softly-softly approach with him this term, but he should be able to make his presence felt at some stage this term (more likely the second half of the season)

(77)-- BALLYLYNCH :>-

b, g. Lashkari - Tasmania Star

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky J Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ballylynch, a five-year-old by the sire Lashkari out of a winner in Italy was bought at Doncaster sales for 62,000 gns after winner her maiden point-to-point at Taylorstown in April. He clearly attracted plenty of interest there and may be good enough to win over hurdles this winter, though probably will be better over fences in due course.

(78)-- BENRAJAH :>-

b, g. Lord Americo - Andy's Fancy

| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Although eventually well-beaten by the eventual winner Tollbrae, there was a lot to like about the way Benrajah stayed on to finish well clear of the third on his racecourse debut at Hereford. He should be capable to taking a similar event before going on to better things this season.

(79)-- BLANC C'EST BLANC (FR):>-

ch, g. Royal Charter (FR) - Tamilda (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur Moore in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Blanc C'est Blanc is worthy of a mention, having finished mid division behind Thari at Leopardstown in December '01 - This race has thrown up several winners since so the fact that Blanc C'est Blanc held his position under tender handling, suggests that that they'll be more to come from him as he gains experience..

(80)-- BOB AR ARGHAIDH :>-

b, g. Bob Back (U.S.A.) - Shuil Ar Aghaidh

| The Trainer |:>- Alistair J Lidderdale

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- For a horse so stoutly bred, I was pleasantly surprised how well Bob Ar Arghaidh did in bumpers last winter. Unfortunately for him, bumpers (with the exception of the championship bumpers) tend to be falsely run, which will always find out the more stoutly bred national hunt horses. This was evident on his debut at Sandown in November '01, where he stayed on determinedly behind El Viejo (btn 6lengths after being well behind turning for home). It happened again on two more racecourse appearances, running far better than the bare 6th at Sandown in February and 10th at Newbury at the beginning of March implies. I doubt connections will waste time in putting over hurdles this winter and we may see a totally different proposition.

(81)-- BOLT ACTION, :>-

br, g by Phardante (FR) - Ebony Jane

| The Trainer |:- Paul Nichols

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Bolt Action, a six-year-old gelding by Phardante out of Ebony Jane (who amongst her victories won the Irish Grand National) is bred to be a good horse and judging by his sole performance so far, there is every possibility that he may be one. He made his one and only appearance in a maiden at Buckfastleigh in February and was backed as though defeat was out of the question, going off a 4/6 favourite. Despite running green, he readily disposed of his rivals winning hard-held by 8 lengths. It is not great surprise to read that he has now moved to Paul Nichols's yard where I would expect him to make his presence felt under rules.

(82)-- BOOM ECONOMY :>-

br, g. Black Monday - Miss Bula

| The Trainer |:- J A Berry

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Boom Economy is a promising six-year-old gelding by Black Monday who had a good season between the flags in Ireland, winning three times including a maiden point-to-point at Ballyraggett in March, before winning a "winners of two" race at Butlerstown in April. Connections are now intent of trying him under rules and hopefully he continues his progression in that sphere this winter.

(83)-- BROOKLYN BREEZE :>-

br, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Moss Gale

| The Trainer |:-Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Brooklyn Breeze is an attractive five-year-old gelding by Be My Native, whose has been given plenty of time by connections, due to being on the weak side. He has only had the one run so far in a bumper at Haydock this March, where he stayed on strong to finish fourth to Bodfari Creek (btn 3lengths). I doubt he'll be raced very much this term, however he should be capable of going close, probably over hurdles this winter.

(84)-- BROWN TEDDY :>-

b, g. Afzal - Quadrapol .

| The Trainer |:- Richard Ford

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Brown Teddy; a five-year-old gelding by Afzal, showed plenty of promise on his only start , when finishing fourth to Proud Bishop (btn 7lengths). Hopefully he can build on this (probably in handicap hurdlers) this winter.

(85)-- BY N BY :>-

b, g. Un Desperado (FR) - Andonova

| The Trainer |:- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- By N By showed some promise last term in bumpers. He ran well in the second division of the bumper on Kempton's card on 28.01.2002 - travelling nicely throughout and looked dangerous turning into the straight. That effort was short lived and he eventually finished in the ruck of the field. Although this doesn't appear initially encouraging By N By gave the impression that he was better than this bare form, and may be seen to best effect over 2miles over obstacles, rather than this type of event, which may not suit him.

(86)-- CARACCIOLA (GER) :>-

b, g. Lando (GER) - Capitolina (FR)

| The Trainer |:-Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Caracciola is another fascinating import from Germany. He is a five-year-old gelding by Lando who won five of his nine starts in his native Germany, as well as being placed on two other occasions. Nicky Henderson should do well with this hurdles prospect this winter.

(87)-- CHANTICLIER:>-

b, g. Roselier (FR) - Cherry Crest

| The Trainer |:- K C Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kim Bailey should have some fun this winter with

Chanticlier., He only had the one start, however it was a highly promising one making No Shenanigans pull out all the stops on his debut at Sandown in March. That was in a bumper and whether he were to stay on the level ort over jumps, he'd be a horse I'd expect to win races this winter

(88)-- CIGARILLO :>-

br, g. Vestris Abu - Rose-Anore

| The Trainer |:>- Noël Chance

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cigarillo was strongly supported to win his only starts thus far, in a bumper at Market Rasen in April. Although he was well beaten, that was against Rodolfo (who come be a decent novice this term). He isn't that good, however he should be able to win a race somewhere this season.

(89)-- CLOONEEN :>-

br, g.. King's Ride - Arctic Chatter

| The Trainer |:>- Edward O'Grady

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Clooneen showed plenty of promise on his only starts so far winning a Navan Maiden hurdles in May '01. He missed last term through injury, but hopefully he will be able to make up for lost time

(90)-- COCKCROW:>-

b, g. Topanoora - Call Me Anna

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cockcrow is a big scopey son of Topanoora, who has had the one start at Huntingdon in April '00, where he finished third, beaten only 4lengths to the winner. He didn't run last year and has been fired but is back steady work. He should show some promise this season over hurdles before embarking on a career over fences.

(91)-- COTTON SOCKS (FR):>-

ch, g. Houmayoun (FR) - Wiasma

| The Trainer |:>- Kim Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Ginny Elliott appears to have produced a promising young pointer in the shape of Cotton Socks; A six-year-old by the sire Houmayoun. He was given a confident ride by Julian Pritchard on his debut at Garthorpe on the 10th of March to win as he liked. Held up initially at the back of the field, Cotton Socks made smooth headway with four fences to go. He sustained this effort to lead two out to eventually win going away by 10 lengths. Further improvement is literally guaranteed and his recent sale to Kim Bailey is a good omen.

(92)-- CROW JACK (FR):>-

gr, g. Cadoudal (FR) - Cackle (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- (Thierry Civel)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Crow Jack , a four-year-old gelding by Cadoudal, out of Cackle, which makes him a half brother to several winners including Line Apple (a winner of 6 races); Line Crow (a winner of 8 races); Native Jack (a winner of 3 races), Line Sky (a winner of 3 races), Crystal Jack (a winner of 18 races in Italy), and the great Grey Jack (a winner of 16 races in France and Italy including the Grand Prix de Pau (Gr. 3) as well as the '00 Premio LXI Gran Premio Merano Forst Steeple Ch.). I'm amazed that he was purchased at the recent GOFFS Horses in Training Sale for less than 8,000, especially as he only ran three times in France and hinted at having some ability. He's got a long way to go to emulate his illustrious half-brothers and sisters, however he could be potentially a real steal.. we'll see.

(93)-- DARETOBEDIFFERENT:>-

ch, g. Aristocracy - Telmary

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: > Daretobedifferent is a four-year-old gelding by Aristocracy, who was purchased by present connections after finishing runner-up in a point-to-point in Ireland in March. He reportedly has been pleasing them at home and they will be hopeful that he shows some of that promise on the

racecourse this winter.

(94)-- DAWTON (POL)

b, g. Greinton (U.S.A.) - Da Wega (POL)

| The Trainer |:->- (Andrzej Walicki in Poland)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Dawton is another horse that is due to come under the hammer shortly that could do well over hurdles. He is a four-year-old gelding by Greinton, who has done well in his two seasons of racing in Poland. He is the winner this season of the Nagroda Golejewka - LR (kat. B) over 2000m in June and was also placed in behind Dancer Life in the Polish St Leger. He seems to appreciate a stiff test of stamina and would be a very interesting purchase and at the time of writing is a possible purchase to go jumping. He should do well in that sphere.. wherever he ends up.

(95)-- DISTINGO (FR):>-

b, g. Courtroom (FR) - Quinte Au Roi (FR)

| The Trainer |:->- Mrs L Wadham

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Distingo may do well over hurdles this year. He has run creditably in decent handicaps in the French provinces this season having won twice last year at Longchamp and Saint-Cloud. He was purchased by Highflyers Bloodstock at GOFFS, France's July sale and could do well over hurdles on the country circuit.

(96)-- DOORS TO MANUAL (FR) :>-

br, g. Saumarez - Filigree (FR)

| The Trainer |:->- Charles O'Brien

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Doors to Manual has shown of promise for trainer Charles O'Brien in two starts so far in bumpers. He made a winning debut, beating Mullacash by a length at Cork in March. He confirmed this impression when running well under a penalty at Gowran Park in May. Not sure he'd remain with present connections to race over hurdles, but should be capable of finding further success this winter

(97)-- DOE NAL RUA :>-

b, g. Mister Lord (U.S.A.) - Phardante Girl

| The Trainer |:->- Tim D Easterby

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Doe Nal Rua is at the time of writing, an unraced five-year-old son of Mister Lord, out of Phardante Girl; a winner over hurdles. Hopefully he too will show some promise in this sphere this winter.

(98)-- ELBOWS MAGUINNESS :>-

br, g. Lord Americo - Anmaca

| The Trainer |:->- Michael Hourigan

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Elbows Macguinness didn't show very much in truth on his only race to date in a Punchestown Novice Hurdle in April won by Vanilla Man, however I was very taken by him and sometimes that is good enough. I dont expect miracles however I will be particularly pleased if he wins a race this term.

(99)-- EMMET :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Virginia Ironside

| The Trainer |:->- Edward O'Grady

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Emmet should do well over hurdles this winter. He is the winner of a maiden point-to-point at Cloyne in March, and was given "an airing" over hurdles in April when he made little impression, eventually finishing sixteenth. That experience should have done him the world of good and we'll see how he fares this term.

(100)-- EXPLOSILLON (ARG) :>-

b, g. Potrillon (ARG) - Explosive Skater (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:->- Jim A B Old

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |:->- Paul Webber's and Jim Old's quest to find cheap(er) bloodstock to go jumping has found them some interesting talent from South

America. Searches through the Argentinean formbooks enabled me to establish that Explosillon may make the grade. This seven-year-old was the winner of the GP General Pueyrredón (Gr.1) over 3000m in September '00... he has been lightly raced since but should appreciate a distance of ground.. he could be anything.

(101)-- FAIR PROSPECT :>-

b, g. Sir Harry Lewis (U.S.A.) - Fair Sara

| The Trainer |:>- Jeremy A Glover

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Fair Prospect is well named having run well in both of his starts to date, winning a bumper on his debut at Hexham in June '01, before finishing fifth to Wild Dream under a penalty at Worcester at the end of that month. He missed last term through injury, however he may well have benefited from the enforced rest, as he should have had the opportunity to strengthen up a bit more. This horse lives up to his name and should go close to winning over hurdles this winter.

(102)-- FIVE ALIVE O :>-

b, g. Alphabatim (U.S.A.) - I'll Say She Is

| The Trainer |:>-Noël Meade in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Five Alive O gets into this by virtue of an encouraging fifth in a Punchestown bumper at the end of April. Although he was beaten 17lengths by the winner, this five-year-old gelding made steady progress through the final half-mile without ever posing a serious threat... He will come on a bundle for this effort and can win races this term.

(103)-- FORK LIGHTNING :>-

gr. g. Roselier (FR) - Park Breeze

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Fork Lightning is a lovely chase prospect for the future. This five-year-old gelding, is related to seven-times winner of the La Touche Cup; Risk of Thunder and has only had the one start, winning his only point-to-point start in Northern Ireland. He won't be over raced this term but I still believe he could land a race before the end of the season.

(104)-- FOREMAN (GER) :>-

ch, g. Monsun (GER) - Fleurie (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in france

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Foreman could be the "one that got away". Formerly trained in Germany by Christian Von Der Recke, Foreman ran some good races on the level finishing second in the '01 Austrian Derby and tenth in the Grosser Preis Von Baden (gr. 1). He was a warm favourite to win on his debut over hurdles, at of all places Folkestone in May where Tony McCoy steered him to victory. With his credentials it was a bit surprising that he was allowed to go back to Germany. Thierry Doumen got the leg-up to ride him at Baden-Baden on his next start, and he clearly impressed him (winning as he liked), because the Doumens have taken over his training. He has the potential to develop into a useful novice and it isn't beyond the realms of possibility that he may appear here at some stage this winter.

(105)-- FOR PADDY'S DAY :>-

br, g. Supreme Leader - Romany Fortune

| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-For Paddy's Day is a big scopey son of Supreme Leader, (He is almost 17 hands high), who has so far had three runs under rules. He made a winning debut appearance in a bumper at Fairyhouse in December '00 where he galloped home 2lengths clear of 25 rivals. He then lost nothing in defeat where beating all bar Big-And-Bold in a novice hurdle at Leopardstown in January '01. Connections gave him one more run; again at Fairyhouse in May '01, however conditions were too quick for him and he was always struggling to keep pace (managing to finish a creditable third in the process). He hasn't raced since however is back in training and could be capable of making up for lost time.

(106)-- GARDE BIEN :>-

br, g. Afzal - May Lady

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Garde Bien had a brief campaign last term but showed plenty of promise on his only start in a Garthorpe Maiden over 2 1/2 miles in May. Held up early on, he made good progress from halfway to press the leaders approaching three out. Lack of peak condition told and he weakened from that point eventually finishing 12 lengths behind the winner Big Tone. He was subsequently sold at Doncaster sales for 33,000 guineas and is now in Ferdy Murphy's care. I would be hopeful of him showing further promise under rules this winter.

(107)-- GHOST RIDER :>-

br, g. Good Thyne (U.S.A.) - Pit Runner

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ghost Rider is an unraced five-year-old gelding by Good Thyne out of Pit Runner; who won races over hurdles. He certainly has the right sort of pedigree to win a race .. lets see what happens

(108)-- GOODBADRINDIFERENT :>-

br, g. Mandalus - Stay As You Are

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Goodbadrindiferent is an interesting purchase, having won point-to-points at Tyrella in March and Taylorstown in April. He has now joined Henrietta Knight and will no doubt be placed to win races over obstacles this winter.

(109)-- GRAND FINALÉ:>-

b, g. Sadler's Wells (U.S.A.) - Final Figure (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Grand Finalé is an exciting prospect , The former Dermot Weld-trained five-year-old gelding, won three times in his care at Leopardstown twice and at Gowran Park. He is though best remembered as the only horse to have beaten the great Sinndar a head in a Listed race at Leopardstown in April '00. He was sent to be trained in America at the end of his three-year-old career., however things didn't go to plan and he is now with Venetia Williams. You'd hope if he took to jumping he'd make his presence felt this term

(110)-- GREEN FINGER : >-

b, g. Environment Friend - Hunt The Thimble (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur L Moore

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Green Finger is another one of several good prospect in the care of Arthur Moore. This four-year-old son of Environment Friend has had the one start, winning a Summerhill Maiden point-to-point in April. He looks to have a nice future, and he wont be rushed... He'll probably be campaigned in bumpers this winter.

(111)-- GRENVILLE (GER) :>-

b, g. Neshad (U.S.A.) - Glacial Star

| The Trainer |:>- Christian Frhr. Von der Recke in Germany

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- After the success of Eluna last term it is interesting to note how many entries we are now getting from Christian Von der Recke. He has had plenty of success in France, Italy, Poland and the Czech Republic with his jumpers and it seems he fancies making his mark in this country. Grenville is certainly an interesting possible as this four-year-old son of Neshad has won 5 of his 23 races (he was placed in 9 others) in Germany and the Czech Republic. With careful placement, I'd be surprised if he could find a race for this gelding (though whether he is a betting proposition is another matter -I think bookies will be very wary of Mr von de Recke this term)

(112)-- GUMPTION :>-

b, g. Muhtarram (U.S.A.) - Dancing Spirit

| The Trainer |:>- Kim C. Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Gumption is one of the more interesting handicappers to go hurdling this winter. Formerly in training with John Dunlop, Gumption ran eight times without winning, however ran several good races in defeat, arguably his best effort when getting within 3/4lengths of Conquestadora at Haydock in September '01. He revels in heavy ground and should be in his element in mid winter when the mud should really flying. If he takes to hurdles it will be a big surprise if he didn't finally lose his maiden tag.

(113)-- HANKO (GER):>-

b, g. Surumu (GER) - Hankaretta (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Ronald O'Leary

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Trainer Ronald O'Leary does really well with his German purchases, and I'd be hopeful that Hanko will showed enough improvement to win over obstacles this term. He ran seventeen times in Germany winning five times - his most significant win was in the Internationaler Club-Pokal (Handicap) at Baden-Baden in August '01, where he beat Forto and Miros, (who went onto considerable success over hurdles last term). He didn't cut much ice in three starts last term over hurdles however I suspect those efforts will have done him the world of good. He should win a race this winter.

(114)-- HARROVIAN: >-

b, g. Deploy - Homeoftheclassics

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Harrovian will have gone into several notebooks after almost beating Iris's Gift in the bumper at Newbury on Tote Gold Trophy day. Given the perfect introduction, Harrovian make smooth headway through the field to challenge for the lead inside the distance. Lack of experience (and a bit of argy-bargy) told.... There is no reason why he shouldn't win a bumper before the end of the season

(115)-- HASH WEINSTEIN :>-

br, g. King's Ride - Kouron

| The Trainer |:>-Charlie Swan

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Hash Weinstein in a six-year-old gelding by King's Ride out of Kouron (a daughter of Pauper, who won over hurdles). Looks good on paper and I'll be interested to see how he does over hurdles this winter.

(116)-- HOME JAMES:>-

b, g. Commanche Run - Take Me Home

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Home James looks certain of success this term over obstacles , if his 14-lengths victory at southwell in March this term is anything to go by. A repeat of that level of form should ensure he wins over hurdles this winter.

(117)-- HOUSEPARTY :>-

br, g. Grand Lodge (U.S.A.) - Special Display

| The Trainer |:>- Jim A B Old

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Houseparty, a full-brother to 7f juvenile winner Berengarius and half-brother to six other winners including useful 5f (juvenile) to 1mlf winner Nordic Pageant threatened to be useful when trained by Sir Michael Stoute on the level. For whatever reason, a win over Hyderabad at Haydock in August '01 was all that he mustered, eventually ending with a rating of 95. Connections thought that he was better than that, so it is interesting, that Jim Old has taken him on... wouldn't be surprised if the Glenlivet Hurdle at Aintree wasn't high on his agenda, and even if he isn't that good, you'd be disappointed if he wasn't up to winning an ordinary maiden on the country circuit.

(118)-- HOWRWENOW :>-

b, g. Commanche Run - Maythefifth

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Howrwenow has joined Henrietta Knight having won a

four-year-old maiden point-to-point at Lismore in March. He should make his mark over fences in the coming years, however should be seen to best effect in staying novice hurdles this winter.

(119)-- ILABON (FR) :>-

ch, g. Secret Haunt (FR) - Ahuille (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-(Laurent Viel in France)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ilabon; a six-year-old gelding by Secret Haunt won one of his ten starts of the flat in the french provinces (at Royan over 2300m in '01), as well finishing in the frame on five other occasions. He has only had two runs over obstacles most recently at Auteuil in September where he finishing over 30lengths behind the winner Kismi Des Brosses, however he clearly had something that appealed to a British buyer as he was purchased at the recent GOFFS Horses in Training Sale for 30,000... It'll be interesting to see how he does during the remainder of the season.

(120)-- INCA TRAIL : >-

br, g. Un Desperado (FR) - Katday (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta C. Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Best mate's full brother has left Edward O' Grady' yard having won his only start at Naas in January 2002 by 9lengths. He is now with Henrietta Knight, and is being aimed at the Cheltenham Bumper... He should win more races this term.

(121)-- ISHANDRAZ (GER):>-

gr, g. Mondrian (GER) - Isla Limpia (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I've been aware that Ishandraz has been in Martin Pipe's care for over two years now, and frankly I'm been wondering if he'd ever make it to the track. He was formerly trained in Germany by Dieter Fechner and only ran three times winning once. He was claimed by current connections after finishing second in a claimer at Chantilly in July '00. He may not be very good, however he does appear to have plenty of stamina in his pedigree so could do well when given a chance to race over a distance of ground.

(122)-- JARODE :>-

br, g. Minster Son - White Lion

| The Trainer |:>- (Susan Dent)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Jarode attracted plenty of interest at this season's Doncaster spring sales. This seven-year-old gelding by Minster Son is unbeaten so far having won a maiden point-to-point at Hornby Castle at the beginning of March before winning a restricted race at Hutton Rugby at the end of March in the fastest time of the day. He cost new connections 30,000 gns at that sale so presumable they'll be hopeful of getting some of that outlay back under rules this winter.

(123)-- JEFERTITI (FR) :>-

ch, g. Le Nain Jaune (FR) - Nefertiti (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jefertiti ran once in france before being purchased by Henrietta Knight, finishing three lengths behind the winner Maillot Jaune at Auteuil over 2m2f in May. That was a fair effort and this five-year-old should in this country.

(124)-- JESPER (FR) :>-

br, g. Video Rock (FR) - Belle des Airs (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Richard Phillips

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Jesper, a five-year-old AQPS-bred, has joined current connections, having finished in the frame in six bumpers, most recently when finishing 2lengths behind Malory Du Cheney at Vittel in August. He's a nice prospect who should hopefully show some promise in middle distance novice hurdles.

(125)-- JIM (FR) :>-

b, g. Glaieul (U.S.A.) - Beautywal (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Jim T R Dreaper in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jim is a five-year-old gelding by Glaieul, who only ran once under rules finishing sixth in a Navan Bumper in January . He is a lovely stamp of a horse that will be seen to best effect when he races over obstacles.. Hopefully we'll see some progression this winter .

(126)-- JOHNSTON'S SWALLOW : >-

b, g. Commanche Run - Mirror Of Flowers

| The Trainer |:>- Michael J P O'Brien

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Johnston's Swallow is another promising sort to go hurdling. He ran twice last term in bumpers; chasing home two good sorts in Liberman and The Biker; (both of whom have joined this list - and also interestingly Martin Pipe's yard). Johnston's Swallow should do well this winter in Ireland

(127)-- KEFIR D'ANGRON (FR) :>-

b, g. Panoramic - Wagama (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Guillaume Macaire in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kefir d'Angron is one of Guillaume Macaire's better four-year-olds. He has so far had six outings, winning four times; once on the flat at Royan in August, as well as three times over hurdles at Chateaubriant in May, as well as at Cholet and Strasbourg last month. The only other time he completed was when splitting Dark Steel and Maille Pistol in the Prix de Royan (Hurdle) at Auteuil in June. Considering he conceded weights to these runners, that was a good effort, and there's every chance he won't be far below the best of his age group.

(128)-- KERRIGAND (FR) :>-

gr, g. April Night (FR) - Gouerie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin. C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Kerrigand, could make an impact of racing this term He is lightly raced, having won one race on the flat at Fontainebleau, as a three-year-old, however he has run some solid races in defeat over obstacles. (He was 4th in the Prix Fifrelet (Listed Hurdle) & 5th in the Prix Finot (Listed Hurdle) as a three-year-old. His last start was when he was third to Ad Astra in the Prix Gaston Branère Haies (H'cap) at Auteuil at the end of May. He is a maiden, so all options are open. I came see him making an impact at some stage this term.

(129)-- KICKHAM :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Knocknagow

| The Trainer |:>- Edward O'Grady in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Kickham is a fragile gelding, but he has immense potential as he proved beating Beef or Salmon at in a Fairyhouse bumper in December. He wasn't disgraced next time out finishing 2lengths behind Ar Muin Na Muice in a conditions bumper at the end of December. He missed Cheltenham in favour of the Martell Meeting and repaid Edward O'Grady's faith by cruising home in the Martell Champion Standard National Hunt Flat Race (gr. 2) by 2lengths from Iris's Gift. If all remains well he should have a good season over hurdles this season.

(130)-- KILDARE :>-

br, g. Supreme Leader - Fairly Deep

| The Trainer |:>- Dessie Hughes

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kildare will hopefully improve on his two runs so far under rules. This five-year-old son of Supreme Leader beat all bar Pizarro on his debut at Fairyhouse in April '01. He came out a month later and wore down John James to win a similar event at Naas. He didn't run again however the time off of the racecourse will have lowed him to strengthen up... he should do wel over hurdles this winter.

(131)-- KILLER (FR) ,:>-

ch, g. Cupidon (FR) - Kaoutchka (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Killer is a horse I'll be hoping will make an impact over obstacles. Formerly trained by Thierry Civel in France, Killer has had two starts, finishing second on both occasions at Durtal and at Saumur, in May. He was subsequently purchased by Highflyer Bloodstock at GOFFS July Sale and looks to have the credentials to find winning opportunities this term.

(132)-- KNOWHOW :>-

br, g. Mister Lord (U.S.A.) - Mossy Mistress

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Knowhow is a strapping big gelding by Mister Lord, (he's well over 17hh) who is closely related to Amberleigh House. He was given one start last term and ran a cracker, finishing third to Cappadrummin at Kempton in February. He a lovely prospect for next season and wont be over raced this term... He should win a race this term.

(133)-- KOMBINACJA (POL) :>-

ch, f. Jape (U.S.A.) - Komancza (POL)

It wasn't very surprising that Tom George returned to Poland having had so much success last term with the likes of Galileo and Corletto and well as Cobbet (who was bred in the Czech Republic, but had won races in Poland). It was interesting therefore to learn that he had purchased Kombinacja, who reading her credentials is without doubt (on paper anyway) a better prospect hat last year's Sun Alliance Hurdle winner. She ran nine times on the flat winning seven times including in '01 landing The Nagroda Polish Derby, The Nagroda Polish Oaks, The Nagroda Polish St Leger '01 at the beginning of September, (where she beat Galileo by 1 3/4 lengths) and the Wielka Warszawska at the end of the September, where she beat Laveron by 2lengths with Galileo well behind in fifth). To illustrate how highly she was regarded by connections, she was taken to Germany to contest the Deutsche Post Euro Express Preis von Europa (gr. 1), where she finished ninth to Kutub. She has been here for five months and assuming she takes to jumping could be worth watching out for in the better novice events.

(134)-- KONFUZIUS (GER) :>-

br, g. Motley (USA) - Katrina (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Peter Monteith

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Konfuzius is a four-year-old gelding by Motley, who ran twelve times in his native Germany, winning once, as well as being placed on five other occasions. He is nothing special, however he has been purchased by Peter Monteith, who is shrewd enough to find opportunities for him this season.

(135)-- KRACH (FR):>-

b, g. Lute Antique (FR) - Voilette (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Krach, is a lovely big son of Lute Antique who I've been raving about since seeing him win the Prix Jacques de Vienne (One of the better bumpers for Non-Thoroughbreds) at Maison Lafitte in November '01. He made a pleasing first appearance over hurdles at Auteuil in December. He was given a very sympathetic ride by Thierry Doumen, jumping economically throughout, and travelled sweetly on the bridle. He has every chance turning for home, however didn't quicken as well as the winner Far Away Girl, but managed to come well clear of the third Beraud, who won a decent race at Enghien on his previous start.. It was fascinating watching the post coverage of the race, the cameras focused on Krach, and the close-up showed him striding up the hill in second, pleased as punch with himself, ears pricked as though he won. (Thierry Doumen isn't one of the biggest jockeys around, so it was slightly comical watching him flailing away in vain on this gentle giant!!!). I'm sure François Doumen in France will be pleased with that run... they also know that he is likely to always be vulnerable in these gluey conditions. He didn't run again afterwards, (probably because he was still growing) and he could be a decent proposition this term in novice events.

(136)-- KVALENTENZO (FR), :>-

b, h. Orival - Fay (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Noël Meade in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I'll be interested to see whether Kvalentenzo makes in to the racecourse this term. He has yet to race over rules but is by Orival (a sire I know nothing of) out of Fay (placed on the flat and over obstacles), but is related to Cyfor Malta on the dam's side. Noël Meade clearly liked what he saw as he bought this gelding at GOFFS sale in '01... clearly he needed time to mature, however hopefully he came make some impact in bumpers this term.

(137)-- LAÛUEN (FR), :>-

br, g. Funny Baby (FR) - Olive Noire (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- L Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Laõuen should do well this term over hurdles. He has had two runs in bumpers last term, winning cosily at Ayr in March, before chasing home Maybe The Business at Ayr on "Scottish Grand National" day. He isn't overly big but looks athletic and should do well over obstacles this winter.

(138)-- LIBERMAN : >-

b, g. Standiford (U.S.A.) - Hail To You (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Liberman could do well with Nicholashayne. Formerly trained by Paddy Mullins in Ireland, Liberman had three races in his care, winning twice at Punchestown in April and Bellewstown in July before joining Martin Pipe. Wouldn't like to gauge how he'll do, however I'd be disappointed if he didn't add to this tally.

(139)-- LOUP BLEU (U.S.A.) :>-

br, c. Nureyev (U.S.A.) - Louve Bleue (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- (J-P Gallorini in france)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Loup Bleu is a four-year-old colt by Nureyev should plenty of promise over obstacles in France without winning a race. This is surprising when you considering his first effort over hurdles, where he finished second to Grand Match in the Prix Finot Haies (a race for unraced colts & geldings) in September. He finished 1/2 a length behind the winner Grand Match (one of the best of his generation) with Le Roi Miguel 7lengths back in sixth, and Sud Bleu further behind in seventh. He was purchased at the recent GOFFS Horses in Training Sale for 55,000 and could be another one to note from that sale when he next appears, probably on these shores.

(140)-- MACONNOR :>-

b, g. Religiously (U.S.A.) - Door Belle

| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Maconnor is a lovely big five-year-old gelding by Religiously who, only had the one run last term, finishing midfield in a bumper at Warwick in March. He isn't really built to win in that discipline and will be seen to much better effect when tried over obstacles this winter.

(141)-- MANDRIN DES AIGLES (FR)

br, g. Le Balafre (FR) - Favarella

| The Trainer |:>- Bernard Secly in France.

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Mandrin Des Aigles is one of several nice prospects that the Marquesa De Moratalla has got to go over hurdles this winter. This five-year-old by Le Balafre did not race as a juvenile, but won twice on the level; at Saint Cloud - on his second start in June '00, as well as well as a similar event in March '01. He didn't win last term, however was only beaten 1-1/2lengths over 2miles at Maison-Lafitte in June. He showed plenty of promise in the Prix Achille Foud haies at Auteuil on his debut over hurdles and looks capable of doing well over hurdles this winter.

(142)-- MAKE HASTE SLOWLY :>-

b, g. Terimon - Henry's True Love
| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly -
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Make Haste Slowly is an unraced five-year-old son of Terimon, whose dam Henry's True Love has produce several winners over obstacles over the years, the most recent being Parlour Game. He will be interesting over obstacles however he may be able to confirm his entry in this list in bumpers this winter

(143)-- MASTER FLORIAN: >-
b, g. Roselier (FR) - Paddy's Well
| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-From the family of Moorcroft Boy, he was an impressive winner of a point-to-point in the spring and will run in staying hurdles this winter.

(144)-- MATRIX (AUS) :>-
b, g. Centaine (AUS) - Iced Lass (NZ)
| The Trainer |:>- Kim C Bailey
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Matrix is a five-year-old gelding by the Australian sire Centaine, who was given two runs in bumpers at the end of last term. He didn't curt much ice in truth - his best effort probably being in on his debut when he finished 13lengths behind the winner Cappadrummin. He was backward and should have benefited from the experience. Hopefully he will improved over hurdles this winter.

(145)-- MEL IN BLUE (FR) :>-
b, g. Pistolet Bleu - Calligraphie (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Mel in Blue definitely is a horse to follow if the initial impression left after his only start in a Newbury bumper proves to be accurate. This four-year-old gelding travelled sweetly throughout and they proved he was prepared to battle and he outstayed stablemate Kyper Disco to win by a head. I'm sure he will improve on that run and I'll be expecting to win over obstacles this winter.

(146)-- MONTEFORTE :>-
b, g. Alflora - Double Dutch
| The Trainer |:>-Jim A B Old
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Monteforte, a four-year-old by Alflora out of the Cesarewitch winner Double Dutch, had one run last term when landing a three-mile maiden point-to-point by 2lengths for Ger Hourigan at Kilmallock in April. He was sold at Doncaster's May sale for 66,000gns and will hopefully continue to progress for new connections this winter.

(147)-- MUKHALIF :>-
ch, h. Caerleon (U.S.A.) - Potri Pe (ARG)
| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- 1999 Derby Italiano winner Mukhalif, is another interesting recruit to hurdling . The six-year-old entire son of Caerleon was a useful juvenile when trained by Michael Jarvis. Before winning in Italy, Mukhalif ran creditably in the German equivalent. Mukhalif was trained in Dubai last winter by John Sadler, where he ran seven times, winning at Nad Al Sheba in December, and made his final appearance there in February. He returned to Britain in the spring, and was sold for 32,000gns at the Newmarket July Sale. If connections can keep him sound he could be make his presence felt in one of the better novice hurdle races

(148)-- MYSTÉRIEUX MR NO (FR) :>-
br, g. Tropular - Petite No (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Benard Secly in France
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Mystérieux Mr No is a decent middle distance handicapper in France, who is trying his hand over hurdles. He didn't win last term, however he contested many of the better handicaps, his best effort

probably being when he finished fourth in the Prix De Glingel at Saint Cloud at the end of May. He has made an inauspicious start to his career over obstacles falling at the practice hurdle on his debut at Auteuil (a fall which broke his pilot's collarbone), however I'll be hoping that he can improve on that

(149)-- MYSTERY (GER) :>-

br, g. Java Gold - My Secret (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Mystery is another interesting purchase from Poland. This four-year-old is a winner of one start in Germany, however he developed into Poland's top-rated older horse, by virtue of wins in the Prezes Rady Ministrów LR (kat.A), over 2600m at the end of June, as well as finishing a good third to Dancer Life in the Nagroda St. Leger - LR (kat.A) in September and fourth in the Nagroda WIDZOWA in June... He should want a trip over obstacles and will need cut in the ground to be seen at his best.

(150)-- NA CREAGACHA DUBHA :>-

ch, g. Old Vic - Nova Express

| The Trainer |:>- Noël Meade

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I'll be interested to see how Na Creagacha Dubha is placed by connections this winter. This four-year-old gelding by Old Vic does have plenty of flat influence in the pedigree, however Old Vic is producing plenty of winners over obstacles of late. He'd probably be best this season in bumpers over hurdles but should be a better individual next season.

(151)-- NARWHAL :>-

br, g. Naheez (U.S.A.) - Well Why

| The Trainer |:>- Josh Gifford

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Narwhal should be one of Josh Gifford's better novice this season. He got onto this list, by virtue of his good effort on his only start so far at Newbury in March, where he belied odds of 33/1 when making eventual winner Lord Sam pull out all the stops. Narwhal should find a race if he's realistically placed.

(152)-- NATTERJACK :>-

gr, g. Roselier (FR) - Hansels Lady

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Natterjack is an unraced gelding by Roselier who has been pleasing Alan King at home after purchasing him at the Derby Sale. Hopefully he can do well in staying novice hurdles after gaining some experience in bumpers

(153)-- NAPOLEON BONAPARTE :>-

b, g. Insan (U.S.A.) - Chiminee Fly

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Pitman

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Napoleon Bonaparte is a lovely five-year-old gelding by Insan (a sire The Trainers likes the progeny of), who had two runs in bumpers last term, showing plenty of promise behind Cappadrummin at Kempton on his debut in February, before running badly at Chepstow in March. He's quite a big horse, which may explain his last effort as he's probably is still in the weak side...I won't be surprised if he didn't improve this winter.

(154)-- NOBLEFIR :>-

b, g. Shernazar - Chrisali

| The Trainer |:>-Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Noblefir, a four-year-old by Shernazar joined Lenny Lungo, after winning a maiden point-to-point at Dundrum at the end of March. His pedigree suggests that long-distance novice hurdles will suit him most this season, and hopefully he will show some promise this season in them.

(155)-- NOËL (GER) :>-

ch, h. Acatenango (GER) - Noble Princesse (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- After the success the Doumens had last and this with their German imports, I am very keen to sift through their credentials. This seven-year-old entire by Acatenango ran 36 races in Germany, France, Sweden, Italy and Poland winning 10 times and was placed in nine others. His best win was probably in the Premio Federico Tesio (gr. 3) at San Siro in September 1999, however he ran some good races in defeat, one of his better efforts was when he finished fifth to Endless Hall in the '00 running of the Gran Premio di Milano (gr. 1). He is being at the Italian St Leger, after which connections may try him over hurdles .. he could be interesting if he took to them.

(156)-- NORVADANO (FR) :>-

br. g. Turgeon (U.S.A.) - Esposente (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur Moore in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- A typical store horse that Arthur Moore purchases with a chasing career in mind. This five-year-old gelding has had a couple of spins in point-to-points managing a well-beaten fourth on his latest start at Lingsdown in March... Let's see how he gets in bumpers this winter

(157)-- NOWATOR (POL)

ch, g. Jape (U.S.A.) - Naradka (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I've really got the bit between the teeth with my interest in Polish racing at the moment and as there is a sale shortly I thought I'll put in a few possibles who are due to come up for sale at the end of November, who could theoretically race this term in western Europe. Nowator is a five-year-old gelding by Jape, who won in '01 landed the Prezesza Rady Ministrów LR (kat.A), as well as the 14-ty dzien wyscigowy Nagroda WIDZOWA - (kat. B). He appears to be better than some of the purchases that have done well over here, so could attract plenty of interest... We shall see!!!.

(158)-- NO SHENANIGANS :>-

b, g. King's Ride - Melarka

| The Trainer |:>- N J Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- No Shenanigans showed plenty of promise last term, winning on his debut in a Sandown bumper in March, beating Chanticlier by 1/2 length, before finishing fourth to Kickham in the Aintree Bumper at the Grand National Meeting. That was a good first season and I'd be hopeful of him building on those runs this term.

(159)-- ŃURZYK (POL) :>-

ch, g. Freedom's Choice (USA) - Numeria (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Ńurzyk is a flashy five-year-old chestnut gelding by Freedom's Choice who has shown plenty of ability for previous trainer Dorota Kaluba in Poland. He won two of his four races during the 1999 last season and repeated that tally in ten runs during the 2000 season. He had his best season during the 2001 campaign, finishing a good fourth to Kombinacja in the Nagroda ST. LEGER - LR (kat. A) before landing the Nagroda SAC - A - PAPIER - (kat. B). He should have been well schooled and could be good enough to win over obstacles this winter.

(160)-- PEPE GALVEZ (SWE):>-

br, g. Mango Express - Mango Sampaquita (SWE)

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs Lavinia C Taylor

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I am really pleased that Pepe Galvez has been put over obstacles this term. This five-year-old gelding by Mango Express, is a full brother to a winner in Sweden, and is a half-brother to Forest Fire (a winner over 1m-1m4f). He showed plenty of promise in four races when trained by Ben Hansbury, his claim to fame is surely finishing 1 1/2 lengths behind Marienbard in a Leicester maiden in June '00. I'm not suggesting that he is a world beater (frankly there are horses in this list with far better credentials than him), however I will be particularly disappointed if he failed to make an impact at some stage this winter.

(161)--PEPPERCORN (GER):>-

b, g. Big Shuffle (U.S.A.) - Pasca (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Peppercorn is another useful German import that has found his way to François Doumen in France . This five-year-old gelding has run twenty seven times on the continent, mainly in Germany Italy and France, winning fives times, most recently when landing the Grosser Preis der Landeshauptstadt Dusseldorf (gr. 3) at Dusseldorf at the end of October '01, as well as finishing in the frame on nine other occasions. He has to prove his ability to stay the trip, but could be very interesting should he do so.

(162)-- PETANQUE :>-

b, g. King's Ride - Phargara

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Petanque could be a horse to follow if the initial impression left when he sprinted away to win a Huntingdon bumper proves to be accurate. This six-year-old gelding didn't appear again, however wouldnt need to improve much to win over hurdles this winter.

(163)-- POLISH CLOUD (FR) :>-

gr, g. Bering - Batchelor's Buttons (FR).

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Polish Cloud is another one of Tom George's polish imports (despite what he breeding indicates). He won twice as a juvenile in '00 and was placed in some decent races as a three-year-old: (he was second in the Korabia (Specjalna) (Kat. B) and Prezesa Rady Ministrów Lr (Kat.A) as well as finishing third in the WIDZOWA (Kat. B), and Dziennika Zycie Warszawy (Kat. B)). He did though land the Sac-a-Papier - LR (B) over 3200m., so clearly possess plenty of stamina. He wouldn't be considered in the same class as say Galileo, however it would surprise me if he didn't manage to find his level in this country.

(164)-- PRIZEMAN (U.S.A.) :>-

b, g. Prized (U.S.A.) - Shuttle (U.S.A.),

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Prizeman, runner-up in Newbury's Group 3 Horris Hill Stakes and fourth in the Group 2 Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last year for Richard Hannon, has been transferred to Nicky Henderson with the ultimate objective of competing in the Triumph Hurdle. If he is able to run anywhere to perform anywhere near his BHB rating of 104, he is a certainty to win over obstacles

(165)-- RODOLFO :>-

b, g. Tragic Role (U.S.A.) - Be Discreet

| The Trainer |:>- Oliver Sherwood

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- There are plenty of punters who have no time for bumpers, instead they wait for the horse to win a couple before jumping on the bandwagon ..I dont agree with this viewpoint (as this list regularly proves) and source a lot of my prospects from these races. A case in point is Rodolfo who ran in the last of these races last term at Market Rasen in April. This big, lanky, unfurnished gelding, went off as third favourite, and could not have won much easier, cruising through to lead and drawing clear from two furlongs out. to win by a long looking 8lengths. He will have appreciated the summer break and should do well this winter over hurdles.

(166)-- ROSE D'APRIL (FR) :>-

gr, g. April Night (FR) - Rose De Hoc (FR).

| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Rose D'April has been given two seasons in bumpers, running four times winning once at Catterick at the end of December '01. He was outclassed in the Cheltenham Bumper behind Pizzarro, however placed in his level in the North, he should find races.

(167)-- ROSSLEA :>-

br, g. Roselier (FR) - Burren Gale

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Rosslea is a four-year-old gelding by Roselier, who is a half-brother to Russell Road. He was purchased by connections after landing a four-year-old maiden point-to-point at Athenry in March. Connections like him so he may be seen in some of the better novice hurdles this winter.

(168)-- ROYAL CETI (FR) :>-

br, g. Garde Royale - Mira Ceti

| The Trainer |:>- (Eric Lellouche)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Royal Ceti, a lovely brown gelding by Garde Royale, has always struck as the sort of horse that could make a hurdler. He is a winning on the flat, winning handicaps at places like Saint Cloud and Maison-Lafitte, as was tried in listed place this summer. He was strongly fancied to win on his debut in the Prix Achille-Fould (Hurdle) at Auteuil in September, making all and jumping boldly (bar a tardy jump at the second last) to win impressively by 2 1/2 lengths. This five-year-old is open to any amount of improvement and should be followed.

(169)-- SABY (FR) :>-

br, g. Sassanian (U.S.A.) - Valy Flett (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- P J Hobbs

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Saby is a four-year-old gelding by Sassanian, who was campaigned in the provinces of France, without winning, however he was placed over both codes, his most recent effort was when he was second in a steeplechase at Angers in March. He clearly has potential to do well over both codes however I think he will be initially campaigned over the smaller obstacles... may be better in handicaps.

(170)-- SAFARI PARADISE (FR) :>-

ch, g. Red Paradise - Safari Liz (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- (Thierry Civel)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Safari Paradise is in many ways the perfect purchase from France in that he has yet to win in any discipline, but has shown bags of promise, over both codes, most notably when getting with in two lengths of Sun Storm in the Prix Orcada (Gr. 3) at Auteuil last November. He was purchased at the recent GOFFS Horses in Training Sale for 110,000 by Hubert Barbe and will be making his way to these shores in the not too distance future.

(171)-- SAITENSOHN (GER) :>-

b, c. Monsun (GER) - Saite (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Christian Von Der Recke

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Saitensohn, is a four-year-old gelding by Monsun, who has had eighteen runs on the flat winning four times including the Starohájské kritérium R (L) at Bratislav at the beginning of June '01, and the Slovenské derby VÚB R (Gd3) at the beginning of July '01. as well as being placed on ten occasions, including in Listed class in France. He has had two starts over fences, arguably running his best race in the Hauptjagdrennen der Vierjahrigen - Jean Harzheim-Rennen at Krefeld when he finished second (albeit a distance second) to Siberius who has gone on to land a conditions hurdle in Italy. If he adapts to our style of racing he may be good enough to win a race in this country this season over obstacles.

(172)-- SEASQUILL (AUS):>-

bl, g. Squill (U.S.A.) - Sea Surge (AUS)

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-There has been a welcome influx of really decent flat horses over jumps of late and another one who could do well this winter is Seasquill, who has joined Ferdy Murphy from Dubai.. The six-year-old gelding ran in the Caulfield Cup in Australia and the £900,000 Dubai Sheema Classic on turf at Nad Al Sheba behind Fantastic Light in '00. He was bought last year to run in

this year's World Cup but didn't make it , and amazingly Ferdy Murphy was able to buy him whilst on a trip to Dubai . He may not take to the game immediately (really good horses don't always) however I'd be disappointed if he wasn't good enough to win a race this winter

(173)-- SHALAKO (U.S.A.) :>-

ch, g. Kingmambo (U.S.A.) - Sporades (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Philip Hobbs,

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Shalako, a four-year-old by Kingmambo, is the winner of four of his ten starts in Germany (and was placed on three other occasions). He has shown plenty of ability and could do well in novice hurdles.

(174)-- SH BOOM :>-

b, g. Alderbrook - Muznah

| The Trainer |:>- Kim C Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kim Bailey has had a high opinion of Sh Boom, an athletic son of Alderbrook, who ran twice last term, finishing a creditable sixth to Mind How You Go on his debut in a decent bumper at Warwick in February. He was strongly supported to win next time out at Towcester, and after being held up in rear, made steady headway to lead approaching the final furlong, eventually winning by 3lengths. Hopefully that experience will stand him in good stead this when he goes over hurdles... I'd be disappointed if he didn't win a race.

(175)-- SLOOGHY (FR):>-

br, g. Missolonghi (U.S.A.) - Lady Charrecey (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Since we're looking at for possible winners who previously raced in France, Slooghy who last raced almost a year ago, where he finished a creditable fourth to a grey called Turkama, who went on to win three more races including two steeplechases, is open to any amount of improvement. This six-year-old son of Missolonghi has very little mileage on the clock, and should be able to fins a race during the remainder of the season.

(176)-- SQUIRE SHANDY :>-

ch, g. Afzal - Hatherly

| The Trainer |:>- Noël Chance

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Squire Shandy is a flashing chestnut gelding by Afzal, who only had the one start, at Chepstow in a national hunt flat race in November. After being held up in the rear, Squire Shandy made steady headway to track the leaders half a mile out. He was asked to win his race at the furlong marker and showed a nice turn of foot to win cheekily by 1/2length. That experience will stand this lovely prospect in good stead this winter.

(177)-- SUMMER IN SIBERIA:>-

b, g. Soviet Lad (U.S.A.) - Have A Nice Time

| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Summer In Siberia is retained in the list. He was a promising second to Kickham in a Punchestown bumper in May '00, and built on that effort in '01, winning two bumpers, both at Fairyhouse. He didn't race last term due to injury, however will have been well prepared for this hurdling campaign

(178)-- SZERYF (POL) :>-

ch, h. In Camera - Szuana (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Radek Holcák in the Czech Republic

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-My interest in Italian racing (particularly their jump racing) has spawned increasing interest in the Eastern European national-hunt racing scene. There are several that that have been imported in this country who have added into this list...I thought I'd add a few that we are less likely to see but are worthy of a mention. Szeryf comes into this bracket. I must admit this four-year-old entire has come to my attention purely by fluke, as I noted he had run in some of the better long distance races in Poland as a

three-year-old. I double-checked to see whether he had run over obstacles and noted he'd won over fences in the Czech Republic, most recently the Prútenky 'ampiánov (steeple ch) at Bratislava at the end of June. He is already highly rated over obstacles is one of their more progressive jumpers. This list is about exposing talent and whilst he wont ever grace Cheltenham I wouldnt be surprised if he is difficult to beat "at home" this winter.

(179)-- THAIX (FR) :>-

b, g. Roi De Rome (U.S.A.) - Action De Balle (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Michael J P O'Brien in Ireland
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Thaix is a five-year-old gelding by Roi De Rome who has had one start last term, where he finished eighth to Supreme Developer in the Paddy Power Champion I.N.H. Flat Race (Gr. 1) at the Punchestown Festival (btn 11lengths). That was a great effort considering his lack of experience and he should be able to go close to winning a race of some description this term (probably more likely in novice hurdles).

(180)-- THE BIKER : >-

br, g. Arctic Lord - Glenravel
| The Trainer |:>- Martin C Pipe
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Martin Pipe has plenty of decent looking purchases from Ireland this term. Formerly trained by John E Kiely in Ireland, The Biker had two races in his care, winning at Fairyhouse on his debut in April, before chasing home Supreme Developer at Punchestown in April. He looks to be a decent middle distance prospect for novice hurdles this winter

(181)-- THIEVES' GLEN :>-

b, g. Teenoso (U.S.A.) - Hollow Creek
| The Trainer |:>- H Morrison
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Thieves'glen, a half-brother to the staying chaser Frenchman's Creek, showed plenty of promise on his only start to date in a bumper at Perth at the end of April. He travelled well throughout, only giving way once his lack of experience told in the straight, eventually finishing fourth 7 1/2lengths behind the winner Mister Wellard. He can only improve on this run and should do well over hurdles this winter.

(182)-- THISTHATANDTOTHER :>-

b, g. Bob Back (U.S.A.) - Baden
| The Trainer |:>- Paul F. Nichols
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Although he was ultimately he was beaten fair and square in both the Cheltenham and Aintree bumpers, Thisthatandtother had previously shown plenty of promise in two starts, behind Alvino at Ascot in December '01, and when sluicing home at Wincanton in February. I think he should build ob that when he goes jumping this winter and should figure ion many a "ten to follow" listing this term.

(183)-- TOO FAR TO BRIDGE :>-

b, g. Jupiter Island - Catherine Bridge
| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Too Far To Bridge is a huge five-year-old gelding by Jupiter Island out of a daughter of Pitpan. I was going to put him in the bumper list, however he is going to struggle to win on the level so I hope he'll show some promise over hurdles (cant wait for him to go chasing).

(184)-- TRANSLUCID (U.S.A.) :>-

br, c. Woodman (U.S.A.) - Gossamer (U.S.A.)
| The Trainer |:>- Christian Frhr. Von der Recke in Germany
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- A measure of how seriously I think Christian von der Recke is taking his British sorties is the fact that he has entered Translucid over hurdles in this country. This four-year-old son of Woodman has had 9 runs in Germany and Switzerland. he has won 4 times including the Preis der Neusser Industrie und Wirtschaft-Deutsches Sandbahn Classic (Listed) at Neuss, which he won by 20 lengths. he has had one run over hurdles so far, without success, but

i'd be surprised if that lasted for very long.

(185)-- TRANSATLANTIC (U.S.A.) :>-
gr, g. Dumaani (U.S.A.) - Viendra (U.S.A.)
| The Trainer |:>-Henry D Daly
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Transatlantic is an unusually purchased by Henry Daly as he doesn't usually but horses off of the flat. I can see the logic of purchasing this four-year-old gelding from Fulke Johnson Houghton as this four-year-old gelding revels in the mud and looked useful when winning handicaps at Kempton in April '01, and at the same venue this season when beating Burgundy by 1-1/2 lengths over a mile this June. If he takes to jumping I would expect him to be placed to win a race this winter.

(186)-- ULTIMATE ACCOLADE : >-
b, g. Insan (U.S.A.) - Echo Creek
| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Ultimate Accolade was highly touted as Willie Mullins' best bumper two seasons ago, however he "disappointed" finishing behind Be My Belle at Gowran Park in February '01. Injury has kept him off the track since however he is back in training and can attempt to make up for lost time.

(187)-- WELLINGTON HALL (GER) :>-
b, g. Halling (U.S.A.) - Wells Whisper (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- A Charlton
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Wellington Hall is a four-year-old gelding by Halling that ran nineteen times in his native Germany, winning twice as well as being placed on six over occasions, including in Listed company. He is an interesting recruit, who could be placed to win over hurdles if realistically placed.

(188)-- WHAT A MAN :>-
b, g. Beau Sher - Cactus Wren
| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- What A Man is another winning point-to-pointer from Ireland that Tom George has purchased. He won twice this term the most recent of which was a winner-of -one race at Dundrum in March by 20lengths. He is a nice long-term chasing prospect who hopefully will show some promise over hurdles this winter

(189)-- WOULDND'T YOU AGREE :>-
ch, g. Toulon - Mention Of Money
| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Wouldn't You Agree is a five-year-old gelding by Toulon who showed plenty of promise on his only start to date where he finished second to Hunter's Bar at Naas at the beginning of August '01. He should built on this effort and is sure to find winning opportunities this winter.

(190)-- XTRA :>-
b, h. Sadler's Wells (U.S.A.) - Oriental Mystique
| The Trainer |:>- Jim A B Old
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Trainers have been looking for prospect jumpers to buy at the Horses in Training sales at Newmarket. Paul Webber snapped up Xtra; a four-year-old son of Sadlers Wells for 120,000guineas. He had decent form on the level, winning twice from nine starts including landing the Fred Archer Stakes at Newmarket in June. If he takes to obstacles he could be a very useful prospect .

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(191)-- AIN TECBALET (FR) :>-
br, g. Riverquest (FR) - La Chance Au Roy (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Nicky J Henderson
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ain Tecbalet is a four-year-old gelding by Riverquest, who has joined Nicky Henderson, having run six times for Guillaume Macaire, including winning a steeplechase at Meslay-Du-Maine in September. He is now

world-beater however I'm sure he will placed to good effect over hurdles this winter.

(192)-- AMHRAN NA BHFIANN :>-
ch, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Shannon Spray
| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Amhran Na Bhfiann, is a five-year-old gelding by Be My Native out of Shannon Spray, a winner over obstacles who herself has produced several winners including winning full brother Deckie, and half brother Shannon Gale. He's had two races to date, finishing thirteenth on his debut at Punchestown in April, before an improved effort to finish seventh to Birth Rite (btn 27 lengths) at Navan in May. Hopefully that will have stood in good stead for this season, where he may be seen to best effect in handicap company (once he has gained sufficient experience).

(193)-- ANNO JUBILO (GER) :>-
br, g. Lando (GER) - Anna Maria (GER)
| The Trainer |:>- C F Swan
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Anno Jubilo can build on a promising start to his career. He was one of the earliest members on the list, having been added to the list after having shown good form in Germany having raced upped to Group 2 standard. He has had five races this term already, winning twice at Ballinrobe and Roscommon, as well as having run well in defeat as was the case last time out at Tralee, at the beginning of September, when making Macs Valley pull out all the stops Anno Jubilo is probably going to find things more difficult from now on but should be able to build on this form in handicap company.

(194)-- ATLANTIC RHAPSODY (FR) :>-
b, g. Machiavellian (U.S.A.) - First Waltz (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Ted Walsh in Ireland
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Atlantic Rhapsody had a good first season over hurdles. Formerly strained on the flat by Mark Johnston Atlantic Rhapsody won twice at Punchestown and Naas in January as well as running well in defeat on two other occasions (He was third to Anxious Moments in the Powers Gold Label Handicap Hurdle Series Final at Fairyhouse in April). Atlantic Rhapsody doesn't fit my usual profile of a horse to follow as he had a lot of runs on the flat, however he gave me the impression last year that there was a decent handicap hurdle in him this term; hence his inclusion in this list.

(195)-- B B BOY :>-
br, g. Arctic Lord - Belle Muguet
| The Trainer |:>- Kim Bailey
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I'm certain that B B Boy will win races over obstacles, however that faith took a severe dent last term as he was tailed off in two bumpers finishing 13th on his debut at Wincanton in February, before finishing plum last at Newbury in March. He's better than that surely... (isn't he??!!)

(196)-- BEEF OR SALMON :>-
ch, g. Cajetano (U.S.A.) - Farinellá
| The Trainer |:>- Michael Hourigan
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Beef or Salmon had a good first season under rules; winning a bumper at Cork before landing a novice hurdle at Gowran Park in January. He was highly tried afterwards, but failed to reached the required standard, although he was definitely better than his seventh behind Like-A-Butterfly in the Deloitte and Touche Novice Hurdle (Gr. 2) might suggest. He didn't run too badly behind Ned Kelly on the flat during the summer and could progress into a decent handicap hurdler this winter.

(197)-- BIMBODELLESORGENTI (ITY):>-
b, c. Classic Secret - Súdesura (ITY)
| The Trainer |:>- O. Pessi in Italy
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Bimbodellesorgenti is a huge four-year-old son of Classic Secret, who I managed to see show promise in a couple of novice hurdles

in Italy last term. Although he has a flat pedigree I wouldnt dream of racing him on the level, then again what do I know; Mr Pessi managed to place him to win over 3000m at Naples in August. He is no world-beater however he should be good enough to find races over obstacles over obstacles this winter.

(198)-- BLAKENEY COAST :>-

b, g. Satco (FR) - Up To More Trix

| The Trainer |:>- Mary Reverley

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Blakeney Coast is a five-year-old gelding by Satco, who ran three times in bumpers without troubling the judge. He possesses plenty of scope and is sure to improve this term, simply for going over hurdles, before going onto better things once he's mature enough to jump a fence.

(199)-- CAPTAIN'S LEAP :>-

ch, g. Grand Plaisir - Ballingowan Star

| The Trainer |:>-Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Captain's Leap had a good first season under rules. This six-year-old was given three starts in bumpers, finishing second on his debut at Sedgefield in November, before he went one better at Musselburgh, when he outstayed Janoramic to win by 1/2 length. He was given one more run in March, however disappointed under a penalty, finishing well behind eventual winner Touch Closer (btn 18lengths). He has been given plenty of time to get over these exertions and starts afresh this term... he should be capable of winning a race

(200)-- CYINDIEN (FR) : >-

br, g. Cyborg (FR) - Indiana Rose (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cyindien is an attractively bred five-year-old son of Cyborg, who showed plenty of promise on his only outing in a Fontwell bumper in January. The experience will have done him good and he should improve this term over hurdles.

(201)-- D'ARGENT:>-

gr. g. Roselier (FR) - Money Galore

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- D'Argent is a lovely chasing prospect for this term. He was second in desperate ground at Fontwell on his hurdles debut and then went on to win twice at Doncaster and Exeter. He's relatively inexperienced and it's possible that he will be kept over hurdles in he short-term, however he will definitely improve once he goes over the larger obstacles.

(202)-- DEOCH AN BOTHAR:>-

b, g. Denel (FR) - Leney Character

| The Trainer |:>- Paul A Roche,

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Deoch An Bothar, a six-year-old gelding by Denel, showed promise in four starts in bumpers last term finishing in the frame on two occasions, at Dundalk on his debut in July, as well as on his final start where he stayed on nicely to finish only 2lngths behind eventual winner Parkdota at Limerick this May. He's no great shakes however I'd be hopeful of him finding a race this winter in Ireland (he may need another season though).

(203)-- DOUCEUR DES SONGES (FR) :>-

b, m. Art Francais (U.S.A.) - Ma Poetesse (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I wont be in the least bit surprised if Douceur Des Songes gets onto the scoresheet before the end of the season. Her form figures aren't that encouraging however her last effort when she finished second to Funny Des Cotieres at Auteuil last June, in a claiming chase where the horses she finished in front of included Miss Ramic who went on to win two races in the Autumn suggest there may be more to come from her. Even better she is a maiden, so the Pipe camp has all options open. One to watch out for on the country circuit.

(204)-- EL HOMBRE DEL RIO :>-

ch, g. Over The River (FR) - Hug In A Fog

| The Trainer |:>- Robert Alner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- El Hombre Del Rio wouldnt get into many horses to follow list this year, but I suspect that a lot of horses that ran in the bumper won by Mel in Blue at the beginning of March will go on to find success this winter. El Hombre Del Rio finished eighth (btn 8lengths) and gave the impression that middle distance novice events (or handicaps) could be his "niche" this season.

(205)-- EPICURE (FR) :>-

br, g. Northern Crystal - L'Epicurienne (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Epicure is a half-brother (by Northern Crystal) to L'Epicurien, who has won each season he has been with Martin Pipe. It makes so sense therefore to send him to Nicholashayne. He showed little bits of promise in four starts in bumpers and should placed by this outfit to win a little race somewhere on the country circuit. (Update: _ 04/09/02 13:42 AM _ Epicure has won his first three starts for Martin Pipe at Newton Abbot (twice) and at Bangor.)

(206)-- FLORIDA RAIN :>-

b, g. Florida Son - Ameretto

| The Trainer |:>- Mary Reverley

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Florida rain is a lovely rangy six-year-old gelding by Florida Son , who has had four runs in bumpers, failing to win, however running well on the last two occasions; finishing third, beaten 81/2Lengths by Mind How You Go at Catterick in January, before coming fourth to Silver Knight at Doncaster in March. He should progress over obstacles and should go close this term, probably during the second half of the season.

(207)-- FLYING FORTRESS :>-

b, g. Petoski - Misty Fort

| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Flying Fortress, a five-year-old son of Petoski is bred for the game. His dam Misty Fort (a winner over jumps) has produced several winner including half-sister Island Mist, who won over fences for the stable two season ago. He had two runs last term, finishing in the ruck on his debut in a Uttoxeter bumper in November, before running slightly better in a novice hurdle at Ludlow in February, finishing sixth to the eventual winner Rolling Tide. He'll have benefited from that experience and can hopefully improve as this season progresses.

(208)-- FOR YOUR EARS ONLY :>-

b, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Sister Ida

| The Trainer |:>- Andrew Parker

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Raymond Anderson Green has a lot of lovely chasing prospects and I believe For Your Ears Only is one of the nicest of them... that it in the future however he has shown some promise in bumpers at Ayr and Perth. He will be better this term when placed over hurdles and as long as he isn't highly tried, should get into the winners enclosure.

(209)-- FORTO (GER) :>-

ch, h. Acatenango (GER) - Flunder (GDR)

| The Trainer |:>- Dai Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Forto was picked up by his new connections for 25000 guineas at the '01 Tattersalls 'horses-in-training' sale having shown useful form in handicaps at trips up to 12 furlongs is his native Germany. He ran respectably on his hurdles debut behind Tucacas at Sandown in February and then tried his luck in the Supreme Novices Hurdles but didn't have the pace to go with the principals. Connections sensibly stepped him up in distance and that worked the oracle as he won twice at the end of the season at Ludlow over 3miles, and also under a penalty at Fontwell over 2m6f. That was a good introduction and given decent jumping ground and a stamina test Forto should be

able to return to the winner's enclosure.

(210)-- GOSS :>-

gr, g. Linamix (FR) - Guillem (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Michael J P O'Brien in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Bought at the '00 GOFFS 'Horses in Training' Sale, having week finished 7th to Inglenook in a listed event over 10 furlongs at Saint Cloud. Goss did really in his first season over obstacles, winning his first two starts at Punchestown and Naas, before running a respectable race behind Scottish Memories in the Powers Gold Label Novice Hurdle (Gr. 2) at Fairyhouse in April. I thought he would have been an interesting prospect over hurdles this term... he may be even more so over fences, which apparently he tried this winter.

(211)-- GRAND PRAIRIES (SWE):>-

b, g. Prairie - Platonica (ITY)

| The Trainer |:>- Norman B. Mason

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-The Mason / Guest combination have been looking far and wide for winners recently. It'll be interesting to see how this six-year-old son of Prairie fares. He is the winner of seven of his thirty-two starts when he was campaigned in Scandinavia, and most recently in Spain. He hasn't been out since finishing second over one and a half miles at Mijas. He is a slightly risky entry as the likelihood is that he will be given time to learn his craft, therefore there is a chance that he may not win for a while... handicaps will definitely be where to lookout for him.

(212)-- HEADS ONTHE GROUND : >-

b, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Strong Wings

| The Trainer |:>- Dessie T Hughes

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Heads Onthe Ground showed promise in two runs last term; unseating his rider when travelling well at Gowran Park on his debut in February, before finishing a good second to Polly's Yan at Cork in February. I suspect that Heads Onthe Ground is held in high regards by connections and therefore won't be rushed.

(213)-- HIT THE NET :>-

br, h. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Thetravellinglady

| The Trainer |:>-Tommy Stack

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Hit The Net is an attractive five-year-old entire by Be My Native, who has only run the once, chasing home Leinster in a Punchestown bumper in April. This looks to be a good run and therefore i'd be very hopeful of this lovely horse making into the winner's enclosure this winter.

(214)-- HORSE CHESTNUT :>-

ch, g. Magical Wonder (U.S.A.) - Shesadream

| The Trainer |:>- Miss Frances Crowley

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- We may start to finally some promise from Horse Chestnut this season. He has had 21 starts winning a bumper at Leopardstown in July '00, however has taken a long time to take to hurdles although encouragingly he was second on three occasions during his last full season, (the '00/1 season). He was having his first run for 10 months when unseating his rider three out (when just beginning to weaken) at Kilbeggan in July and as long as he builds on that effort should finally get his head in front over obstacles.

(215)-- INN ANTIQUE (FR), :>-

b, g. Lute Antique (FR) - Taghera (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I am a big fan of Inn Antique, however he has disappointed me so much that I way toying with the idea of dropping him from this list. He definitely has ability however has been either throwing away his races due to poor jumping or finishing very tamely (as though something ailed him). I noticed that he has been bought/transferred to Ferdy Murphy and as this year will go to great pains to iron out these weaknesses I'm minded to give him

a reprieve

(216)-- JURANCON II (FR) :>-

b, g. Scooter Bleu (FR) - Volniste (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I do think that punters have been misled into think that every single Martin Pipe runners is 100% ready to do its job each time it races.. sometimes he'll introduce a horse that is less mature .. Jurancon is one such animal. He is a May foal so he is always going to be better in the latter half of a season, particularly during the close season where I would expect the most physical development. his first season backs this up as he struggles in two novice hurdles in at Newton Abbot in latter end of '01 over 2miles before winning two handicaps in February at Market Rasen over 2m5f, where he beat Fred's In The Know by 3lengths; and next time out at Plumpton over the same trip. He didn't appear to be very impressive on both occasions, however he suggests that a step up to 3miles will bring about further improvement. He starts the season on 113 and I won't be surprised if he doesn't rattle up a sequence in staying handicaps at some stage of the season.

(217)-- LAMBHILL STAKES :>-

gr, g. King's Ride - Summerhill Express

| The Trainer |:>- J Malcolm Jefferson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Lambhill Stakes is another one of several good prospects for Ashleybank Investments. He showed promise on his only start, coming home ninth to Maybe The Business at Ayr on Scottish Grand National day. He has plenty of size and should do well over fences in due course, however he should be up to winning over hurdles this term

(218)-- LESSSAIDTHEBETTER :>-

ch, g. Montelimar (U.S.A.) - Urdite (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Lesssaidthebetter was extremely well named, as he showed very little in six starts last term, that said this son of Montelimar did hint that he possessed some ability and maybe its simply the case that he wants a trip... it wouldn't surprise me if he didn't have a better season this year.

(219)-- LONG WALK, :>-

b, g. King's Ride - Seanaphobal Lady

| The Trainer |:>-Henry D J Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Long Walk had a good first season over obstacles finishing in the frame on four of his five starts over hurdles. The closest he came to winning was when he finished 10lengths second to Dungarvans Choice at Sandown in February. He has plenty of scope and will be much better when he goes over the larger obstacles however I'd hope he was able to lose his maiden tag in handicap company this winter.

(220)-- LOCH NA BPEISC :>-

b, g. Over The River (FR) - Ballyhire Lady

| The Trainer |:>- Pat G Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Loch Na Bpeisc is a five-year-old gelding by Over The River who has two starts last term in point-to-points in Ireland, finishing second on the last occasion at Kilmarnock in April. Pat Murphy is a shrewd as they come and so if he saw something he liked in this horse .. this is good enough for me .. lets see how he does over hurdles.

(221)-- MAMBO :>-

b, g. Ashkalani - Bold Tango (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- There may be more to come from Mambo this winter. he joined Nicky Henderson with a good reputation earn in the french provinces on the flat as well as two good efforts over hurdles at Enghien. Mambo was a warm order to win on his debut for Nicky Henderson but, was on the stretch from flagfall and struggled to keep tabs with the winner Live the Dream, eventually

being beaten 5lengths. To be brutally honest that is a long way from what connections expected , however Mambo's two hurdles runs in France had come on heavy ground and the faster surface he encountered at Warwick was no doubt a contributory factor in his defeat. He hasn't raced since, however is a useful maiden to go novice hurdling with this winter and could be repaying connection's patience.

(222)-- MEASURE OF THE MAN :>-

b, g. Dr Devious - Run Faster

| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Measure of the Man showed a little bit of promise in three races last term, running his best race on his final start, where he came fifth to Lafayette at Fairyhouse at April. This four-year-old by Dr Devious didn't exactly have the bullet put to his head last term, and he'll benefit a lot on this form this winter.

(223)-- MOUNTHOOLEY :>-

ch, g. Karinga Bay - Gladys Emmanuel

| The Trainer |:>- B. Mactaggart

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Mounthooley, a six-year-old gelding by Karinga Bay showed promise in each of his four starts last term. He hinted at having ability on two bumpers at Carlisle and Ayr before running a fair debut effort over hurdles when finishing fourth to Khan Kicker at Kelso in April. He was then flattered by his proximity to The Bajan Bandit on his final start at Ayr, however he was clear of his rivals including a below par Golden Alpha and must, on this evidence be capable of landing a middle-distance staying novice hurdle at some stage this season before going onto better things this winter.

(224)-- NER (POL):>-

b, h. In Camera - Nawarona (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Josef Vana in the Czech Republic

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Ner is an interesting new recruit to hurdling. He's failed to win on the flat, but has been a revelation over obstacles, and is four from six races this season. He has won a conditions hurdle over the course in August, before landing two prizes in Germany, the most recent of these was the Preis des Murgtals / Hürdenrennen - Listenrennen at Baden-Baden, where he beat Onaldo, (who'd finished midfield behind Simoun in the 31. Grosser Mercedes - Benz - Preis (Gruppe.II) at Baden-Baden, before winning his only start over hurdles) by 2lengths. He literally could be anything and has to be respected.

(225)-- NAJJM (U.S.A.) :>-

br, g. Dynaformer (U.S.A.) - Azusa (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky J Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Najjm is a horse who grew on me as the '00/1 season progressed. He caught the eye on his debut behind Under the Sand at Huntingdon in March and confirmed that initial impression with three smooth successes at Newbury, Ayr and Lingfield. He hasn't raced since, however he has scope for plenty of improvement and could improve for those efforts, and could be a useful handicap hurdler this season

(226)-- NUMBERSIXVALVERDE :>-

b, g. Broken Hearted - Queens Tricks

| The Trainer |:>- Martin Brassil in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Numbersixvalverde has been slightly frustrating so far in bumpers. He has run good races in defeat, behind Alexander Milenium at Leopardstown in December, or Ickdam Melody at Punchestown in April , however his record of four seconds from five races, does makes the eyebrows rise somewhat... Maybe hurdles will make a man of him

(227)-- ÖNTOS (GER), :>-

br, g. Super Abound (U.S.A.) - Onestep (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Andy Scott

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I always hoped that Öntos; a six-year-old gelding by

Super Abound may make the grade over obstacles. He Joined Ronnie O'Leary in Ireland having won four of his twenty-one races in Germany. He didn't show much last term in six starts for connections, the closest he came was when chasing home Waterwings in a novice hurdle at Tramore in August '01. I am including him in this list because I do believe the penny will eventually drop with him .. probably once he is sent into handicaps.

(228)-- PLIQUE Á JOUR (FR) :>-

ro, f. Hernando (FR) - Fablimixa (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- M Cheno in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Plique Á Jour is a filly who should continue to pay her way in France promising. She was with Alain De Royer Dupre on the flat, and ran respectably on the level finishing in the frame twice (finishing in front of Non So at Longchamp in June). What has excited me so much was her hurdling debut at Pau in January, where she jumped like an old hand, and quickened impressively to distance between her and her rivals. She followed up at Toulouse on her third start over hurdles and I shall be watching her progress with interest, and fully expect her to (at some stage) handle a step up in grade.

(229)-- POC FADA :>-

br, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - She's Tough

| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Poc Fada, is one of the horses that I picked up to run during the early season. he is a five-year-old gelding by Be My Native, who ran well over hurdles last term , his best effort was when he finished second to Marcus Du Berlais at Tramore in January. He clearly will appreciate a trip over hurdles and is another that will probably be seen to best in handicap company, once he has gained some experience in middle distance novice hurdles.

(230)-- POINT :>-

b, g. Polish Precedent (U.S.A.) - Sixslip (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- W Jenks

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Flat-bred Point could be an interesting novice hurdler this winter. this five-year-old son of Polish Precedent travelled well and quickened away in good style to win on his debut in a Newcastle bumper in January. He ran two more times last term, finishing a creditable fourth to Mind How You Go at Warwick in February before coming eighth to Kickham in the Aintree bumper. He's a big gelding and should have improved during the summer... he should do well over obstacles this winter.

(231)-- QUEL BON CHOIX (FR) :>-

b, g. Tel Quel (FR) - Special Marianna (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Quel Bon Choix is a four-year-old gelding who has been placed on four of his five starts over hurdles on the French provincial circuit (finishing second twice to Tempo d'Or in the process). He was a relatively cheap purchase at GOFFS France and won once at Uttoxeter in April and was subsequently beaten 1/2 length by Mighty Montefalco at Stratford over 2mile-61/2f, which was considered at the time to be a poor effort, but has now been made to look much better by that horse's recent winning spree. Stepping up in trip seemed to help and he should do well in staying handicaps this winter

(232)-- REVIEWER :>-

b, g. Sadler's Wells (U.S.A.) - Clandestina (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Hughie Morrison

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Reviewer, is bred to be decent on the flat; being a brother to three winners, notably high-class juvenile Desert Secret, out of a dam whose a half-sister to US Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew and 2000 Guineas winner Lomond. He had a fairly successful first season over hurdles chasing home Eluna on his debut at Warwick in January, before gong one better at Market Rasen at the beginning of February. He was allowed to take his chance in the Triumph Hurdle, however he failed figure to figure. He has since been transferred to Hughie Morrison's yard who has managed to get two wins out of him on the flat in

July .. He could be very interesting back over hurdles for this shrewd outfit this winter

(233)-- SAMON (GER) :>-

ch, g. Monsun (GER) - Savanna (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- It'll be interesting to see what connections do with Samon this season. Graham Bradley purchased this five-year-old son of Monsun off of the flat, having won five of his eleven starts in Germany, (he was placed in three others). He only ran twice last term, winning cheekily on his debut at Taunton in January, where he beat Isio by 3 1/2 lengths. He was then allowed to take his chance in the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle (Gr. 1), however he found that experience all too much and didn't show... He is reasonably handicapped this term and it wouldn't surprise me if he didn't have a good season over hurdles this winter.

(234)-- SAY AGAIN :>-

gr, g. Celio Rufo - Tricias Pet

| The Trainer |:>- Paul Nolan

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Whilst I began drafting this document at the end of last season, I compiled a huge list of horses that I wanted to note for this season .. one of them was this six-year-old gelding who ran creditably at the end of last term - his fourth to Moratorium read like a good effort. As a result he was put in the "summer list" and that proved a wise move as he won twice at Navan before landing the Guinness Galway Hurdle (Grade B) at odds of 16/1, reversing earlier form with Moratorium. He should be capable of further success this winter, though he may find life easier over fences.

(235)-- SCARBOROUGH FAIR :>-

br, g. Synefos (U.S.A.) - Hue 'N' Cry

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Scarborough Fair is a horse that I really like. He is huge, and looks every inch the embryonic chaser. he had one race last term showing a bit of promise when coming home eighth behind Another General at Newbury in March. that will have done him the world of good and I would hope that there will be more improvement to come this winter

(236)-- SIR LUPIN:>-

gr, g. Scallywag - Sentimental Me

| The Trainer |:>- Charlie Mann

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Sir Lupin made a pleasing racecourse appearance at newbury on 09.01.2002, when beating all bar Turtle Soup in one of the novice hurdle races on the card. Racing prominently from the start; Sir Lupin stayed on readily after being headed turning for home, and gave every indication that a longer trip would suit. One to watch out for in staying novice hurdles during the remainder of the season.

(237)-- SOMERTON (POL) :>-

b, g. Saphir (GER) - Sobata (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Somerton was one of Tom George's purchases from Poland last term. Formerly trained by Krzysztof Ziemianski, Somerton won races up to listed level and was placed in Group company. He was given an entry in the Supreme Novices Hurdle so he was clearly showing connections something last term. He may not be as good as Galileo, however he should be capable of finding his level as some stage this winter.

(238)-- SOSSUS VLEI :>-

b, g. Inchinor - Sassalya

| The Trainer |:>- Peter Winksworth

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Sossus Vlei, a half-brother to numerous smart winners; (including 1m2f performer Sasaru and 7f.1m performer Sally Rous) was a horse I really took to when he was trained by Geoff Wragg on the flat. Although he won

three events, he best effort was probably when finishing third to Shiva in the '00 running of the Brigadier Stakes (Gr.2). It isn't immediately obvious what subsequently happened to him, because he seems to have not run for a year before winning an Amateur riders race at Chantilly last September. however he showed plenty of promise on his hurdles debut at Newbury where bar a bad mistake at the last, may have gone close to winning. A tendency to be too free in his races blighted his last two starts, however he does have the class to win over hurdles .. if he gives himself a chance to.

(239)-- SOUND OF CHEERS :>-

br, g. Zilzal (U.S.A.) - Martha Stevens (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Fred Kirby

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Sound Of Cheers; a five-year-old son of Zilzal should give trainer Fred Kirby plenty of fun this winter. He is bred in the purple and it must have surprised connections that he appeared at Ascot Sales in May '01. He was a cheap purchase who is already repaying that outlay, winning one of his six starts at Newcastle in January, as well as finishing in the frame on three other occasions. He should continue to flourish in handicap company this winter.

(240)-- TEKNASH (FR) :>-

Ch, g. Nashwan (U.S.A.) - Te Kani (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Niall Madden

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Teknash has a lot of miles on the clock, however this seven-year-old son of Nashwan is finally coming to himself. I've been following him since he returned from injury in May and put him in this list after showing promise in a Bellewstown handicap hurdle in July. He's made an immediate impact winning easily at Wexford before winning a similar event at the Galway Festival (we tipped him up that day). He ran well under a penalty a few days later and has run well on the flat since. He travells well on the bridle (especially in soft ground) so could add to his tally of wins during the winter.

(241)-- TEREK (GER) :>-

ch, g. Irish River (FR) - Turbaine (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Richard Philips

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Terek, a six-year-old son of Irish River joined Richard Phillips from Germany, having won eight of his twenty-three starts (he was placed in nine others) including landing the 1999 running of the Preis der Deutschen Einheit-der Berliner Sparkasse (gr. 3). he had two runs last term over hurdles, finishing a good second to Cybele Eria at Hereford in March, before pulling up in the Martell Top Novices' Hurdle (Gr. 2) at the national Meeting. that experience will stand him in good stead this term and there isn't any reason why he can't land a novice event this term.

(242)-- TUCACAS (FR) :>-

gr, m. Highest Honor (FR) - Three Well (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- It wouldnt surprise me if Tucacas, a five year grey mare by Highest Honor doesn't have another good season. I was fortunate to see most of her runs last year including her two wins at Enghien, plus a creditable third at Auteuil . When you consider she's beaten the likes of Never, and Barito over obstacles (admittedly they've improved since that run) you can see why Martin Pipe was interested in her and sent her to war during the second half of the season. She won as she liked over hurdles at Leicester on her British debut in January and followed up at Sandown in February . She disappointed in the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle (Gr. 1) at the Cheltenham festival, however bounced back to win a 2 1/2 mile novice at Ascot. She ran creditably in the Merewood Homes Swinton Handicap Hurdle (Gr. 3), but found the trip too sharp and could only stay on to finish a one-paced sixth (btn 14lengths)I still think there are races to win with her over hurdles however she could be very interesting if she is allowed to go over fences this winter

(243)-- XENOPHON, :>-

b, g. Toulon - Fureen

| The Trainer |:>-Anthony J Martin
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Xenophon could develop into a useful handicap hurdler this season. He showed plenty of promise in each of his three starts last term; finishing a good second to Ivon De Vonnas (btn 3/4 length) at Punchestown at the beginning of January, before beating twenty four rivals at Naas at the end of the month. He didn't race again, however starts the season on an attractive mark and should pay to follow this term

(244)-- YORK RITE (AUS) :>-
ch, g. Grand Lodge (U.S.A.) - Amazaan (NZ)
| The Trainer |:>- Norman B Mason
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I'm intrigued why the Mason/Guest combination have picked up this six-year-old gelding from Syril Griffiths, as to be honest he has shown absolutely nothing in three runs in this country, the best of which , he was 63-1/2lengths behind the winner. I suspect it is because he possesses plenty of scope and I suspect they feel that they can improve him, particularly over fences... it'll be interesting to see how things transpires.

(245)-- ZÖLLNER [GER] >-
br, h. Dashing Blade - Zypern [GER]
| The Trainer |: >- Peter Schiergen in Germany
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Zöllner ; a four-year-old by Dashing Blade could be set for a good season in Germany/Italy. He had eleven races on the flat winning on three occasion. He been tried over obstacles and has taken to them with a vengeance winning both of his starts this term, most recently when landing the Markgraf Berthold - Jagdrennen at Baden-Baden in August. He has bags of potential and should find more success this term.

HURDLERS _ Championship Class?

(246)-- BAGNI DI PETRIOLO (ITY):>-
b, h. Nordance (U.S.A.) - Tanah Lot (ITY)
| The Trainer |:>- Francesco Contu in Italy
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Bagni DI Petriolo is arguably the best hurdler in Italy and remind me a lot of Ardross. He won the Gran Corsa di Siepi di Roma (Hurdle) in February beating Sardoum with Dom Lyphard, (a useful performer in France, who won the race the season before) well behind in third. I expected Bagni DI Petriolo to land Group 1 Premio Gran Corsa DI Siepi Milano He did, but boy was it close!!!. As usual Bagni DI Petriolo attempted to make all, but it became quite evident from early on, that he wasn't happy on this quick surface. He was stalked throughout by Jar; (a seven-year-old son of Niniski, who had been campaigned in Group company in Italy and Germany before embarking on a successful jumping campaign), who never allowed him to build up his customary big lead throughout. With two to jump Bagni DI Petriolo still looked like prevailing, however his apparent dislike of the prevailing fast ground became more pronounced and instead of excelling he decelerated .. to such an extent that Jar whittled away his lead up the run in.... Halfway up the runway... Jar puts his head in front and seems certain to go away and win by a clear margin... however Bagni DI Petriolo wasn't having any of it. He put his head down and battled, in a manner reminiscent to Ardross (who he isn't too dissimilar to). After going at least a neck down Bagni DI Petriolo put his head down and inched his way back as the line grew nearer and near.... Did he make it?....I thought he'd lost.... the commentator was still coming down from one of the most dramatic race commentaries I'd heard in a while (South American football commentators have nothing on this guy!!!)...I had to wait until watching a re-run late last night to find out that he'd just got back up....That's shows me how hard this entire is and he will be a tough nut to crack again this term.

(247)-- GALILEO (POL) :>-
b, g. Jape (U.S.A.) - Goldika (POL)
| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Galileo looked to be an interesting prospect, as so it proved. This Polish-bred gelding had 21 starts in Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. Amongst his best efforts was his win in the 1999 Nagroda Polish St

Leger (3yo+), where he beat Almanzor (who has become a decent chaser in eastern Europe) as well as coming second in the 1999 Nagroda Derby, Grosser Tenovis-Preis (LR) at Hamburg, Buchmacher Kottkamp Silbernes Band der Ruhr (LR) at Baden-Baden, and also coming third in races like the '00 Nagroda Polish St Leger (3yo+), Wielka Warszawska (two years running), and the CEBC Classic - Grand Prix Appian Group R (Gdl). I was sure Tom George expected this horse to win over obstacles this term, especially as Cobbet had done so well for him, however I'm certain he didn't expect this horse to sprint away from his rivals, as he did on his debut at Kempton, and more significantly, when sprinting up the Cheltenham hill to land the Royal & Sun Alliance Hurdle (gr.1). He will go onto many people's list of horses to follow, however most of them will be looking at him developing into a stayer... Any horse with his change of gears deserves a chance over 2miles and in a weak looking year if he were mine he would be given a chance to prove himself over the minimum distance... Definitely one to follow this winter.

(248)-- ILNAMAR (FR) :>-

br, g. Officiel (FR) - Quillemare (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- One of my favourite horses in training Ilnamar fulfilled a lot of my expectations of him (He was one of my ten to follow from the list)... though admittedly I thought he could win a Grade 1 chase, rather than over hurdles. He never really settled into Martin Pipe's yard after he arrived after hectic year in '00. He progressed from wins in the French provinces, to being one of the better young chasers of his generation. He beat Whitenzo in the Prix le Hon (Chase) at Auteuil in October '00, before finishing second to Sleeping Night in the Prix Morgex (Chase) (Gr. 3) over 2m-41/2 f. He was purchased by connections after winning the Prix Vanille (Hurdle) again at Auteuil in December. They couldn't get him onto the track that spring, so British racegoers didn't see him until he caught the eye behind stablemate Cyfor Malta in a handicap in December '01. He seemed to lose his confidence over fences and wisely was put back over hurdles. I rather boldly predicted afterwards that he was a horse to watch out for at the Festival and anyone who saw him sprint up the hill in the Coral Cup will know that that can only be done by a good horse. (I hope some of you were on at 92/1 on the Tote!!). There was no way he wasn't going to be the selection for the Martell Aintree Hurdle (Gr. 1) at the National Meeting and again he showed great courage by withholding the challenges of Grimes and stablemate It Takes Time. Connections are in my view the envious position of having a horse that has a good chance of winning a Gr. 1 hurdle this term, however he showed some much speed at Cheltenham that I wonder whether they should give him a go over shorter before commit him to staying trips. (The Bula Hurdle - usually run on soft ground would be well worth a try)

(249)-- LAVERON, :>-

br, h. Konigsstuhl (GER) - La Virginia (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Laveron, the 1998 winner of the Grosser Preis Spielbank Hohensyburg - Deutsches St Leger (gr. 2) had a mixed season. He was campaigned initially in this country and whilst he showed promise (behind the likes of Classified and Gallileo) never looked as though he'd win... How things changed when he returned to France. He easily landed his maiden, spread-eagling a field in the Prix Hubert de Navailles (Haies) at Auteuil at the beginning of April. He then stepped up on this when landing the Grande Course de Haies de Printemps (Haies) (Handicap), again at Auteuil at the end of April. On that occasion, Laveron was handy throughout and quickened impressively when asked by Thierry Doumen between the last two obstacles. He stepped up to Group company and passed the test with flying colours stalking Vic Toto before quickening to land the Gras Savoye Hipcover - Prix La Barka Haies (gr.2) before capping his first season in France with a brilliant win in the Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil (Hurdle) (Gr. 1). I'd hope there would more to come this term and he will be very hard to beat in France this winter

(250)-- MAILLE PISTOL (FR):>-

ch, h. Pistolet Bleu - Bric Mamaille (FR)
| The Trainer |:->- Marc Rolland in France.
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I have high expectations of '01 Prix du Jockey-Club Favourite Maille Pistol. We know how much he disappointed in that race, however Marcel Rolland purchased Maille Pistol with a hurdles career in mind, and he duly got his opportunity at the end of April at Auteuil. Despite being favourite, Maille Pistol wasn't really ever placed with a winning chance, jumping around the outside of the field hesitating before the hurdles. Connections clearly took the view that more schooling was required before trying their luck again, and he made his next appearance in the Prix de Royan (Hurdle) again at Auteuil at the beginning of June. Although he didn't win, Maille Pistol was far more competitive and lost nothing in defeat finishing behind Dark Steel and Kefir D'Angron (beaten 7lengths). Better was to come when he made his most recent appearance in the Prix Vatelys (Hurdle) at the beginning of July. Jumping with far more fluency than in his most recent starts - Maille Pistol made all, eventually finishing 20lengths in front of useful chaser Malhado Island in a decent time. This is a good platform on which this colt can build, and hopefully this former Group 2 winner on the level can match that sort of grade over obstacles in the coming months.

(251)-- NEGRO (POL) : >-
br, g. Don Corleone - Nemezia (POL),
| The Trainer |:->- Stefan Bigus in Italy
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- One of my favourite horses of the moment. This black son of Don Corleone was probably the best four-year-old during the early part of this year, however he has always been a bit headstrong and that became more prevalent by the time the championship races came around at the beginning of May. I expected him to go close in the Premio Corsa Siepi Dei 4 Anni (Gruppo II) over 3600 m (especially as he'd beaten several of his rivals), however he pulled far to hard behind extravagant front runner Plinsky (who eventually won the race) and had nothing left for the business end of the race. He attempted to make all in a conditions event in May over 3300m however again did too much early on and was pipped on the line by Gold Generator (another horse he'd beaten earlier in the season). He was given a break and came here three weeks ago fro a conditions event over 3500m. He showed a bit more of that old fizz and gave weight and a thrashing to Ice Dancer (btn 6 lengths) and Windlight (another 10lengths behind in third). I've always believed that he was good enough to compete at the highest level and a staying on fifth in the to Valgano in the XLVIII C. Siepi DI Merano (Hurdle) (gr.1) (after losing his position at halfway lends weight to that view.

(252)-- SAINT DES SAINTS (FR), :->-
b, c. Cadoudal (FR) - Chamisene (FR)
| The Trainer |:->- trained by G. Macaire in France
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Saint Des Saints was without a doubt the best juvenile hurdler of last term. He showed plenty of aptitude for fences as well and had already won a chase when running over hurdles with devastating effect; 25.11.'01 - Gives weight all round in landing the Prix Fifrelet (Haies) (Handicap); 10.03.2002 - wins the Prix Jacques d'Indy (Haies) (gr. 3)giving Cybergenic 7lbs (who reopposes here today) and beats him by 7lengths, with the hitherto "unbeatable" Kotkita well behind in fourth; 01.04.2002 - wins the Prix de Pepinvast (Haies) easily giving Kotkita 5lbs, with Grand Match (receiving 9lbs) behind in third; 27.04.2002 - wins the Prix Amadou (Haies) (gr. 2) by 8 lengths (heavily eased on the run in- value for double the distance) - gives Great Love 7lbs into second place, with Grand Match (receives 10lbs) another length behind in third, with Cybergenic and Orphee Du Berlais well behind in fourth and fifth; 26.05.2002 - wins the Prix Sageris - Prix de Longchamp (Haies) (gr. 3) by 4 lengths - gives Great Love 4lbs who finished second , with Cybergenic Abyce, and Grand Match well behind; He was expected to win the Prix Alain Du Breil - Haies D'ete Des Quatre Ans Haies (gr.1), at the end however the effect of a hard season appeared to take their tole, and he could only finished second to Great Love (btn 2lengths). A career at Stud awaits this good horse .. it would be nice for British racegoers to get the opportunity to see him at least once .

STEEPLE CHASERS_ Three-Year-Olds

(253)-- BELFAST (POL) :>-

br, g. Saphir (GER) - Bella Rosa (POL).

| The Trainer |:>- (Krzysztof Ziemianski in Poland)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Belfast is a three-year-old gelding by Saphir who has shown promise in his native Poland without winning (though he has been placed). He has a good jumping pedigree and is due to be sold at public auction shortly in Poland. There is every chance that he will be sold to race in western Europe and I wouldn't be at all surprised if he wasn't good enough to win over hurdles... we shall see.

(254)-- HAUTCLAN (FR) : >-

b, g. Chef De Clan (FR) - Haute Tension (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Guillame Macaire

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- At the time of writing Hautclan has yet to run over hurdles however this three-year-old has already shown promise in two starts, winning on his debut at Royan in august, because finishing a close second on his subsequent start at Moulins. He is a typical backward three-year-old that Macaire will bring on as the season progresses.. I'd be hopeful of him making his mark over obstacles before the end of the season.

(255)-- VÉSUVE (FR), :>-

b, g. Villez (U.S.A.) - Razzamatazz

| The Trainer |:>- Guillame Macaire in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Vésuve was another early entry in this year's list and despite an inauspicious start, when he fell on his debut in the Prix Wild Monarch Haies, he has since won twice at Compiègne and most recently at Auteuil in the Prix Agure at the beginning of July. His entries suggest that he rates quite highly at Chez Macaire, though it may only be when he is tried over fences that we see the best of him this term.

STEEPLE CHASERS _ (Novices Four-Year-Olds & Upwards)

(256)-- ALCATRAZ :>-

br, g. Corrouge (U.S.A.) - Kisco

| The Trainer |:>- Paul Webber

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Alcatraz is a five-year-old son of Corrouge who has only had one race thus far in his career, but it was a mighty impressive one, winning a maiden point-to-point at Loughbrickland in April by 10 lengths. He was subsequently bought at Doncaster sales. I'd be amazed if he didn't win under rules this season.

(257)-- ALPHA BLUES :>-

ch, g. Acatenango (GER) - Alpha Belle (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Jim T R Dreaper in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Alpha Blues has always appealed as a potential. Jim Dreaper purchased this seven-year-old by Acatenango three years ago, having won two of his ten races in Germany, (He was placed in ten others). He failed to score in his first season over obstacles , however made no mistake two seasons ago winning twice at Fairyhouse, the most recent occasion was in April '01, when he beat Duchas Macnas by 15lengths. He only made one appearance last term finishing second to Risk Accessor in the Chris Mohan Festival Novice Hurdle (gr. 3), however is ready for the new campaign and could be very interesting over fences this winter.

(258)-- ANOTHER MOOSE :>-

b, g. Mister Lord (U.S.A.) - Moose

| The Trainer |:>- Miss Emma C Lavelle

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Another Moose is a lovely big son of Mister Lord, who ran four times during the '00/1 National hunt season, winning one race; a 2m4f novice hurdle at Huntingdon, where he spread-eagled a big field, eventually beating Historg by 3 1/2lengths. He hasn't raced since finishing second to Right To Reply at Ascot in March '01, however he is reportedly back in training and

should do well over the larger obstacles this winter.

(259)-- APACHE WARRIOR :>-

ch, g. Commanche Run - Gold Fellina

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Apache Warrior is a seven-year-old by Commanche Run, who two point-to-points last term in Ireland; at Dundrum in March and Dromohane in April. He has been sent to Tom George's yard and should be capable of finding a race over fences this winter.

(260)-- BEN'S BRIDGE :>-

br, g. Vouchsafe - Strathdarn

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs Sue Smith

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-One of the tasks I like to set myself each year is to pick out a horse(s) who have shown little or anything who may make it to the winner's enclosure by the end of the season. Arguably, the majority of horses in this list., being relatively unexposed maidens already fit that description, however I want to go much deeper and try and find something you wouldn't readily consider. I think this horse fits that bill. Ben's Bridge is appropriately named - he is huge and almost certainly would not have been physically ready to have done himself justice last term. He was given 3 outings last term and to be frank, showed virtually nothing, struggling to keep in contention on two occasions before being pulled up as well as attempting to demolish the second fence at Wetherby on his second start. His pilot had little chance on staying in the saddle. Why therefore pick him? I've picked him because basically I like the look of him. He has the scope to jump fences once he's mentally matured and I could not be more pleased that he has been sent to an establishment who'll improve his jumping technique significantly. In reality, a win is too much to ask for, however a couple of good showings will be more than satisfactory.

(261)-- BONUS BRIDGE :>-

br, g. Executive Perk - Corivia

| The Trainer |:>-Henry D Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Bonus Bridge is a typical Henry Daly/Tim Forster (his mentor) purchase. When you look at him you immediately think of steeplechases and that's where you'd expect him to show his best level of form. Last season got off to the perfect start winning a novice hurdle at Hereford in October, however he struggled under a penalty afterwards (though he was placed on two of his last four starts).. He starts the season with a clean slate and reportedly over fences and I will be disappointed if he doesn't improve for going over them.

(262)-- CABALLO RAPTOR (CAN) :>

br, h. Quest For Fame (U.S.A.) - Viator (U.S.A.) -

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Caballo Raptor is due to make a return to the racecourse this term. he was the champion four-year-old hurdler in '00. and though he failed to trouble the judge in '01, showed promise behind Baracouda, and Le Sauvignon. there should still be more improvement to come and could get back to winning ways this season, if he fully recovered from those injuries.

(263)-- CADOU ROYAL (FR):>-

b, g. Cadoudal (FR) - Leonie Des Champs (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cadou Royal could do well this term. He ran six times last term winning once at Leopardstown in December and was placed on two other occasions. He disappointed twice in handicap company, most recently when finished a disappointing tenth to Kadon in the Powers Gold Label Championship European Breeders Fund Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown at the end of March, however he'd probably had enough for the season by then. he should have strengthened up gain during the summer and should do well in novice chases

(264)-- COMMANCHE WAR PAINT :>-

b, g. Commanche Run - Gale Shula

| The Trainer |:>- Paul Nicholls
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Commanche War Paint was the impressive winner of a maiden point-to-point at Athlacca in April and was also placed 2nd and 3rd in two further starts. He was bought at Doncaster sales in May and has shown enough promised to be able to win under rules.

(265)-- CONTRACT SCOTLAND :>-
br, g. Religiously (U.S.A.) - Stroked Again
| The Trainer |:>-Lenny Lungo
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Contract Scotland is a typical son of Religiously, who tend to be very big slow maturing individuals. This seven-year-old has taken a long time to mature into his frame, however he began to show some promise midway through last term, and after finishing second Lord Jack in a handicap hurdle at Musselburgh, finally got his head in front in an handicap hurdle at Edinburgh, where he just outlasted Dominikus, winning by 3/4 length. Connections were quick to exploit this new vein of form, at the beginning of the new campaign and he picked up two more handicaps at Newcastle at the end of April as well as at Kelso at the end of May. He hasn't raced since however now he has started winning he can build on this form this term over the larger obstacles.

(266)-- CYBORSUN (FR) :>-
ch, g. Cyborg (FR) - Kaprika (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Arthur Moore
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cyborsun, a half brother to Geos, could make his presence felt over fences in Ireland this winter. Formerly trained in France by Marcel Rolland, Cyborsun won two of his seven starts, the Prix le Parisien (Prix Gaston Branere) (Hurdle) over hurdles at Auteuil in May '01, as well as the Prix Collins (Chase) , again at Auteuil this May. He was subsequently purchased by J. P Macmanus from GOFFS France's summer sale and now is with Arthur Moore, who will ensure that this useful prospect gets every chance to increase his tallies of wins this winter.

(267)-- DARK ROOM :>-
b, g. Toulon - Maudlin Bridge
| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Dark Room is an exciting prospect. Formerly trained by Edna Bolger He won three point-to-points during the rearranged '01 season. He ran twice last term, finishing fourth in a winners of three races at the beginning of January, before unseating his rider in a hunter chase at the end of that month. He has since been transferred to Jonjo O'Neill and should win races once he's fully acclimatised himself... not sure which code he will be running over though

(268)-- EBONY LIGHT : >-
br, g. Buckskin (FR) - Amelioras Daughter
| The Trainer |:>- Ginger McCain
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Ebony Light is probably Ginger McCain's best chasing prospects this term. This brown son of Buckskin is built for chasing, however he showed last term in six starts that there was ability to go with it. He only won once, at Uttoxeter in March, but was placed on four other occasions... hopefully he'll have a similar record this term over the larger obstacles

(269)-- EPERVIER D'OR (FR) : >-
b, g. Epervier Bleu - Magdor (FR)
| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-There was plenty of interest in this son of Epervier Bleu after his two runs in France. He won cosily at Enghien before going back for the Prix de Craon (Hurdle), where he beat all bar the smart Tempo d'Or, which was good form at the time. He was bought with a tilt at the Triumph in mind however he didn't come to himself and he was put away for the season. He has strengthened up considerably during the winner and connections are hinting that they have think he may be an Arkle possible .. He could be decent.

(270)-- EUROTREK :>-

ch, g. Eurobus - Orient Jewel

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Eurotrek, a six-year-old son of Eurobus joined present connections after winning a Ballybunion maiden point-to-point by 30lengths. After two outings in bumpers, Eurotrek obliged on his first effort over hurdles staying on strongly to beat First Flight. He was given one more start and arguably put him in his best effort even though he was soundly beaten by Classified in the Pertemps Leamington Novices' Hurdle (gr. 2). He does however have the profile of a chaser and I would expect him to find further improvement when tried over the larger obstacles this winter.

(271)-- FIRST FLIGHT :>-

br, g. Neltino - The Beginning

| The Trainer |:>- Kim Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-First Flight; a full brother to the highly promising pointer Itsgoneoff (who I have no doubt would have made it to the top bar injury) had a promising first season under rules running fives times and finishing in the frame on the first four occasions. I thought his best effort was his penultimate start, in a 2-1/2mile Novice Hurdle at Kempton at the beginning of February. On that occasion, First Flight travelled sweetly throughout and seemed to have thing under control two out, however he dived at the last, losing crucial momentum, and was gradually reeled in by the winner Hard to Start. He can only get better and should finally get his head in front this winter.

(272)-- FIRST LOVE :>-

br, g. Bustino - First Romance

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- First Love is going to be a lovely chaser in a few seasons time however he should provide the Queen with plenty of fun this term. He only ran four times however he won twice with his head in his chest at Sandown (twice) in December as well as under a penalty in March, as well as running well in defeat behind Hitman and Another Chance. He has plenty of scope and should take well to the larger obstacles .. It'll be a major surprise if he doesn't win over fences this winter.

(273)-- FOTA ISLAND :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Mary Kate Finn

| The Trainer |:>- Mouse Morris in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Fota Island has to be one of Mouse Morris' best prospects for this season. He is unbeaten so far, having won both of his bumpers last term at Navan in March, and under a penalty at Cork at the end of April. I'd be disappointed if he didn't do well over hurdles this winter.

(274)-- FRETEVAL (FR):>-

b, g. Valanjou (FR) - La Beaumont (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Mark Bradstock

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-formerly trained by E Chevalier Du Fau in France, Freteval has had ten starts over obstacles finishing twice in the frame; at Pau, and also in the Prix de Ouistreham (chase) at Auteuil in June '00. This five-year-old has several options open to him, and I'd like to think he could find a race this season.

(275)-- GANGSTERS R US :>-

br, g. Treasure Hunter - Our Mare Mick

| The Trainer |:>- Alan Parker

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Gangsters R Us, a real old fashion chasing type, has caught my attention on his previous starts, and deserves to be added to this list, having justified my faith in him, when staying on to be third to Monkerhostin at the rewarding odds of 100/1 at Sedgefield earlier this week. Though not as good as the winner, he showed plenty of resolve up the home straight, and gave every indication that he will appreciate further. Will get

better as he matures.

(276)-- GIMMICK (FR) :>-

b, g. Chamberlin (FR) - Jaida (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Gimmick was a promising novice hurdler during the '00/1 national season, when trained by Venetia Williams. He won three times; at Worcester in June '00, before carrying penalties to success twice at Market Rasen. He hasn't raced since, however he has now moved to Jonjo O'Neill's yard. He should do well when put over fences this term.

(277)-- GLUCOSE (FR) :>-

b, g. Double Bed (FR) - Sclos (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Glucose ran an encouraging race in the novice hurdle on Newbury's Tote Gold Trophy card. He travelled really smoothly throughout, and looked menacing turning for home, however he weakened after two out eventually finishing in sixth. That's as good a performance as he's put up so far, and whilst he'll go onto better things back in France, he may be worth noting if he given an opportunity to race over here on better ground - which I believe he needs.

(278)-- GOLA SUPREME:>-

gr, g. Supreme Leader - Coal Burn

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Gola Supreme is a promising sort. He won a point-to-point in Ireland before joining present connection. He ran twice for them, wining impressively on his debut at Ascot in November, before disappointing on his last start behind Classified in the Pertemps Leamington Novices' Hurdle (Gr. 2) at Warwick . He's been given time to get over that effort and should reward connection's patience over fences at some stage this winter.

(279)-- HANSBURY: >-

gr, g. Roselier (FR) - Ramble Bramble

| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Full-brother to the smart staying chaser Seven Towers. Finished first and

second in his two Irish point-to-points, apparently showing a liking for soft ground. I'm very pleased with what I have seen of him, and he should do well in long-distance novice chases. Jeremy, my assistant, is a shrewd judge and says he'd win over hurdles if we wanted him to. Bought by Highflyers for 46,000 gns at Doncaster

(280)-- HORSE PISTOL (FR)

b, g. Synefos (U.S.A.) - Uberaba (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Jim T R Dreaper in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Horse Pistol is a lovely seven-year-old gelding by Synefos, who has have only had four runs, but has shown promise in each of them. He was unplaced but ran well in three bumpers in the '00/1 season. He then belied a year absence by running a cracker on his only start last term staying in contention until weakening after four out in a Navan novice hurdle in January. Chasing will bring out the best of him and he should be seen to best effect when he is eventually tried over them this winter.

(281)-- IDEAL DU BOIS BEURY (FR) :>-

br, g. Useful (FR) - Pampa Star (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Two poor efforts at the end of last season shouldn't be allowed to detract from a good first season for this six-year-old by Useful. Ideal Du Bois Beury joined Martin Pipe having shown good form in bumpers in France and won three times, on his debut at Newbury on Hennessy Gold Cup day where he survived a horrendous blunder at the last to beat Jaboune by 1/2length.

After two defeats he won a handicap hurdle at Leicester under 12-0. By far his best effort was at Ascot in the William Hill Handicap Hurdle over 2miles-4f where he quickened decisively off of the final turn to beat Farmer Jack by 5lengths. He'd probably had enough by then and therefore his summer's break will have done him the world of good .. he should do well over fences.

(282)--I GOT IT (FR) :>-

gr, g. Agent Bleu (FR) - Una Rosa (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur L. T. Moore in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I Got It has been in "One to Jump" now for the last three season. He's a lovely stamp of a horse. He was highly tried last term behind the likes of Like-A-Butterfly, Ballyhampshire Boy and Davenport Milenium.. not surprising only won the one race at Leopardstown in March... He's an embryonic chasing and should do well in that sphere

(283)-- IMAGO II (FR) :>-

b, g. Chamberlin (FR) - Pensee D'Amour (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Imago hasn't as yet fulfilled the promise expected of him by former trainer Ferdy Murphy after winning on his debut in a Haydock bumper. He ran well there on his debut over hurdles in November, finishing third to The Villager, however didn't build on that effort in two subsequent runs. Like so many horses in this list he should improve as he matures so I wouldn't be in the least bit surprised if he didn't improve markedly this season on previous efforts.

(284)-- IVERAIN (FR): >-

b, g. Le Riverain (FR) - Ursala (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Iverain had a good season last term, having shown good form in his native france behind the likes of Ilare. He looked good when winning at Wincanton last November and Chepstow in February but ran no sort of race behind Gallileo in the Sun Alliance Hurdle. He's already run over fences in france so I'd be confident of him adapting over here... He's the sort of horse that could develop into a Sun Alliance candidate later this season.

(285)-- ISARD III (FR), :>-

gr, g. Royal Charter (FR) - Aurore D'Ex (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- People associate Nicholashayne with ready-to-run flat types or horses ready to run up a quick sequence. They do however forget how good this operation is at bringing on horses with potential. Isard III is a good case in point. I've kept tabs on this horse ever since he was brought at Doncaster sales over two-and-a-half years ago and connections have adopted a softly-softly approach that will undoubtedly pay dividends in the long run. This horse has had two runs so far in his career, dotting up in a Fontwell bumper at the end of the '00/'01 season. He was then put under David Pipe's care and was given one run last time in an Intermediate point-to-point at Wadebridge in February where he jumped well before quickening past Good Boy Fred to win cosily by four lengths. He is back with Martin Pipe and should continue his progression under rules.

(286)-- ISIO (FR) :>-

b, g. Silver Rainbow - Swifty (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky J Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Isio, bought by Highflyer Bloodstock for Nicky Henderson at last year's GOFFS France summer sale, had a good first season over obstacles. A winner of an AQPS (French non-thoroughbred) Flat race; Isio ran six times winning three of them; at Ludlow in February, Newbury in March and Ayr in April, as well as finishing second three times to Samon, In Contrast and Hitman. Isio 's had a good first season over hurdles and will be interesting this term, whether he goes handicap hurdling, or goes over fences.

(287)-- JAKARI (FR) :>-

b, g. Apeldoorn (FR) - Tartifume II (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Henry D J Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jakari is a lightly raced five-year-old gelding by Apeldoorn, who has only had two starts, showing plenty of promise on his debut behind Beethoven in a bumper at Ascot in February '01. He made one appearance last term where he travelled sweetly throughout before quickening past Umbrella Man going to two out, eventually winning easily by 8 lengths. He hasn't raced since however that was probably because he needed time to grow into his frame. He should be good enough to win a race this term though I would expect that it is more likely to be over fences.

(288)-- JAMEROSIER (FR), :>-

b, g. The Wonder (FR) - Teuphaine (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs Lavinia C Taylor

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jamosier is a horse that I really liked last term. He was one of several horses that caught my eye in two bumpers held on Kempton's card at the end of February. Jamosier looks on first impression to be a staying prospect, which probably explains why Henry Oliver made full use of him from the start. He became a bit of a sitting target turning for home, and you feared that he'd weaken rapidly through the field. To his credit, he stayed on nicely up the straight to finish within 10 lengths of the eventual winner Noble Baron. Connections put him straight over obstacles next and he ran in defeat behind Druid's Glen at Stratford over hurdles and Belisario over fences at Doncaster. Fortunately he is still a maiden and is a good bet to win a race this term (More likely over fences).

(289)-- JANIDOU (FR) :>-

b, g. Cadoudal (FR) - Majathen (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur L. T. Moore in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Janidou is a full brother to Majadou, who like his illustrious brother, should make an impact over fences. He wasn't a bad hurdler though and whilst he didn't win last term ran some good races in defeat, not least his third to Adamant Approach in the Piers Hurdle (Grade A) at Leopardstown in January. He has a high cruising speed, which should serve his well over the larger obstacles this winter.

(290)-- JAZZ D'ESTRIVAL (FR):>-

gr, g. Bayalidaan (FR) - Caro D'Estrival (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Richards

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- One of several purchases from GOFFS France '00 Summer sales littered amongst this list. He as only raced once in this country, belying odds of 20/1 when cruising home on his debut at Perth in April '01. He hasn't raced since, however when he returns this term, could do well on the northern circuit before embarking on a chasing career next term.

(291)-- JEANNOT DE BEAUCHENE (FR) :>-

b, g. En Calcat (FR) - Chipie D'Angron (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Robert Alner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jeannot De Beauchene is a five-year-old gelding by En Calcat, who had shown a little promise in a couple of bumpers in the French Provinces, before being purchased by Robert Alner. He was sensibly given only three runs last term and was very impressive in winning on heavy ground at Folkestone in October and when defeating Ideal Du Bois Beury at Chepstow at the Welsh Grand National Meeting. He disappointed on his final start at Bangor, however I always thought he would appreciate an easy first season and I would expect him to improve again this season (definitely one to note for when he goes over fences)

(292)-- JERICHO III (FR) :>-

b, g. Lute Antique (FR) - La Salamandre (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ian Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jericho III is a really attractive five-year-old

gelding by Lute Antique, who will now be in this feature for the third year running despite only having run four times. I seem to remember I noted he was purchased at GOFFS Sales two years ago though he didn't race, however he did make it to the track last term, winning twice at Wincanton on his debut in November as well as at Huntingdon in January. He probably ran his best race in defeat when finishing only 8 lengths behind In Contrast at Cheltenham having only weakened after the final hurdle. Connections tried him over 3 miles on his final start however didn't seem to get home, however he may simply have had enough for the season and it is probably over this trip where his immediate future lies (over hurdles)

(293)-- JEUX OLYMPIQUES (FR) :>-

b, g Scooter Bleu - Banassa (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Jeux Olympiques is a lovely individual who should develop into a nice novice chaser. He ran really well over hurdles arguably his best effort was in the Prix de la Turbie (Hurdle) at Auteuil in March, in which he finished second to Japhet, (receiving 10lbs) with Jimmy Tennis and Royal Origny (winner over fences last term).. Connection will be given him every opportunity to gain experience this term without necessarily putting the gun to his head and he is very much one to note with next season in mind..

(294)-- JINFUL DE GRAND VAL (FR) : >-

b, g. Useful (FR) - Marine

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur L Moore

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jinful De Grand Val showed plenty of promise between the flags in Ireland last term. This five-year-old gelding by Useful had the one start finishing second in an Athlacca maiden point-to-point in Ireland. Connections seem to be unsure which way to go with him as he has been entered in bumpers as well as steeplechases... Hurdles are most likely (in my humble opinion) and I'll be looking for some encouragement this winter

(295)-- JUMPTY DUMPTY (FR) :>-

br, g. Chamberlin (FR) - Caryatide (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- John C Tuck

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jumpty Dumpty is a five-year-old son of Chamberlin (a sire I really like) who had a varied campaign last term running five times for Guillaume Macaire winning a cross country steeplechase at Le Pin-Au-Haras in October '01 before joining presnet connections. He didn't really show much during the end of last term, however was one of the first winners in this list when winning a novice handicap hurdle at Exeter in May. He is a long-term chasing prospect who should continue to flourish as the season progresses.

(296)-- JUST SOOTY :>-

br, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - March Fly.

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Richards

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Just Sooty really caught my eye last term. This virtually black son of Be My Native ran a great race on his debut at Newcastle, under a very sympathetic ride. Just Sooty travelled well through the race on the outside of the field, and came them travelling best turning for home. He was only asked a question after the final flight, however he failed to pull out quite enough, to get back at the winner Joe DI Capo. He was noticeably weak in the market that day (14's from 8's) and therefore arguably connection clearly expected him to come on for the run... that didn't really happen. He fell over fences and then was disappointed, failing to find anything when asked for an effort in two runs over hurdles. I believe he has a wind problem, which is a pity as he has the scope to do well over the larger obstacles .. He does carry an element of risk .. but the risk is worth taking.

(297)-- KEEN LEADER :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Keen Gale

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Keen Leader is a likeable big gelding by Supreme Leader

who won a point-to-point in Ireland, before galloping his rivals in to the ground on his first run for Jonjo O'Neill when coming home 22 lengths clear in a heavy-ground bumper at Perth. Further successes followed at Uttoxeter, Leicester and Towcester, and he was in the process on running a cracker in the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle (gr. 1), when falling at the second last .. some say he would have won however Galileo's hadn't been asked for an effort so that may be slightly premature... No matter, he is built to jump the larger obstacles and looks set for another good season.

(298)-- KICK FOR TOUCH :>-

ch, g. Insan (U.S.A.) - Anns Run

| The Trainer |:>- Henrietta C. Knight

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kick For Touch is a horse I expect to live up to his trainer's high opinion of him despite an indifferent beginning last term. He came to this country having won an Irish point-to-point impressively and was expected to make a winning debut at Huntingdon in April. Unfortunately things didn't go to plan and he disappointed greatly weakening as on as pressure was applied to finish a well beaten fourth. He has had a race already this term again failing to show the level of promise shown between the flags when finishing a well beaten favourite at Stratford in May... this isn't his form and now that he has been given time to acclimatise, he may show his true worth this time around

(299)-- KOCK DE LA VESVRE (FR) :>-

b, h. Sassanain (FR) - Csardas

| The Trainer |:>- Alex L Hales

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Kock De La Vesvre attracted plenty of interest at Goff's sales in July. He has run eleven times so far, winning on the flat at Saint Malo at three and on his most recent start when winning the Prix Djarvis chase at Auteuil in May and has been placed over fences on four other occasions. His future lies over the larger obstacles, however new connections can take advantage of this experience over hurdles this winter (he is still a novice over fences so it's possible they may want to exploit this avenue this season).

(300)-- LANCERO (FR) :>-

b, g. Epervier Bleu - Cohiba (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- J F C Maxwell in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Lancero could do well in staying handicaps this winter. This son of Epervier Bleu ran eight times last term winning once at Navan in February over 3miles - the first time he'd tried that trip. Before that win, he did seem to be a little short of pace, although he had gone close to winning over shorter distance. When stamina is placed at a premium, Lancero is unlikely to be found wanting, and he is worth bearing in mind for staying handicap hurdles this winter, when conditions are in his favour.

(301)-- LEAGUES (NZ):>-

b, g. Kenfair (NZ) - Hidden Depths (NZ)

| The Trainer |:>- Lavinia Taylor

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Leagues; a huge gelding by Kenfair, will be much better for the summer break. He showed promise in his first two starts over hurdles at Haydock and Doncaster travelling particularly well throughout his races. He didn't finish any race (always weakening in the last half mile) and probably lack full condition. He appears to have enough speed to win over hurdles but should be noted once he goes over fences, particularly in handicap company

(302)-- LE CHABLIS (FR) :>-

br, g. Sassanian (U.S.A.) - L'Aumance (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Thomas Trepénard

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Le Chablis is a four-year-old by Sassanian, who has had eleven starts, showing very little until being put over fences by connections and the end of April, when after showing promise on his debut at Enghien, won a conditions chase there decisively. Connections raised the bar and he delivered running a great race for such an inexperienced chaser when finishing fourth to

Karly Flight in the Gras Savoye - Prix Ferdinand Dufaure (Chase) (Gr. 1). That was no fluke as he franked the form in the Prix la Perichole (Gr. 3), beating Kilefou D'Airy and Vie De Reine with a bit in hand. Connections are very ambitious and there is a possibility that he may race in this country this winter... He is definitely one to watch out for during the remainder of the season.

(303)-- LE COUDRAY (FR) :>-

b, g. Phantom Breeze - Mos Lie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Christy Roche in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Le Coudray is another horse, who is reputedly returning to the frame this winter. Its a while since we saw him, his last start was behind Limestone Lad at Navan in December 1999, however we know he was before that a very useful tool in his native France, and was also one of the best staying hurdlers of the 1999 season.... Is he a chaser though?... personally yes, he could be very useful .I am not put off by the absence either. He is relatively lightly raced, and arguably the year off, could have done him the world of good.. Hopefully this is confirmed this winter.

(304)-- LE ROI MIGUEL (FR): >-

br, g. Point Of No Return (FR) - Loumir (U.S.A.)

| The Trainer |:>- Paul F Nicholls

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Le Roi Miguel is arguably the best four-year-old to go to chasing this. He joined Paul Nichols having run well against Grand Match and Wisborough (near the top of the tree in France). He made an impressive debut in the UK; striding well clear of his field at Newbury in November. He then beat all bar the ill-fated Miros in the Tolworth Hurdle in January. Sensibly connections rested him afterwards and he should repay that kindness over fences this winter.

(305)-- MAGNUS (FR) :>-

b, g. Roakarad - Volcania (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I was annoyed by the press this horse got last term, though I do understand why Magnus; one of France's top hurdlers was purchased at last season's GOFFS France Autumn mixed sale, having been trained by Jacques Ortet to land seven races last year; progressing through the ranks to land Prix Carmarthen Haies (Gr. 3) at Auteuil by 5lnegths from Goudenko in October, before going on to take the Grand Prix d'Automne Haies (Gr. 1) at the beginning of December. Martin Pipe was particularly active at that sale and it was him who dug deepest paying a record for a national hunt horse in training when he went to 3.5 million francs (£339,476) for the five--year-old. He had one more race in France when confirming the Grand Prix d'Automne form when landing the Prix Leon Olry-Roederer Haies (Gr. 2) by 2 1/2 lengths From Fou Du Roy V. You'd think that we would be pleased to have a horse of his quality racing over here, however he was lambasted when failing to win at Newbury on his British debut . We now knew he bled, and worse was to come when he ran a lifeless race in the Coral Cup making very little show landing his trainer in trouble. He is such a good horse to overlook and I think its crazy to overlook him. He has the class to go right to the top of the ranks in novice chases... If they can cure his bleeding. At least I am aware of the risks I may be taking if I back him

(306)-- MARCUS DU BERLAIS (FR) :>-

gr, g. Saint Preuil (FR) - Rosacotte (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Arthur Moore in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Marcus du Berlais is going to be a lovely chaser in a couple of seasons. He didn't do too badly in his first season under rules winning his second at Tramore in January. Marcus du Berlais appeared to have been given plenty of weight for his handicap debut at Leopardstown over 2m6f next time out, but he ran a cracker, staying on strongly to finish second to Native Leisure, having made a lot of the running again having looked beaten at the second-last. Staying is going to be his forte and I won't be surprised to see him win a staying handicap over hurdles this winter.

(307)-- MONTREAL (FR) :>-

br, g. Chamberlin (FR) - Massada (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Montreal have always be held in high regards by connections and although he was bought from Guillame Macaire to go chasing two season ago, he has more than repaid that investment over hurdles. He was upped in tripped last season and seems to find a bit more improvement. He won twice at Ascot in November and Sandown in December '01 , however on both occasions he did seem to drop his bridle when getting in front, giving the strong impression that he doesn't like to be in front too long. I thought he ran his best race in the Pertemps Final (Handicap Hurdle) (Listed Race) at the Cheltenham Festival, where he looked to be a big danger off the home turn, but weakened after jumping the last to finish fourth to Freetown. It probably doesn't matter for now because he is still learning his craft, however I would hope that this is determined one way or another before it might yet cost him a decent prize.

(308)-- NOMADIC :>-

gr, g. Kenmare (FR) - Legend Of Arabia

| The Trainer |:>- Noël Meade

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Nomadic makes a welcome return to the course after finishing third to Colonel Yeager at Gowran Park in April '01. He was of course a decent hurdler in his youth and had one run over fences, where he was sent off a warm favourite at Fairyhouse at the end of January '01, where he made a bad mistake six out, before falling at the final fence, when apparently well held. If he retains his ability (and enthusiasm for chasing) I'm sure he can find winning opportunities.

(309)-- OVER ANXIOUS :>-

ch, g. Over The River (FR) - Legal Statement

| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Over Anxious had a successful first season under rules. He landed a Maiden point-to-point at Lisgoold in January before being purchased by owner Paul Green. He was strongly supported to land his first race in this country at Newbury but had to give best to Another General. He was made favourite to wiun next time out again at Newbury, however he was probably feeling the effect of his debut and was beaten by Shosen. He is much better than that and it will be disappointing if he doesn't prove to be good enough to win a race this term, over either code.

(310)-- PALARSHAN (FR) :>-

br, g. Darshaan - Palavera (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-Henry D Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Palarshan has had a varied campaign so far. He won the Cena spolecnosti Moravoplast Pardubice over 2800 metre at Pardubice on his racecourse debut, and supplemented that win in the Cena prezidenta republiky dotovaná Mattoni (hurdle) at Velká Chuchle in September '01. He was ninth in the Budejovický Budvar St.Leger and was similarly placed in a listed race at Maison Lafitte, before winning a handicap in Mont De Marsan De Marsan this February. Henry Daly purchased him and gave him one start winning a novice hurdle at Cheltenham at the end of last season. He impressed that day and connections were keen to put him over fences and I can see him adding to these success this winter.

(311)-- RASKO (FR) :>-

gr, g. Kadalko (FR) - Fagaras (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- François Doumen in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Formerly a decent juvenile hurdler in his youth, Rasko is back in training and can make up for lost time. After winning the Prix Finot on his debut over hurdles in September 1999, Rasko competed with credit in the best juvenile races of that season, culminating in an excellent third to Doumala and Grand Seigneur in the 1999 Prix Cambaceres (Grande Course de Haies) (Hurdle) (Gr. 1). He sustained an injury after finishing third to Gun 'N Roses in the

Prix Amadou (Hurdle) (Gr. 2) in March '00, however has since left Bernard Secly's care and is now with François Doumen in France . He has been entered over both codes in France, however could be interesting if he is tried over fences in this country this term.

(312)-- SAINT PAR (FR): >-

gr, g. Saint Preuil (FR) - Paris Or (FR)

| The Trainer |: >- Paul F Nicholls

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Although I thought connections got rather greedy and went to the well once too often Saint Par ran well enough last time to put him back in the list this season. Having run well over fences in France, I thought he would win last term and though I had to wait a while he dully obliged; rattling up a quick hatrick at Chepstow, Uttoxeter and Ayr. He isn't the biggest horse to go steeplechasing, however the fact he's jumped around Auteuil gives me plenty of confidence. He can run up a sequence when the mud is flying.

(313)-- SHOSEN :>-

br, g. Persian Mews - Lugnagullagh

| The Trainer |: >- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Shosen; a six-year-old gelding, by Persian Mews, was formally trained in Ireland but didn't race due to foot and mouth. He was given three runs over obstacles, finishing a fair third to Got One Too on his debut at Newbury in November, before putting up a similar effort when finishing fourth to Beethoven at Ascot in December. He was given one more start, at Newbury in March, when he stayed on too strongly for his rivals to win by 9 lengths. If he stays sound 3 mile novice chases look to be right up his street.

(314)-- SIKI (FR) :>-

b, g. Chamberlin (FR) - Cerianthe (FR)

| The Trainer |: >- Guillaume Macaire

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- As I am fan of the sire Chamberlain, I have been keeping an eye of this five-year-old gelding ever since he was entered in a bumper at Folkestone at the beginning of the year. He didn't run that day and actually didn't begin his career until February when he won a hurdle at Cholet. He was immediately put over fences and has won on his second start at La-Roche-Posay in August. He is being brought along slowly by connections and should find further success on the French provincial circuit, and could be interesting (with regards to a campaign in Britain) in the second half of the season.

(315)-- SKIPPERS CLEUCH :>-

b, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Cloughoola Lady

| The Trainer |: >- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Skippers Cleuch, is one of several horses in this list , who is on the comeback trail after sustaining a serious injury. This eight-year-old son of Be My Native, won seven of his eight starts during the '00/1 season before getting running no sort of race in the Martell Sefton Novices' Hurdle (gr. 1) at Aintree, eventually being pulled up. He hasn't raced since due to a neck injury, however is back in training and goes novice chasing. If he has got over his injury .. and takes to fences .. he should be able to win a race.

(316)-- SIOUX RAIDER :>-

b, g. Commanche Run - Deverell's Lady

| The Trainer |: >- Lenny Lungo

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Sioux Raider is another horse on the comeback trail this term. This seven-year-old son of Commanche Run, had two runs during the '00/1 season winning on both occasion (at Newcastle) in a bumper when he beat Stormin' Nativ in November '00, as well as winning a maiden hurdle there a month later. Assuming he has fully recovered from his setbacks, I can see him winning races over fences this winter

(317)-- SUDDEN SHOCK (GER) :>-

b, g. Motley (U.S.A.) - Santalina
| The Trainer |:>- Jonjo O'Neill
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Sudden Shock could be an interesting novice chaser this term. He was a useful stayer/hurdler in Germany and Italy, winning six times. including winning the XLVI Corsa Siepi di Merano (Hurdle) in September '00, as well as finishing second in the Prix Juigne (gr. 3 Hurdle) at Auteuil in March '01. To be honest, he has been very disappointing in this country... until repaying my faith (with some cash!!!) when landing the Martell Handicap Hurdle (Listed Race) at the Grand National Meeting at odds of 33/1. He proved that effort wasn't a fluke when finishing only 2lengths behind It Takes Time in the Bet.Watch.Live Attheraces Hurdle at Sandown's end-of-season meeting, and is now due to go over the larger obstacles... hopefully further success will follow.

(318)-- THALYS (GER) :>-

b1, g. Gold And Ivory (U.S.A.) - Tachira
| The Trainer |:>- Ms Heather Dalton
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Thalys is an attractive (very attractive) son of Gold and Ivory, who won two of his four starts in Germany before being snapped up by John Hales. He only ran once for Heather Dalton last term, at Market Rasen in February when racing far too freely, eventually finishing tenth. He does look like a chaser and is more of a long-term proposition, hence his inclusion in this list.

(319)-- THE LAIRD'S ENTRY :>-

b, g. King's Ride - Balancing Act
| The Trainer |:>- Lenny Lungo
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-The Laird's Entry is a huge seven-year-old son of King's Ride, who had four runs last term winning once over hurdles at Catterick in January, and was on two other occasions. He is a embryonic chaser who won't be inconvenienced by a step up to three miles this term. though he may not be mature enough to fulfill his potential until later on during the season.

(320)-- UNGARETTI (GER) :>-

b, g. Law Society (U.S.A.) - Urena (GER)
| The Trainer |:>- Ian Williams
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ungaretti didn't do too badly last term. This scopey five-year-old son of Law Society, was purchased by Ian Williams from Germany, having won two of his nice starts at Hamburg and Köln. He struggled in his first season over hurdles failing to trouble the judge in two starts. He ran eight times last term and seemed to improve once he was stepped up in trip, and when connections tied his tongue down. He won at Warwick over 2m4f in February and was placed on four other occasions. He could improve again over 3miles and/or fences and should be capable of getting into the frame.

(321)-- VRIN :>-

b, g. Mukaddamah (U.S.A.) - Traumerei (GER)
| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Vrin had a good season last term winning twice from eight starts, beating Gunther McBride at Newbury over 3miles-110yds, on his third start on the season at Newbury in January, as well as winning on heavy ground at Uttoxeter in March. He did appear to broke down on his last start at Aintree, which is a pity as he looked set to develop into a useful staying novice chaser this season... hopefully this injury will prevent this horse from winning this season.

(322)-- WHATASHOCK :>-

b, g. Never So Bold - Lady Electric
| The Trainer |:>- Alan King
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Whatashock was one of the most exciting point-to-point 'debutantes' in Britain last year. He won four out of five starts at Barbury Castle, Milbourne St Andrew, Larkhill and Charlton Harthorne, and would have won the fifth if his pilot had paid more attention to the last. He has now joined Alan King and literally could be "anything".

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(323)-- AKARUS (FR) :>-

b, g. Labus (FR) - Meris (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- (Christophe Aubert in France)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Akarus could be an interesting handicap chaser to look out for this winter. He raced forty-three times in France, only winning twice, but was placed on thirteen occasions. This doesn't immediately suggest that he may be worth noting, however a closer look at his recent form suggests that he has never been better. He was beaten a head by Daisy D'Angron in the Prix Chincio (Handicap Chase) at Auteuil in June; before finishing third to Jet Du Bosc in the Prix Violon II (Handicap Chase) in September. For a horse that has only one the once, his victory in the Prix Montgomery (Handicap Chase) (Gr. 3) at Auteuil in October must have been particularly sweet... and is probably behind his sale, because he probably needs at least 2m5f these days and opportunities will be limited in France. If he adapts to our style of racing he could find opportunities this winter

(324)-- BARRYS COURT LAD : >-

b, g. Glacial Storm (U.S.A.) - Clonana

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I wouldn't be at all surprised if Barryscourt Lad improved this term... however this is on the basis that his owner Joanna Holmes concedes that this huge son of Glacial Storm requires stronger handling. They have won only once in a point-to-point, however whilst the horse clearly has demonstrated he has ability, his novice rider's lack of experience, has been all too evident in five runs under rules. He was beaten a head by Bright Approach in the Winning Post At Cheltenham Hunters' Chase over 4m1f on his last start for David Pipe and it will be interesting to see whether he is given the cvhance to run with a stronger more experienced rider. I'm not suggesting that he couldn't win with Joanna Holmes under rules... but it would be less likely.

(325)-- BEAR ON BOARD :>-

b, g. Black Monday - Under The River

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Bear on Board was a progressive novice hurdler two seasons ago winning once at Uttoxeter in November '00 as well as finishing in the frame behind Wishbone at Newbury in December and Hindiana at Ascot in February '01. he hasn't raced since due to a tendon problem, however is now fully recovered. He should do well this winter over fences.

(326)-- BENSON : >-

br, g. Hawkstone - Erin St Helen

| The Trainer |:>- Henry D J Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Benson is a horse who could improve significantly on what he's shown so far when tried over fences. He has so far run four times under rules, arguably running his best race on his debut when finishing 181/2 lengths fourth behind Harvis at Towcester in November '00. A 3-mile novice chase when the mud is flying could be within his compass.

(327)-- BOARD WALK :>-

b, g. Commanche Run - Swift Tide

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs Mary Reveley

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Board Walk is a huge seven-year-old gelding by Commanche Run, who has only had eight runs under rules winning once when plodding through the mud to win a 3mile handicap chase at Newcastle in January. He is so attractive as he is so obviously still developing physically, that as long as connections look after him mentally, he is a certainly to win more races. During the next 24monthsI won't be surprised if this horses doesn't develop into quite a useful staying handicapper.

(328)-- BOUNCE BACK (U.S.A.) :>-

ch, g. Trempolino (U.S.A.) - Lattaquie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Considering he joined present connections having finished third to Le Sauvignon in the '01 Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil (Hurdle) (Gr. 1). so much was expected from Bounce Back last term. For a lot of the season it looked as though the money hadn't been well spent. He did win a novice chase at Chepstow in December '01 (though he didn't impress) and then some shockers - his fourth to Barracouda in the Long Walk Hurdle was one that sticks in the memory comes immediately to mind. Maybe he needed time to settle in, because he improved significantly during the last month of the season. He wasn't disgraced behind Barracouda in the Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle (Gr. 1), before coming a good sixth to stablemate Ilnamar in the Martell Aintree Hurdle (Gr. 1). He was allowed to take his chance in the Attheraces Gold Cup Chase (Gr. 3) and considering that this was only his fifth steeplechase, won with plenty in hand, cruising throughout the race before passing Dark Stranger going to the last, eventually putting 8lengths between him and the second. The longer trip may have been a contributory factor, however it more likely that he had just settled in - it isn't usual for french bred to take a season to find their feet and its possible that he could be a different proposition this winter.

(329)-- CEANANNAS MOR :>-

b, g. Strong Gale - Game Sunset

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ceanannas Mor is really frustrating full brother to Stormyfairweather. He's been in this last for a few seasons and gets back in again as a result of his win in the Charisma Gold Cup (Handicap Chase) at Kempton at the beginning of the season as well as his good second to stablemate The Bushkeeper in the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham Festival. In between he ran four funny races in that he seemed top be travelling well but found nothing when the pressure was applied, however his last effort was arguably his best of the season so as he seems to be on an upward curve gets the benefit of the doubt...

(330)-- CHICUELO (FR) :>-

b, g. Mansonnien (FR) - Dovapas (FR)

| The Trainer |:>-Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-If you've read our FOCUS ON FRANCE feature, you'll be aware of how talented, yet frustrating Chicuelo was in his native france... nothing changed last term in this country. He ran six times, finishing second three times as well as throwing in a few stinkers. The closest he came to winning was at Ascot in April, where he was beaten a head by Stirling Stewart. I have always held the view that some horses suit certain trainers, (establishments and style of training) and I think this horse has a better chance of winning a race with Martin Pipe than Ian Williams - not because I necessarily think Pipe is a far better trainer than Williams is (I don't)... its more to do with understanding this type of horse. Nicholashayne - more than most training establishments - does particularly with their foreign purchases. I think this is in part because due to the amount of time/effort they have invested into studying not only french form, but also how certain trainers educate their young horses - adopting if/when necessary previous regimes/styles of training. Secondly, (more importantly), some french bred improve after a season's acclimatization. A look at this horse's form in France and you'll find, for example, his good third to Sleeping Night and Ilnamar (beaten 8 1/2lengths) in the Prix Morgex (Chase) (Gr. 3) , or his third to Sleeping Night and Douze Douze in the Prix Maurice Gillois Grand Steeple-Chase Des 4 Ans (Chase) (Gr. 1) in November '00. He starts the season off of rating of only 116, and I'd be really surprised if he doesn't win a race.

(331)-- COBBET (CZE) :>-

b, g. Favoured Nations - Creace (CZE)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Cobbet is one of my favourite horses at the moment. This multi- winner in Poland and the Czech Republic had a good first season in this country starting off with an impressive win in a seller at Fakenham in a

fast time, before going on to win two handicap hurdles at Wincanton in October. He did however by far his best race of the season at Cheltenham in November when he failed by 5lengths to beat Image De Marque II (giving her 17lbs). He didn't win again that season. however he is built to jump fences and will improve again in that sphere, however he needs a strong gallop to be at his most effective and will only get that once he goes into handicap company.

(332)-- COQ HARDI DIAMOND :>-

b, g. King's Ride - Snoqualmie

| The Trainer |:>- Noël Meade

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Coq Hardi Diamond returns to the racecourse having missed last term through injury. He was a decent handicapper during the '00/1 season and is best remembered by one of his defeats , in the paddypower.com Handicap Chase (Grade B) at Leopardstown in December '00, where he made up an enormous amount of ground, from 4 out having been well behind at the outset. He pinged the last and fairly flew up the runs (making up at least 10lengths) to only finish 6lengths behind the winner. There is a decent handicap to be won with him, if connections can keep him sound.

(333)-- CORLETTO (POL)

b, g. Professional - Cortesia (POL)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Corletto had a successful first season in this country. This ex Polish trained gelding was a winner of the flat at Sluzewiec in October '00 ands took a while to settle in, running poorly on his first two attempted in this country. He was given a small break by connections, which appeared to work the oracle, as he improved on previous efforts to land two handicaps at Taunton in March, as well as at Hereford at the beginning of April. I suspect he was bought with a steeplechasing career in mind and I would expect him to be placed to land one this winter (he may be best in handicap company)

(334)-- DARK'N SHARP (GER):>-

br, g. Sharpo - Daytona Beach (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Richard Phillips

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Dark'n Sharp is one of the most promising of last season's novice chasers from last season. He ran five times falling at the last at Huntingdon, when looking set for an impressive chasing debut success. He was then beaten a Head by Hit and Run at Doncaster, before finishing third to Fadoudal Du Cochet in the Grand Annual Chase Challenge Cup Handicap (Listed Race). He deserved to win a race and finally got his head in front when sprinting away from his rivals in the Martell Red Rum Handicap Chase (Listed Race) at Aintree. he was backed as though defeat was out of the question on his final start at Ayr and dually obliged quickening past Kadarann after two out to win easily by 6lengths. Considering his relative lack of experience, he has come a long way in a short time and is a very exiting prospect for this term.

(335)-- DICEMAN :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Henry's Gamble

| The Trainer |:>- Sue Smith

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I was very interested to read that Sue Smith bought back Diceman, who she'd previously trained during the '00/1 season when he showed promise in four starts in bumpers and over hurdles. He missed most of last term through injury, only running once for Heather Dalton when coming seventh behind Indalo in a Novice Hurdle at Haydock in May.. He is a good-looker however, which makes his 6,000 gns price tag seem very cheap. I can see him winning over fences if the Smiths can keep him sound this term.

(336)-- DON'T TELL JR :>-

b, g. Mister Lord (U.S.A.) - Middle Third

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Don't Tell Jr is an eight-year-old gelding who has had eleven runs in his career , only winning once when plodding through the mud last term to win a novice chase by a distance at Plumpton in February. He is huge

(which is why he hasn't raced so much) and should only now be coming to himself .. I'd be hopeful that he'll be placed to win little races on the country circuit.

(337)-- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR :>-

ch, g. Executive Perk - What Side

| The Trainer |:>- Michael Cullen in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Executive Director has the potential to do well in novice chases this term. He didn't win last term, however he ran so great races in defeat. His second to Killultagh Thunder at Punchestown in January, was arguably his best effort. He is built to jump fences and I would expect him to find more improvement once he has gained some experience early on in the season.

(338)-- GLANAMANA :>-

br, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Brides Choice

| The Trainer |:>- Brendan G Powell

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Glanamana is a really attractive six-year-old gelding by Be My Native, however he was a huge disappointment last term for Jeff King. Considering he was a bumper winner the previous, you would have expected him to show a bit more promise than he mustered, only really showing any potential when coming third to Iverain at Chepstow in November '01. he had two starts over fences but jumped with no confidence at all and was pulled up on both occasions.... He can't in my view get any worse and a change of scenery and a freshen up may have done him the world of good.

(339)-- GLOGLOGLO (CZE), :>-

b, h. Fallada (GDR) - Gloria

| The Trainer |:>- Ales Vanourek in the Czech Republic

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Glogloglo is another foreign entrant in this listing.

He was ordinary on the flat (winning once from nine starts... Going jumping completely transformed him, he has won four of his seven starts in the Czech Republic including the Cena CASCH Steeple ch. S(I). at Pardebice in October '01. Connections have begun to venture outside of the Czech Republic and that has already reaped its reward as he landed the Altes Badener - Jagdrennen / (Listed steeple ch) at Baden-Baden in June... there should be more successes to come in Europe this winter.

(340)-- GOGUENARD (FR) :>-

b, g. Gaspard De La Nuit (FR) - Laika III (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs Sue Smith

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Having looked so impressive when winning at Sandown at the end of the 2000/'01 season, it was very frustrating that Goguenard disappointed so much last term, so much so that there is very little to recommend him here. His two saving graces are that he has been moved to Sue Smith, who will probably give him a slightly different campaign to that that Nicky Henderson would have. More importantly, he is now a pound lower in the handicap than when winning at Sandown 18 months ago. His sights may be lowered however does that matter if he wins.

(341)-- GOLDEN GOAL (GER) :>-

br, g. Nebos (GER) - Goralin (GER)

| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Golden Goal finally began to fulfill the promise I thought he'd showed over obstacles winning four on his seven starts, including the Weatherbys Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (gr. 1) at Sandown at the beginning of February, as well as the Pendil Novices' Chase (gr. 2) at Kempton three weeks later. He didn't run too badly to be truthful behind Royal Auclair in the Cathcart Challenge Cup Chase (gr. 2), however he will need to progress again to win off of his loftier handicap mark.

(342)-- GUE AU LOUP (FR):>-

gr, g. Royal Charter (FR) - Arche D'Alliance (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Henry D J Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Gue Au Loup returns to the list. he had shown promise in his native France two seasons ago but initially failed to show this for Henry Daly. he was sent point-to-pointing last term and did well in open company. foot and mouth brought about a return to rules racing and after a second at Huntingdon at the end of '00/1 season, he galloped his rivals into submission under top weight in a novices handicap chase. he was last seen failing by 3/4 length to beat Maxie McDonald back at Bangor again under top weight.. He didn't race last season, however is still young to make up for lost time in similar type of events this season

(343)-- HEIDI III (FR):>-

br, g. Bayolidaan (FR) - Irlandaise (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs Lisa Williamson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I adore Heidi Iii, and he had a great season two year ago culminating in a win in the Great Yorkshire Chase where he rallied gallantly to outstayed In At the Top after the last fence. We didn't see much of him last term, and what we did see was a strange mix of good and bad. He ran badly in two steeplechases at Doncaster, being pulled up of both occasions, whilst he was a well-beaten second on his other two starts, behind Behrajan at Wetherby in December '01, and Grey Abbey in April. Heidi III is still relatively young and so could bounce back, however this horse's career seems to be at a crossroads.. I'm hoping that a chance of scenery may work the oracle

(344)-- HINDIANA (FR) :>-

ch, g. Quart De Vin (FR) - La Salamandre (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Hindiana was a huge disappointment last season, as he never really build on his fair effort in the James Nicholson Wine Merchant Champion Chase at Down Royal in November. He ran flat in the Hennessy Gold Cup, and then ran an odd sort race in the Tommy Whittle Chase (Gr. 2) where he stayed over very strongly up the run-in after looking disinterested turning for home. He did the same thing in the Peter Marsh Chase (Gr. 2) staying on late to finish 7lengths behind the winner Red Striker. He seems to appreciate a trip and time to organise himself... Not having a novice campaign here did seem to hinder him and he may well start the season on a more realistic mark... I'm prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt anyway, however his tendency to clout a fence or two on stiff tracks remains a worry.

(345)-- HISTORG (FR) :>-

b, g. Cyborg (FR) - Kalliste (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ferdy Murphy

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Historg had a pleasing first season over fences. he ran six times, winning twice at Market Rasen in December and Haydock in February and showed improved from to win that day, clearly appreciating the step up to 3miles. Connections at no stage last season put the gun to his head and I believe we will see an improved level of form in handicap company this winter.

(346)-- HORUS :>-

b, g. Teenoso - Jenny's First

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- So much was expected of Horus last season, however despite winning three from five last term, at Larkhill (here he beat Miss O'Grady by 6 lengths in a Men's Open right at the beginning of the season) plus two Hunter Chases at Wincanton in February and Cheltenham in May. He probably will be remembered more for his two defeats in the Cheltenham Foxhunters Chase and Towcester in May where he cost himself any realistic chance of success with particularly poor rounds of jumping. Connections appear to have wisely taken the view that going back to basics may be the best course of action and Horus is now with Martin Pipe with a view to possibly campaigning him this season in Novice company. He may not reach the heights first expected of him, however, I'd be disappointed if he was not able to win Novice events under rules this winter.

(347)-- IDEALKO (FR) :>-

b, g. Kadalko (FR) - Belfaster (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ian Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Idealko is a six-year-old gelding by Kadalko that won four steeplechases in France, at La Roche-Sur-Yon, Dieppe, Royan-La Palmyre and Gemozac during the '00/1 season, however we only saw him the once when disappointing at Warwick in a novice in November '01 . He came back with an injury, which meant he didn't race again, however he is good enough to make an impact in this country..

(348)-- IKRENEL ROYAL (FR) :>-

b, g. Bricassar (U.S.A.) - Kreneldore (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Nicky J Henderson

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Ikrenel Royal is a very interesting prospect for this season having run well in France over hurdle against the likes of Caballo Raptor, Ilare and Isful (now with Martin Pipe). he won his only run over fences in France at Enghien in November '00, before impressively beating Crocadee by 12 lengths at Sandown's Whitbread season .. He hasn't raced this however he could still be one to note for the second half of the season

(349)-- IL'ATHOU (FR) :>-

b, g. Lute Antique (FR) - Va Thou Line (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- S E H Sherwood,

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Il'Athou had a good first season over fences, winning three of his four starts impressively at Bangor, Huntingdon and Ascot. His only poor effort was in the Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase (gr.1), where led to the sixth, but weakened quickly before being pulled up when well out of contention at the last. He is better than that and as long as it hasn't left its mark, he should be capable of finding further opportunities this season.

(350)-- IRIS BLEU (FR):>-

ch, g. Beyssac (FR) - Dear Blue (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I really like this horse, but boy has he put me through the mill since coming from france!!!. He hasn't won, has finished second eight times and been placed on several other occasions. He gets back into this list for two reasons; (a) He doesn't give me the impression that he's ungenune, more possibly too high in the handicap... more importantly (b) He is only six and has time on his side... I'll give him one last try.

(351)-- IDALGO DE GUYE (FR) :>-

b, g. Luchiroverte - Victoire De Guye (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Lord Bolton

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Idalgo De Guye is a six-year-old gelding by Luchiroverte who is slowly coming to hand. He doesn't have the best completion record however he showed plenty of promise when completing, finishing second to Direct Access at Carlisle in November '01 before coming out two weeks later to win a 3mile handicap chase at Ayr. If Ben Orde-Powlett and Idalgo De Guye keep sound, I'd be hopeful of him finding further success this winter.

(352)-- JACQUEMART COLOMBE (FR) :>-

ro, h. Royal Charter (FR) - Tanie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- (Guillaume Macaire)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jacquemart Colombé is a horse I've always liked and he had a fairly good season winning twice on the flat before winning a steeplechase at Toulouse in October. He finished second at Nantes and Compiegne afterwards though did disappoint twice at Auteuil. he needs to continue to strengthen up to fulfill his potential, but there is very little mileage on the clock and should be able to fine similar opportunities this winter.

(353)-- JET DES PRES (FR):>-

br, g. Perrault - Ekoship (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- P Rago in france

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jet Des Prés has to go in... after all, I was hoping that he could be bought by one of my friends two seasons ago!!. I think he is one of the best five-year-old maidens in France, having been placed behind the likes of Roscoff, Saint Realise, Robin Des Champs, and Bilboa over hurdle and fences, however must have soft ground (He would fail a vet because of his bad knee-joints). That is a pity, however as I told my friend... "I hope he doesn't develop into another 'vet failure', Jair du Cochet!!!"

(354)-- JETOWA DU BOIS HUE (FR) :>-

b, g. Kadrou (FR) - Vaika (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Tom R George

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Jetowa Du Bois Hue is going to be a commentator's nightmare for seasons to come if his second to Golden Alpha at Wincanton in January is a good gauge of his ability. He was the only one that gave Golden Alpha a race that day , and whilst he was eventually put in your place, he did more than enough to suggest that a win is not too far away. He ran deplorably afterwards, (twice) so badly that the form is best ignored. Assuming that this was as the result of him simply acclimatising and not as the result of a physical problem. I would expect Jetowa Du Bois Hue is good enough to win over fences this winter.

(355)-- JIMMY CRICKET (FR) :>-

b, g. Video Rock - Via Tennise (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Venetia Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Jimmy Tennis, a five-year-old son of Video Rock joined present connections from Thierry Civel's yard last season. He is a winner of an AQPS flat race at three years, and has progressed this term over fences , winning the Prix Djarvis at Auteuil in June, as well as finishing in the frame in three of his other four starts. He ran three times in this country, only completely once, when he won the Reynoldstown Novices' Chase (gr. 2) at Ascot on his British debut. That actually may work in his favour as he likely to start the season on a reasonable handicap mark, and he could be worth following.... however he will need to brush up his jumping technique to take full advantage.

(356)-- JOUR J (FR) :>-

gr, g. Royal Charter (FR) - Ability (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Martin Pipe should also be able to find a race or two for Jour J; a five-year-old gelding who showed promise in a couple of starts at Auteuil in the autumn before landing a little novice chase at Nantes in November '01. He may an inauspicious start to his British career falling at the first on his British debut at Newbury, the fact that connections were content to take on Frosty Canyon with a horse with so little racecourse experience is an indicator to how strongly they did rate him. He was supported to atone or that error at Warwick next time out and duly obliged putting in some bold leaps to beat Mitcheldean by 21 lengths. For some reason he did seemed to lose his confidence and gave away a winning opportunity at Fontwell and seemed to be very reliant on "A.P.". making his mind up for him. This was evident on his most recent start at Chepstow where he put down and made a bad blunder at the second-last open ditch. A confidence-booster over hurdles would be a good move, however I would fully expect connections to have schooled him extensively since. He is potentially a useful handicap chaser if he's mentally up to the challenge.

(357)-- KUNG HEI FAT CHOI :>-

b, g. Roselier (FR) - Gallant Blade

| The Trainer |:>- Jim S Goldie

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Kung Hei Fat Choi has a very varied campaign with three trainers. He began with Noël Meade and ran respectably in two beginners' chases in October. he was sold out of the stable and was pulled up in a maiden point-to-point on his British debut, however he showed improved form, when staying on strongly in desperate ground to win a Hunter Chase at Ayr in March. He was outclassed in two decent hunter chases, however was in the process of running a fair race when blundering at the 12th on his last start at Hexham at

the end of April .. eventually weakening to finish fourth behind the winner Phar Echo. He's nothing special, however give him the right conditions I can see him landing a little handicap during the winter. (He joined Jim Goldie for that final start and should stay with him in order to get the best out of him).

(358)-- LANTAU LAD :>-

b, g. Brush Aside - Gleann Oge

| The Trainer |:>- Alan King

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Lantaur Lad won three point-to-points in Ireland before joining present connections and ran really well for them on his only start last term, when he came here, and jumped well when a very encouraging second in a novice chase at Doncaster on his first start for us. He came back with heat in a leg and was off for the rest of the season, but is back doing long, steady work and is one to keep an eye out for in novice chases after Christmas.

(359)-- LE CID (FR) :>-

br, g. Mansonnien (FR) - Dona Rahotep (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- R Cherrau

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Le Cid had a good season last term. This five-year-old by Mansonnien beat Jimmy Tennis in the Prix Julien Decrion (Steeple Ch.) at Auteuil in September, and was placed in his next three starts including finishing third to Hidalgo Royal in the Prix Lutteur II (Handicap Chase) (btn 8 1/2 lengths). When I looked at his efforts in more detail I took the view that he horse was crying out for a trip (he had only race over 2-2m5f so far) and made him my selection to land the Prix du President de la Republique (The French, g.rand National) at the end of April over 2miles-71/2f. He jumped really well that day and stayed on strongly up the run-in to catch Innox to win, going away by 2-1/2 lengths. He would do really well over here in staying handicaps and is definitely a horse to note when being given the opportunity to race over a distance of ground.

(360)-- LORD MOOSE :>-

b, g. Mister Lord (U.S.A.) - Moose

| The Trainer |:>- Henry Daly

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Lord Moose had a good first season over fences. He was going very well at Wetherby first time out when he struck into himself and was pulled up, however after disappointing at Kempton, where he was travelling very sweetly turning for home, however completely folded leaving it - He was sent to Newbury for his final start and fulfilled all of this promise, jumping bolding and outstaying his rivals... There is hardly any mileage on the clock and he should be capable of finding similar opportunities (a step up in trip will help).

(361)-- NAPOLI (POL) :>-

br. h. Jape (U.S.A.) - Norcja (POL)

| The Trainer |:>-Franti'ek Zobel

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Napoli is probably one of the most improved chasers in the Czech republic. Franti'ek Zobel's six-year-old gelding has had twelve runs and after winning a hurdle at Pardubice in May '01, has blossomed since going over fences. A measure of his improvement can be demonstrated by the improvement show since finishing tenth to Registana (at the time, one of the highest rated chasers racing in the Czech Republic, who has done well in Italy this season.) in the Cena HBO - Cena Vltavy S (I) at Pardubice in October 01. He came out and won his first two races of the season; the Cena spolecnosti Color Car S (III) at Pardubice in May, and the Cena Pardubického kraje S (II) again at Pardubice in June and clearly has physically just come to himself. There won't be many steeplechasers better than him and he will be difficult to beat if he stays at home .. well worth a try in a decent race in Italy at some stage this season.

(362)-- PILLAGING PICT :>-

ch, g. Primitive Rising (U.S.A.) - Carat Stick

| The Trainer |:>- J. B. Walton

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I like keeping tabs on a few horses from smaller stables

and as a follower of point-to-pointers, I was interested to see how Pillaging Pict would do under rules...I wasn't disappointed as he won twice at Catterick in January and Carlisle at the beginning of April, and was placed on three other occasions and arguably ran his best race in defeat when finishing third to Barton in November (btn 29 1/2 lengths). This was a good start to his career under rules and should find future improvement when stepped up to 3 miles at some stage this winter

(363)-- ROMANTIC HERO :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Right Love

| The Trainer |:>- Nick Gaselee

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Romantic Hero is a six-year-old gelding by Supreme Leader, who showed promise in two of his three starts last term over fences, finishing an eye-catching fourth at Leicester in February when travelling sweetly to three out. That was over 3 miles and he seemed to appreciate the drop back in trip when winning a 2 1/2 mile novices handicap at Newbury in March, with a bit more in hand than the eventually winning margin suggested. He should have improved physically during the close season and has plenty of scope for improvement this winter.

(364)-- SORD (CZE) :>-

gr, h. Mill Pond (FR) - Soraya (CZE)

| The Trainer |:>- J Votava, in the Czech Republic

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Sord is rated amongst the best twenty chasers in the Czech Republic. Sord had a good first season as a four-year-old, winning the Cena Univerzity Pardubice steeple ch., and Cena Zeas a.s. Staré Hradi'te steeple ch. as a four-year-old, ending that season as one of the best in his age group. Last season he only won the once when landing the Jarná cena Petralky in April, but ran some good races in defeat. particularly when finishing second to Registana in the Cena spolecnosti Elex a CASCH steeple ch. in October '01. He was added to the of finishing second in the Velká cena Orling S. R.O. (steeple ch) at Pardebice at the end of April and has since landed the Velká cena mesta Pardubice (one of the most valuable steeple chases in the Czech republic) at Pardubice in May. He is being aimed at the Velka Pardubická České Pojistovny (steeple ch) and would have a good chance there. If connections were more adventurous he'd probably be able to win outside of the Czech republic, especially as he appears to appreciate shorter trips... He should continue to flourish this winter.

(365)-- VICTOR ARGOSY (NZ) :>-

b, g. Victory Dance - Fair Clip (Nz)

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Victor Argosy could be an interesting chase prospect this term. Victor Argosy was having just his seventh steeplechase and ninth race, when winning the Ecolab Waikato Steeplechase on his latest start at Te Rapa in May. has been sold to a partnership, which includes Robert Sangster. Victor Argosy is young and lightly tried for a jumper and clearly has ability... he could be anything

STEEPLE CHASERS _ Championship Class?

(366)-- BOISNOIR (FR), :>-

b, g. Djarvis (FR) - Antoniola (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Guy Cherel in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Last season was notable for the absence of so many of France's leading chasers. It was pleasing therefore to note the return to the track of Boisnoir, (arguably the best four-year-old chaser in '00), who won all three of his starts over fences including in May '00 landing the Prix Inspace - Ferdinand Dufaure (Gr. 1), on his fourth ever start, beating Sleeping Night and Chicuelo (didn't he win easily at Market Rasen!!). Whatever ailed this lovely scopey son of Djarvis, it kept in off the track until two weeks ago, where Guy Cherel introduced him back to the track where he jumped around in his own time, eventually pulling up in a hurdle race at Dieppe. If he stands training Boisnoir, (now six), could still be a force to be reckoned with. As he

is another one of our One To Jump horses - naturally we will be monitoring his progress with some interest.

(367)-- DOUZE DOUZE (FR):>-

ch, g. Saint Cyrien (FR) - Kitkelly (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Guillaume Macaire in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Douze Douze is another inmate of Guillaume Macaire 's who may appear in this country this term. He ran won three of his four starts over fences, including the Prix Maurice Gillois Grand Steeple-Chase Des 4 Ans (Chase) (Gr. 1) in November '00, beating Sleeping Night (gave 7lbs). Christopher Ile's comments in our Focus on France feature paint an ever better impression; "Douze Douze went to the front after six fences, soon went clear, and basically disappeared off into the distance, producing a huge jump at the water jump, and easing down to win by a comfortable 15 lengths. Sleeping Night and Tango Royal fought out a good battle for second before the latter weakened in the home straight, and the rest were nowhere". He's another horse that may have the French, g.old cup as an aim, however if he fell short of the mark, we may see him tried on these shores

(368)-- ILARE (FR) :>-

gr, g. April Night (FR) - Vousseliere (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Emmanuel Chevalier Du Fau in France

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- I've noted this horse, ever since Christopher Iles mentioned him in one of his Focus on France features... This is what he wrote - "The same card gave a possible reason why the Marquesa de Moratalla sold First Gold - she has a potential star of the future in the front-running grey, Ilare, winning his second Auteuil chase of the season. His previous win came in the same race First Gold used to debut at Auteuil, the year he won the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris... Ilare isn't trained by François Doumen, so is less likely to be brought over here to run, and his entries since suggest a rather lower-key approach than was taken with First Gold". Ilare won his next six starts and subsequently beat all bar Kotkijet in the '01 Grand Steeple-Chase De Paris, an amazing performance really for a horse only in training for six months. We might never see him in truth, however he is such a class act that he deserves a place in the list... Hopefully he can go one better this time around.

(369)-- JAPHET (FR):>-

b, g, Perrault - Una Volta (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Guillame Macaire

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Japhet was never really given the credit he deserved last season. Guillame Macaire's five-year-old won ten races in his first season of training including the Prix Maurice Gillois Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 ans (Gr. 1). Unbeaten records are nice, however Guillame Macaire is an ambitious man and he sets his sights on a British campaign, a difficult quest for a horse so young and inexperienced (something that was overlooked by pundits). The timing of the Sun Alliance Chase and possible future targets in France during the early part of next season isn't great, therefore to gain experience for Cheltenham, Japhet had to run effectively out of season. To go to Cheltenham, Japhet has had to again experience of British obstacles... nothing else mattered although he showed a glimpse of what he was capable of - his jump at some of the fences at Newbury on his British debut were awesome. He failed to impress some who clearly expected fireworks from this French superstar. They may have been even more disappointed by the negativity shown by jockey Benoit Gicquet in the Newbury race (which arguably he lost) and at Kempton more recently where he only asked the horse to race up the final straight... so much so that their interest became more centred on stablemate Heros Collonges who had impressed when winning on his only start in this country. Guillame Macaire, whilst praising Heros Collonges has made no secret on how good he believed Japhet could be and now that the objective has been reached. Japhet is an April foal so wasn't even actually five when running in the Sun Alliance Chase, and in my view would have gone very close (I think he would have won) if he hadn't tipped up at the second last. He ran another good race at Aintree , however the effect of his long campaign finally began to tell and I have no doubt that he is a lot better than the well

beaten third to Barton suggests. Connections have decided to give him plenty of time to get over these excursions (sensibly) and his campaign will be geared with the aim of winning the French, g. old Cup, as a result we are very unlikely to see him .. which is a real pity.

STEEPLE CHASERS _ HUNTER CHASERS

(370)-- CASTLE WEIR:>-

b, g. Lord Americo - Alchymya

| The Trainer |:>- Willie P Mullins in Ireland

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Castle Weir won a hunter chase at Navan in May, after landing a maiden point-to-point at Bramblestown in April. Connections I believe hold him in high regards so it'll be interesting to see how this five-year-old fares this season.

(371)-- LITCHANINE (FR):>-

gr, g. Linamix (FR) - Margello

| The Trainer |:>- Martin C. Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- One of several sons of Linamix currently at Nicholashayne, this half-brother to winners on the flat and over jumps in France did not appear under rules last term but had won two of his five starts during the 2000/'01 season, most recently a win at Stratford that June, where he sprinted away from the last to beat Cool Bob by 10 lengths. Not sure what his immediate plans are, but he would be certainty to win a hunter chase if connections pursue this option. He is however good enough to win in Handicap company should connections be bold enough to do so.

(372)-- SAXO DU ROCHER (FR) :>-

b, g. Beyssac (FR) - Fabinou (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Jim T R Dreaper

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Saxo Du Rocher is a lightly raced six-year-old gelding by Beyssac, who has only raced four times for Jim Dreaper. Last season he made two appearances, winning on his debut in a maiden point-to-point at Castletown Geoghegan in March. Connections tried him in Hunter Chase company next time out and he was in teh process of running a good race when falling seven from home at Puchestown in April. If he has recovered from that tumble he might be capable of finding his level at the smaller tracks.

(373)-- TIMES PAST :>-

b, g. Commanche Run - Orient Moonbeam

| The Trainer |:>- Shelia Crow

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Shelia Crow could have a decent prospect on her hands, however there is a word of caution :I was lucky enough to see him a couple of times last term. The first occasion was at Chaddesley Corbett just after the Cheltenham Festival where he showed up prominently until the 14th, eventually being pulled up three from home. I liked what I saw that day and it didn't surprise me that he went on to land his next two starts at Eaton Park and Bitterley. This last start probably being the more impressive as he was prominent for most of the trip before eventually pulling away to win easily by 10 lengths. On the basis of these efforts it did not surprise me that he was made favourite to win his last start in a Hunter Chase at Bangor, however this was not one of Alistair Crowe's better riding moments as he contrived to get from a promising position travelling just behind the leaders at fence 5 to be well behind by fence 12, before staying on again to finish fourth 15 lengths behind the winner. I am quite confident he is better than that and given a more positive ride should be capable of holding his own in open company.

(374)-- VIADUCT :>-

b, g. Archway - Decent Essence

| The Trainer |:>- Ivor Kingston

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Viaduct could be a hunter chaser to follow this term. He had shown some promise under rules before going point-to-pointing. He had a successful season winning a maiden race at Clonakilty, a "Winner of 2 race" at Cloyne, as well as an Open race at Inch, all in March. Connections tried him

under rules, and he didn't disgrace himself, coming a creditable third to Sheltering in the Newbridge Greyhound Stadium Champion Hunter Chase at the Punchestown Festival, before coming over for the Weatherbys Champion Novices' Hunters' Chase (for the John Corbet Cup) at Stratford. He may have been an unlucky loser here, as he was badly baulked at the first, and he was always struggling to get daylight afterwards. It was only until the last half mile that he got into any rhythm at which point he fairly flew how, and did well to only get within a length of the eventual winner Monty's Tag. That was a good first season and he will be difficult top beat in points... A trip to Cheltenham in March is a distinct possibility.

(375)-- WAP :>-

b, g. Be My Native (U.S.A.) - Mrs Hill

| The Trainer |:>- Edna Bolger

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Wap improved a little on last season's promising efforts in hunter chases... well enough to stay in the list for another season. He did win two times at Tramore in March, where he beat Killowenly Boy by 10lengths. He reappeared two weeks later and repeated the dosage, beating the same animal easily, despite being worse off at the weights by 4lengths. He disappointed afterwards, however is a sound bets to win again this term... hopefully he can become more competitive against better company.

STEEPLE CHASERS - POINT-TO-POINTERS

(376)-- ABABOU (FR) :>-

ch, g. Synefos (U.S.A.) - Racine Carree

| The Trainer |:>-Margaret Morris

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Hopefully Ababou can build on his first season in points. This rangy six-year-old had three starts finishing a creditable 2nd on his debut at Market Rasen in February before disappointing on his next start in a Garthorpe open maiden. He proved the initial impression was no fluke when jumping well to win a confined maiden at Brocklesby Park easily. That experience should stand him in good stead next season and I would like to think he is capable of further improvement.

(377)-- AGUA ARDENTE, :>-

ch, g. Afzal - Armagnac Messenger

| The Trainer |:>- Caroline Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Agua Ardente is a horse to look out for this season. He was very immature last season and ran green in both starts, yet ran creditably on both occasions. Despite running very green he stayed on very strongly to fail by only 1/2 length to beat the eventual winner Brooks in an Upton-on-Severn maiden at the beginning of April. He was made favourite to win on his only other start in a similar event at Kimble eighteen days later, however his immaturity got the better of him and he found disappointingly little when put under pressure close home. Deserves to be forgiven this lapse and should make amends give the opportunity this season.

(378)-- ARCEYE, :>-

b, g. Weld - Flower of Tintern

| The Trainer |:>- Mark G. Rimell

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Arceye; A compact 5-year-old gelding by Weld was only given one outing last time, however showed a little promise before being pulled up in an open maiden at Cold Harbour in May. The experience should have done him some good and hopefully he may lose his maiden tag at some stage this season.

(379)-- BE A BETTER BOY :>-

b, g. Primitive Rising (U.S.A.) - Carrot Stick

| The Trainer |:>- Jimmy B. Walton

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Be A Better Boy is a six-year-old gelding by Primitive Rising who hinted in two starts that he may have a little more ability than was shown, particularly on his debut at Ayr where he was never put into the race yet was only 24 lengths behind the eventual winner. He failed to complete in two

other starts, however he has been given a solid platform for further improvement this winter. A maiden on the Scottish borders looks within his grasp.

(380)-- BEAUCHAMP OBSERVER :>-

ch, g. Deploy - Beauchamp Image
| The Trainer |:>- Evan Williams
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Beauchamp Observer is a five-year-old gelding by Deploy who had shown some promise in a bumper before his first attempt between the flags at Howick at the end of March. That was a sound effort as he led from four out till close home, eventually finishing only 3/4 lengths behind the winner, Buckland Boy. He was pulled up on his only other attempt at Bonvilston in April but can be forgiven this poor effort (he was "wrong") and starts the new season in a very good position to get on the winners board.

(381)-- BROWN BUZZARD, :>-

br, g. Wakashan - Winnie Wumpkins
| The Trainer |:>- Peter Hobbs
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Brown Buzzard was a model of consistency last season... once they ironed out his jumping. He failed to complete on his first two starts at Larkhill and Higham, however did take the eye in preliminaries (in my and AA All-Weather's view as we were there) when staying on strongly to win at Chaddesley Corbett. He didn't win afterwards but was placed in his last four outings and ran well enough to suggest that he can win outside of maiden company this season (he would be interesting if given a chance to race over further than 3 miles).

(382)-- CHANGE AGENT, :>-

br, g. Royal Fountain - Flashy Looks
| The Trainer |:>- Paul Jones
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Change Agent could be in line for a good season. This strapping six-year-old gelding ran twice last term, jumping well to land a maiden at Nottingham at the beginning of February. He was strongly fancied to win his only other start in a Restricted at Eaton Hall. Those punters who backed him into 4/6 were given very few worries as he cruised home by 6 lengths. With another season on his back, you would hope he was capable of stepping up to open class and could be worth following this season.

(383)-- CHOCOHOLIC, :>-

b, g. Nalchik (U.S.A.) - Ever So Lonely
| The Trainer |:>- Guy Landau
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Chocoholic only had one race last season in a Open Maiden at Charing over 2 1/2 miles and ran really well, travelling smoothly throughout before taking it up 2 out. A lack of peak fitness told and he weakened after the last finishing 1 length behind the eventual winner. A similar performance would probably be good enough for him to lose his maiden tag.

(384)-- COOLE GLEN :>-

b, g. Executive Perk - Kailin Laith
| The Trainer |:>- William Warner
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Coole Glen was only given one race in his first season in points in a maiden at Garthorpe in April. He ran well for a long way however lack of peak fitness told and he had to give best to the eventual winner Catch The Dawn eventually finishing 15 lengths behind the winner. That wasn't a bad effort and if he improves through the close season, it wouldn't surprise me if he didn't prove good enough to land maiden this season.

(385)-- CRACKER TICKET, :>-

b, g. Scenic - Shanliss
| The Trainer |:>- Ms Beverley Thomas
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Cracker Ticket had six races last term. It was a season of two halves as he looked a very difficult ride in his first 3 starts, failing to complete on each occasion. He was given a month's break which seemed to be the making of him as he ran creditably in Lydstep Open Maiden at the beginning

of April before winning his last two starts : a Maiden at Ystradowen and a Restricted at Bonvilston. Quite how good these races are is open to debate. I would be hopeful though that he is capable of continuing this upward trend.

(386)-- CYMRU-AM-BYTH :>-

ch, g. Primo Domini - Croeso I Cymru

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs S. R. Williams

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Cymru Am Byth is a half-brother to successful sprinter Croeso Croeso who didn't show much when raced on the flat, however hinted at possessing a little ability when finishing 3rd on his second start in a Bonvilston maiden in April. He didn't jump well in two other starts and is probably the least likely of those listed to win a race which probably will make any success all the more sweeter. I do though have some reservations about his ability to stay the trip... here's hoping.

(387)-- EMALI :>-

b, g. Emarati (U.S.A.) - Princess Pochita

| The Trainer |:>- Mrs H.E.Rees

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Emali is a five-year-old gelding by Emarati who flattered to deceive on the flat and looked to be struggling over obstacles before winning a maiden at Holnicote at odds of 20/1. He clearly has ability, unfortunately he is heavily laced with temperament and will need to retain enthusiasm to win in Restricted company. Time is on his side, hence my decision to take a chance on him.

(388)-- EURO ALERT, :>-

ch, g. Eurobus - Parson's Alert

| The Trainer |:>- William J Warner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Euro Alert came to these shores with a tall reputation from Ireland and went a long way to justifying those claims, winning twice : a Restricted at Ampton in January and an Intermediate at Garthorpe in March before finishing a god 2nd to Copper Thistle in a Mens Open at Dingley in April, beaten only 1 1/2 lengths. A repeat of this form would be more than good enough to win a Open this season and he should followed.

(389)-- FAIR SPRITE, :>-

ch, g. Over The River (FR) - Saucy Sprite

| The Trainer |:>- Louise Alner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Fair Sprite showed a lot of promise last term. Clearly benefiting from the pipe-opener at Little Windsor at the beginning of March, Fair Sprite won his last two races, winning he maiden at Ston Easton at the end of March before winning the Restricted at Lifton a month later. I'm fairly certain he'll do well under rules in due course, however should win further races between the flags this season.

(390)-- FASTER SWEEP, :>-

ch, g. Phardante (FR) - Sweeping Brush

| The Trainer |:>- Tim Reed

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Faster Sweep was given a couple of opportunities and showed plenty of promise on both occasions making a lot of the running before weakening to finish 2nd on his debut at Tranwell. He was made favourite next time out to land a Maiden at Ayr (point-to-point course) 26 days later, however despite running well found conditions far too testing eventually weakened to finish well in 2nd . That was a good an introduction as you could hope and given decent ground he should be able to land his maiden this winter.

(391)-- FIND ME ANOTHER, :>-

b, g. Shardari - Naujwantoo

| The Trainer |:>- Caroline Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Named, I believe, by connections as he was the horse bought to replace Castle Maine who died so tragically the season before, Find Me Another may not quite be that good however certainly has shown plenty of promise on his 5 starts to date, winning on his debut in a Maiden at Larkhill in

January. He didn't win again last term but did win creditably on each occasion, finishing 2nd on his last two starts in Restricted company. I get the impression that he wasn't the "finished article" and it wouldn't surprise me if he didn't prove to be a totally proposition this season.

(392)-- FINEST OF MEN :>-

b, g. Tina's Pet - Merry Missus

| The Trainer |:>- J. B. Walton

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I have taken a keen interest in this six-year-old son of Tina's Pet, mainly because I'm fairly certain he is a lot better than he has shown so far... He's no world beater however connections do appear to have been very easy on him. A clue may be his second start at Perth in February, where he finished 30lengths behind the winner Enhancer. He was well supported in the market that day, however was very one-paced in the straight after travelling well throughout. A stiff test of stamina may be ultimately what he requires, however he didn't appear to appreciate it when subsequently tried if two hunter chases. A return to the point-to-point field may be initially the plan but he does have the potential to win a maiden at the very least.

(393)-- FIRST AND FOREMOST :>-

br, g. Alphabatim (U.S.A.) - Molly Owen

| The Trainer |:>- D. Wales

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-First And Foremost showed little bits of form last season when trained by Henrietta Knight. He was purchased for 7,400 guineas at Doncaster sales and should be capable of running well in maiden company this winter.

(394)-- GATCHOU MANS (FR) :>-

gr, g. Royal Charter (FR) - Vindjica Mans (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ruth Hayter

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-We may not have seen the best of Gatchou Mans I was studying his record in points and I could see why you could possibly overlook horses like him as potential ones to follow. After all, he did run ten times and failed to only won twice, however look a little closer and his record makes slightly better reading. He was never out of the first two and his wins did come in a Club race at Higham in February where he beat three others in a 4-way photo and on his last start, where he won an open at Kingston Blount by 12 lengths where he beat Court Leney who did so well in the Welsh regions at this discipline. He seems to me to have two problems - Firstly he is the victim of his own enthusiasm - he is very headstrong, excitable and probably burns up a lot of energy in the preliminaries and secondly (and more importantly) he appears to have been highly tried. He has been asked to take on some decent horses, probably too early on in his development and it probably isn't a coincidence that he ran some of his worst races when tried in open company at the beginning of the season. Dropping him down in grade may have been the best move connections could have made with him and now that he's gained some confidence he could be a force to reckon with this season (well worth a spin in 2-2 1/2 mile Novice Hunter Chase).

(395)-- IRILUT (FR) :>-

br, g. Lute Antique (FR) - Patchourie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- R Waley-Cohen

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Irilut had a promising first season between the flags running three times, finishing second on each occasion at Dunthorp in February, Didmarton at the beginning of March and Bonvilston at the end of February. It was a good start and on the face of it, he looks virtually "nailed on" to win a race. However, he was well beaten last time out by Boozeandyulouse and I wonder whether that was because he struggles to see out 3 miles. A 2 1/2 mile maiden is his for the taking, but ultimately he may be better off under rules.

(396)-- JAVELOT DE THAIX (FR):>-

b, g. Lute Antique (FR) - Une Amie (FR)

| The Trainer |:>- Ben Pollock

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Javelot De Thaix is another five-year-old who showed plenty of promise in maiden company last time. He only raced once at Garthorpe at the beginning of April, however he showed up prominently for the majority of the trip before weakening out of contention, eventually finishing 30 lengths behind the winner. The experience will have done him the world of good and I fully expect him to land a maiden by the end of the season.

(397)-- KINGSCLIFF :>-

ch, g. Toulon - Pixies Glen

| The Trainer |: >- (Lucy Alner)

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Kingscliff is one of the most promising five-year-old point-to-pointers who appeared last season. He had two starts, winning a Division of the Maiden at Badbury Rings by 12 lengths at the end of February before landing a Restricted at Larkhill three weeks later. The summer break should have done this talented individual the world of good and it would be a surprise if he fails to build on that, whether he stays between the flags or joins Robert Alner.

(398)-- LEGATUS :>-

ch, g. Alhabatim (U.S.A.) - Take A Guess

| The Trainer |: >- David Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Legatus is probably the most promising pointer in David Pipe's care this season. He had a very brief campaign right at the end of the season, pulling up on his debut at Lifton at the beginning of June before running out a convincing winner of the last race of this season - a Maiden at Umberleigh. He looked a little raw/unfinished and should have improved physically during the summer. He has the potential to build on these efforts and is one to keep on the right side of.

(399)-- LA VASCO DE GAMA (FR):>-

br, g. Balleroy (U.S.A.) - April Car (FR)

| The Trainer |: >- William J Warner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- La Vasco De Gama missed last season due to injury, however he is a horse I'm looking forward to seeing this term between the flags... here's what I had to say about him last year;

"Whilst last season was a fascinating year so far for pointers, it was equally the same for yours truly. persistent lameness is currently keeping me away from the racetrack. which frustrates me. It means that I have not been able to attend as many points to points as I liked, where watching the whole build up of each race at close hand has its own uniqueness/atmosphere. Cottenham is one of my local track, (I'm spoilt in this respect), and it is a shame that I was unable to make their most recent meeting, as the performance of La Vasco De Gama brightened up an ordinary card. It probably wasn't a fair fight, as La Vasco De Gama went into the race with some useful place form behind him when trained in France, and by winning a 2m4f maiden he achieved nothing. However it was the manner (apparently) by which he undertook the task that was most impressive, the fact that he also easily pulled 30 lengths clear of his rivals, in a time 9 seconds faster than the second division, suggests he is a young horse of great potential. Bill Warner currently trains him, however Judy Wilson has horses with Nicky Henderson, and I'd suggest that this horses future might lay with him. I shall be keeping a close eye on his for the remainder of the season"

(400)-- LORD ATTERBURY :>-

ch, g. Mister Lord (U.S.A.) - Tammyiris

| The Trainer |: >- David Pipe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-Lord Atterbury is one to look out for in Restricted races. he is the winner of one race last term; at Ballingarry in June, though had won well in a couple of earlier starts, particularly when finishing second on his seasonal reappearance at Kilfeacle, in January. The move to David Pipe's yard should help bring about further improvement and i'd be disappointed if he didn't win a race this season.

(401)-- MAI KNIGHT :>-

b, g. Sir Harry Lewis (U.S.A.) - Quil Peemai
| The Trainer |>- Paula Twinn
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Mai Knight is a five-year-old half-brother by Sir Harry Lewis to winning pointer Mai Point who showed plenty of promise in three starts last term, winning on one occasion : a Maiden at High Easter at the beginning of April which he won by a distance as well as finishing a fair second on his subsequent start at Northaw. He should have appreciated the summer break and looks destined for further successes during this campaign.

(402)-- MONTEMOSS:>-
ch, g. Montelimar (U.S.A.) - Gay Le Moss
| The Trainer |>-Mark G Rimell
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Montemoss, an attractively-bred five-year-old (half-brother to former Champion Hurdler Gay Brief) was give one outing last season but couldn't have been more impressive when cruising home in a maiden at Guilsborough in April. He appeared to have plenty to do with four to race, however quickened up smartly (as many of the family can) to win by 12 lengths with the 3rd a long way back. On this evidence, stepping up in class should be a formality. I would not be surprised though if he wasn't purchased in the interim.

(403)-- MY MAN TIM:>-
br, g. Mandalus - Two-Penny Rice
| The Trainer |>- Richard Barber
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- My Man Tim was given a light first season between the flags, only appearing once at Little Windsor in March where he outstayed his rivals in a Maiden which deteriorated into a war of attrition. It's hard to work out how good that form is, however he should have enough scope to win in Restricted company during this season.

(404)-- OWL VULGAN:>-
b, g. Persian Mews - Gracious View
| The Trainer |>- Dick Baimbridge
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Owl Vulgan was given a quiet introduction in his first season between the flags, only running once. This seven-year-old was strongly supported to land this run at Paxford (in a Maiden) in April. Clearly those punters who supported him were aware of the promise he showed under rules in Ireland as he jumped well and never gave them much cause for concern, eventually crossing the winning line 12 lengths ahead of his nearest rival. This horse has plenty of scope for further development and should win more races this season.

(405)-- PARSONHUMFRYWEBBER:>-
ch, g. High Lodge - Parsoness
| The Trainer |>- M . S. Burton
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Parsonhumfrywebber could be another dodgy choice. He failed to complete in two starts during the '01 season and only marginally this term, winning once from 11 attempts at Fakenham in April. When he got things right, as he did at Fakenham he was very impressive winning by 25 lengths, however for the rest of the time this horse and rider combination seemed to have several differences about what to do next. The pilot may also have been guilty of a little misjudgement on a couple of occasions and he's now a winner. Arguably his opportunities for winning have decreased as he probably will struggle in Restricted company. There is a chance though that they can improve (his pilot is relatively inexperienced) which may see him squeeze out a few more pounds improvement during this season.

(406)-- PEPPERINICK, :>-
br, g. Alflora - Nicolini
| The Trainer |>- Clive Storey
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Peppernick is a six-year-old gelding who is a half-brother by Alflora to Sunnycliff (a winning chaser). He had two runs last term (both at Alnwick) finishing a fair third on his debut to Bertie O'Toole in January before easily landing his maiden at the end of March. I will be

surprised if that's the last time Peppernick makes it to the winner's enclosure.

(407)-- PRISTEEN SPY :>-

b, g. Teenoso (U.S.A.) - Sikera Spy

| The Trainer |:>- Louise Alner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Pristeen Spy had three runs, only completing once and he stayed on after being held up in the rear to lead close home in the process landing a Maiden at Brampton Bryan in April. He will need to settle to progress further this season, however being only five he deserves the benefit of the doubt.

(408)-- QUEEN OF THE SOUTH:>-

b, m. Cut The Mustard - Kawarau Queen

| The Trainer |:>- Tim Reed

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Queen Of The South had a promising first season in point-to-points. This five-year-old daughter of Cut The Mustard showed promise on both of her two starts last term, finishing a creditable fifth on her debut at Wetherby in March before finishing third in a Corbridge Maiden in April. She was well supported that day and probably would have prevailed if she had been more battle-hardened (she showed greenness when asked to win her race, approaching the last). On this evidence, a Maiden success is a mere formality.

(409)-- RAMNUGGUR, :>-

b, g. Broadsword (U.S.A.) - Macusla

| The Trainer |:>- Caroline Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Judging by his size and confirmation, Ramnuggur has needed plenty of time to mature into himself. It wasn't a surprise therefore that this seven-year-old gelding was only given one outing last term. However, it was an encouraging one as he ran well until the 13th behind stablemate Find Me Another in a Maiden at Larkhill in January. Assuming all is well with him this season, I would be hopeful of him possibly progressing enough to land his Maiden.

(410)-- RATHBARRY LAD, :>-

ch, g. Phardante (FR) - Doolin Lake

| The Trainer |:>- William J Warner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Bill Warner has a promising string of young pointers, who include Rathbarry Lad. He ran four times last term, showing a lot of promise on his debut in a Dingley Maiden, eventually finishing third. That run clearly did him the world of good as he won a similar event at Guilsborough by 20 lengths despite showing signs of greenness. He was a warm favourite to win a Restricted next time out at Dingley but fell early on. Maybe that left the mark as he was pulled up when beaten on his final start at Garthorpe. The summer break should have done him the power of good and I would expect him to progress past Restricted class this season.

(411)-- SILVER SPIDER:>-

gr, g. Terimon - Queeta's Girl

| The Trainer |:>- Pat Barthorpe

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Silver Spider had a strange campaign, disappointing between two good efforts. He made his debut appearance at Thorpe Lodge in January, staying on strongly (having made a bad mistake at half-way) to land a division of the Maiden by 8 lengths. Connections probably expected him to build on that effort, however he seemed to regress, failing to complete at Brocklesby Park in February and Garthorpe at the beginning of March. He ran much better however next time at Cottenham and after another regressive step at Dingley, as given a positive ride to land the Restricted on Fakenham's point-to-point card at the end of April in a time quicker than the Men's Open race on that card. He clearly has potential for further progression. Connections probably need to establish what is the best way to exploit that talent.

(412)-- THE GRADUATE :>-

ch, g. Indian Ridge - Queen's Eyot

| The Trainer |:>- Tom Walker
| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- The Graduate would be one of the most promising pointers who ran last time. He only made two appearances, winning on his debut at Dalton Park where he beat Silver Groom (who went on to win five races) by a head. Connections brought him out a week later at Wetherby where he impressively landed a Restricted race, jumping well and running on so strongly that he was in a virtually unassailable lead by the 13th, eventually beating the 2nd, Vino Tinto by 15 lengths. The time of this race was just a second slower than the Men's Open run on the same card and I would suspect that connections would be hoping that The Graduate himself graduates to Open company this winter.

(413)-- THE KING'S FLING :>-

b, g. Rakaposhi King - Poetic Light

| The Trainer |:>- Countess Suzie Goess-Saurau

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >-I would hopeful of some more improvement this season from this promising six-year-old. He ran four times last season, finishing second on his first two starts at Little Windsor in a 21/2 mile maiden and two weeks later over the same distance at Stoneaston. He had been favourite on both those occasions and any punter who stayed loyal to him was finally rewarded when he was stepped up in trip to 3 miles for the first time where he spread-eagled his field, eventually winning very easily by 25 lengths. He disappointed on his final start at Ashorne, however assuming that this was purely a minor setback, the King's Fling is a near certainty to land (at the very least) a Restricted race at some stage this term.

(414)-- THREE ABOVE :>-

b, g. Supreme Leader - Patrice Princess

| The Trainer |:>- Caroline Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Three Above put in a hugely encouraging first appearance in a point-to-point at Thorpe Lodge at the beginning of April where he showed up prominently until making a very bad mistake at the 14th after which he was pulled up immediately. I must profess that I do not know the extent of the injury, however the winner that day Bold Bahamian came out and won a Club Novices race at Garthorpe in May and would be one of the most promising five-year-olds who raced last season. If all is well, I would expect Three Above to be able to win his maiden this season.

(415)-- TINDER-BOX :>-

br, g. Miners Lamp - Sovereign's Oak

| The Trainer |:>- Penny Cave

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Tinder-Box is a five-year-old who was in the process of running an excellent race on his debut at Cold Harbour at the beginning of May when smashing through the wing of the 12th . He was given one more opportunity three weeks later, however didn't build on that effort. He gives the impression of possibly being useful, certainly good enough to win a maiden (which hopefully he will do this season).

(416)-- TOM TOBACCO :>-

b, g. Afzal - Monsoon

| The Trainer |:>- Caroline Bailey

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Tom Tobacco didn't show much last season, however he did enough to suggest that his form figures "pfp" are probably misleading. I would single out his first effort at Newton Bromswold as evidence to back up this view. He was sympathetically ridden, sitting out in rear until making smooth progress from half-way without ever getting competitive, eventually pulling up three from home. Connections probably rightly took the view that punishing this immature five-year-old would have done more harm than good and I won't be surprised if he improves significantly on this form this season.

(417)-- TWITCHINGS:>-

b, g. Roselier (FR) - Sheer Water

| The Trainer |:>- Louise Alner

| c.o.m.m.e.n.t.s. |: >- Twitchings, a six-year-old gelding by Roselier failed

to compete in two maiden point-to-points in May at Cotley Farm and Bratton Down, however my impression is that these runs were sighters and that the experience gained will be used to good effect this time around.

FULL A-Z OF HORSES

BUMPER HORSES _ (Three-Year-Olds)

- (1)-- Conroy
- (2)-- Dom Beyssac (FR)
- (3)-- Loup (FR)
- (4)-- Lys d'Estuval (FR)
- (5)-- Mille Et Une Nuits (FR)
- (6)-- Spanish (FR)

BUMPER HORSES _ (Four-Year-Olds & Upwards)

- (7)-- Back to Ben Alders
- (8)-- Bourbon Manhattan
- (9)-- Buddhi
- (10)-- Cook O'Hawick,
- (11)-- Cornish Rebel
- (12)-- Dempsey
- (13)-- Ever An Optimist
- (14)-- Fidèle Galopin (FR)
- (15)-- Ironman Muldoon
- (16)-- Jack Pot II (FR),
- (17)-- Karachi (FR)
- (18)-- Keep On Running (FR)
- (19)-- Kepi Sacre (FR)
- (20)-- Kimono Royal (FR)
- (21)-- Krzyszkowiak
- (22)-- Lisa Du Chenet (FR)
- (23)-- Lough Rynn
- (24)-- Masteroffoxhounds
- (25)-- Patricknineenth
- (26)-- Rouge et Noir
- (27)-- Royal Alphabet
- (28)-- Royal England (FR)
- (29)-- Samuel Charles
- (30)-- Secret des C urs (FR)
- (31)-- Sixo
- (32)-- TI Punch
- (33)-- Victoria Stone
- (34)-- Welcome Attraction

HURDLERS _ Three-Year-Olds (Juveniles)

- (35)-- Afeef (USA)
- (36)-- Anglanit (CZE)
- (37)-- Attorney General
- (38)-- A Vendre (FR)
- (39)-- Bareme (FR)
- (40)-- Bladoudal (FR)
- (41)-- Briar (CZE)
- (42)-- Burj Al Arab
- (43)-- Carapuce (FR)
- (44)-- Copybook
- (45)-- Desert Air (JPN)
- (46)-- Do L'Enfant d'Eau (FR)
- (47)-- Don Valentino (POL)
- (48)-- Fils A Papa (FR)
- (49)-- Full Of Michel (FR)
- (50)-- Golden Flight (FR)

- (51)-- Kalambari
- (52)-- Le Duc (FR)
- (53)-- Manoram (GER)
- (54)-- Philippe (GER)
- (55)-- Prosper (FR),
- (56)-- Royal Hector (GER)
- (57)-- Saintsaire (FR)
- (58)-- Selter {CZE}
- (59)-- Smart (SLO)
- (60)-- Téorban (POL)
- (61)-- Visibility (FR)

HURDLERS _ Three-Year-Olds (Championship Class?)

- (62)-- Fast Mix (FR)
- (63)-- Lowlander
- (64)-- Maldoun
- (65)-- Nickname (FR),
- (66)-- Old California
- (67)-- Prince Des Ifs (FR)
- (68)-- Vanormix (FR)

HURDLERS _ Novices (Four-Year-Olds & Upwards)

- (69)-- Air Marshall
- (70)-- Almire Du Lia (FR)
- (71)-- Americanconnection
- (72)-- Armaguedon (FR)
- (73)-- Ar Muin Na Muice
- (74)-- Atum Ré,
- (75)-- Baby Norm (FR)
- (76)-- Balinahinch Castle
- (77)-- Ballylynch
- (78)-- Benrajah
- (79)-- Blanc C'est Blanc (FR)
- (80)-- Bob Ar Aghaidh
- (81)-- Bolt Action,
- (82)-- Boom Economy
- (83)-- Brooklyn Breeze
- (84)-- Brown Teddy
- (85)-- By N By
- (86)-- Chanticlier
- (87)-- Cigarillo
- (88)-- Clooneen,
- (89)-- Cockcrow
- (90)-- Caracciola (GER)
- (91)-- Cotton Socks
- (92)-- Crow Jack (FR)
- (93)-- Daretobedifferent
- (94)-- Dawton (POL)
- (95)-- Distingo (FR)
- (96)-- Doors To Manual (FR)
- (97)-- Doe Nal Rua
- (98)-- Elbows Macguinness
- (99)-- Emmet
- (100)-- Explosillon (ARG)
- (101)-- Fair Prospect
- (102)-- Five Alive O
- (103)-- Fork Lightning
- (104)-- Foreman (GER)
- (105)-- For Paddy's Day
- (106)-- Garde Bien,
- (107)-- Ghost Rider
- (108)-- Goodbadrindiferent
- (109)-- Grand Finalé,

(110)-- Green Finger
 (111)-- Grenville (GER)
 (112)-- Gumption,
 (113)-- Hanko (GER)
 (114)-- Harrovian
 (115)-- Hash Weinstein
 (116)-- Home James
 (117)-- Houseparty
 (118)-- Howrwenow
 (119)-- Ilabon (FR)
 (120)-- Inca Trail,
 (121)-- Ishandraz (GER)
 (122)-- Jarode
 (123)-- Jefertiti (FR)
 (124)-- Jesper (FR)
 (125)-- Jim (FR)
 (126)-- Johnston's Swallow
 (127)-- Kefir d'Angron (FR)
 (128)-- Kerrigand, (FR)
 (129)-- Kickham
 (130)-- Kildare,
 (131)-- Killer (FR)
 (132)-- Knowhow
 (133)-- Kombinacja (POL)
 (134)-- Konfuzius (GER)
 (135)-- Krach (FR)
 (136)-- Kvalentenzo (FR)
 (137)-- Laõuen (FR),
 (138)-- Liberman,
 (139)-- Loup Bleu (U.S.A.)
 (140)-- Maconnor
 (141)-- Mandrin Des Aigles (FR)
 (142)-- Make Haste Slowly
 (143)-- Master Florian
 (144)-- Matrix (AUS)
 (145)-- Mel in Blue (FR)
 (146)-- Monte Forte
 (147)-- Mukhalif,
 (148)-- Mystérieux Mr No (FR)
 (149)-- Mystery (GER)
 (150)-- Na Creagacha Dubha
 (151)-- Narwhal,
 (152)-- Natterjack
 (153)-- Napoleon Bonaparte
 (154)-- Noblefir,
 (155)-- Noël (GER)
 (156)-- Norvadano (FR)
 (157)-- Nowator (POL)
 (158)-- No Shenanigans
 (159)-- Ńurzyk (POL)
 (160)-- Peppercorn (GER)
 (161)-- Pepe Galvez (SWE)
 (162)-- Petanque
 (163)-- Polish Cloud (FR)
 (164)-- Prizeman (U.S.A.)
 (165)-- Rodolfo
 (166)-- Rose D'April (FR)
 (167)-- Rosslea
 (168)-- Royal Ceti (FR)
 (169)-- Saby (FR)
 (170)-- Safari Paradise (FR)
 (171)-- Saitensohn (GER)
 (172)-- Seasquill (AUS)

(173)-- Shalako (USA)
 (174)-- Sh Boom
 (175)-- Slooghy (FR),
 (176)-- Squire Shandy
 (177)-- Summer In Siberia
 (178)-- Szeryf (POL)
 (179)-- Thaix (FR)
 (180)-- The Biker,
 (181)-- Thieves' Glen,
 (182)-- Thisthatandtother,
 (183)-- Too Far To Bridge
 (184)-- Translucid (U.S.A.)
 (185)-- Transatlantic (U.S.A.)
 (186)-- Ultimate Accolade
 (187)-- Wellington Hall (GER)
 (188)-- What A Man
 (189)-- Wouldn't You Agree
 (190)-- Xtra

HURDLERS _ HANDICAPPERS

(191)-- Ain Tecbalet (FR)
 (192)-- Amhran Na Bhfiann,
 (193)-- Anno Jubilo (GER)
 (194)-- Atlantic Rhapsody (FR)
 (195)-- B B Boy
 (196)-- Beef or Salmon
 (197)-- Bimbodellesorgenti (ITY)
 (198)-- Blakeney Coast
 (199)-- Captain's Leap
 (200)-- Cyindien (FR)
 (201)-- D'Argent,
 (202)-- Deoch An Bothar ,
 (203)-- Douceur Des Songes (FR),
 (204)-- El Hombre Del Rio,
 (205)-- Epicure (FR),
 (206)-- Florida Rain
 (207)-- Flying Fortress,
 (208)-- For Your Ears Only
 (209)-- Forto (GER)
 (210)-- Goss,
 (211)-- Grand Prairie (SWE)
 (212)-- Heads Onthe Ground,
 (213)-- Hit The Net
 (214)-- Horse Chestnut,
 (215)-- Inn Antique (FR)
 (216)-- Jurancon II (FR)
 (217)-- Lambhill Stakes
 (218)-- Lesssaidthebetter
 (219)-- Long Walk
 (220)-- Loch Na Bpeisc
 (221)-- Mambo (FR)
 (222)-- Measure Of The Man
 (223)-- Mounthooley
 (224)-- Ner (POL)
 (225)-- Najjm (U.S.A.)
 (226)-- Numbersixvalverde
 (227)-- Öntos (GER)
 (228)-- Pliqué a Jour (FR)
 (229)-- Poc Fada
 (230)-- Point
 (231)-- Quel Bon Choix (FR)
 (232)-- Reviewer,
 (233)-- Samon (GER),

- (234)-- Say Again,
- (235)-- Scarborough Fair
- (236)-- Sir Lupin,
- (237)-- Somerton (POL)
- (238)-- Sossus Vlei,
- (239)-- Sound of Cheers
- (240)-- Teknash (FR)
- (241)-- Terek (GER)
- (242)-- Tucacas (FR),
- (243)-- Xenophon,
- (244)-- York Rites (AUS)
- (245)-- Zöllner (GER)

HURDLERS _ Championship Class?

- (246)-- Bagni DI Petriolo (ITY)
- (247)-- Galileo (POL)
- (248)-- Ilnamar (FR)
- (249)-- Laveron,
- (250)-- Maille Pistol (FR),
- (251)-- Negro (POL)
- (252)-- Saint Des Saints (FR)

STEEPLE CHASERS_ Three-Year-Olds

- (253)-- Belfast (POL)
- (254)-- Hautclan (FR)
- (255)-- Vésuve (FR),

STEEPLE CHASERS _ (Novices Four-Year-Olds & Upwards)

- (256)-- Alcatraz
- (257)-- Alpha Blues
- (258)-- Another Moose
- (259)-- Apache Warrior
- (260)-- Ben's Big
- (261)-- Bonus Bridge
- (262)-- Caballo Raptor (FR)
- (263)-- Cadou Royal (FR)
- (264)-- Commanche War Paint
- (265)-- Contract Scotland
- (266)-- Cyborsun (FR)
- (267)-- Dark Room
- (268)-- Ebony Light
- (269)-- Epervier d'Or (FR)
- (270)-- Eurotrek
- (271)-- First Flight
- (272)-- First Love
- (273)-- Fota Island
- (274)-- Freteval (FR)
- (275)-- Gangsters R Us,
- (276)-- Gimmick (FR)
- (277)-- Glucose (FR)
- (278)-- Gola Supreme
- (279)-- Hansbury
- (280)-- Horse Pistol (FR)
- (281)-- Ideal Du Bois Beury (FR)
- (282)-- I Got It (FR)
- (283)-- Imago II (FR)
- (284)-- Iverain (FR)
- (285)-- Isard III (FR),
- (286)-- Isio (FR)
- (287)-- Jakari (FR)
- (288)-- Jamerosier (FR)
- (289)-- Janidou (FR)
- (290)-- Jazz D'Estruval (FR)

(291)-- Jeannot De Beauchene (FR)
 (292)-- Jericho III (FR)
 (293)-- Jeux Olympiques (FR)
 (294)-- Jinfal Du Grand Val (FR)
 (295)-- Jumpty Dumpty (FR)
 (296)-- Just Sooty
 (297)-- Keen Leader
 (298)-- Kick For Touch
 (299)-- Kock De La Vesvre (FR)
 (300)-- Lancero (FR)
 (301)-- Leagues (NZ),
 (302)-- Le Chablis (FR)
 (303)-- Le Coudray (FR)
 (304)-- Le Roi Miguel (FR)
 (305)-- Magnus (FR)
 (306)-- Marcus Du Berlais (FR)
 (307)-- Montreal (FR)
 (308)-- Nomadic
 (309)-- Over Anxious,
 (310)-- Palarshan (FR)
 (311)-- Rasko (FR)
 (312)-- Saint Par (FR)
 (313)-- Shosen
 (314)-- Siki (FR)
 (315)-- Skippers Cleugh,
 (316)-- Sioux Raider,
 (317)-- Sudden Shock (GER)
 (318)-- Thalys (GER)
 (319)-- The Laird's Entry,
 (320)-- Ungaretti (GER)
 (321)-- Vrin,
 (322)-- Whatashock

STEEPLE CHASERS _ Handicappers

(323)-- Akarus (FR)
 (324)-- Barryscourt Lad,
 (325)-- Bear on Board
 (326)-- Benson
 (327)-- Board Walk
 (328)-- Bounce Back (U.S.A.)
 (329)-- Ceanannas Mor
 (330)-- Chicuelo (FR),
 (331)-- Cobbet (CHR)
 (332)-- Coq Hardi Diamond
 (333)-- Corletto (POL)
 (334)-- Dark'n Sharp (GER)
 (335)-- Diceman
 (336)-- Don't Tell Jr
 (337)-- Executive Director
 (338)-- Glanamana
 (339)-- Glogloglo (CZE)
 (340)-- Goguenard (FR)
 (341)-- Golden Goal (GER)
 (342)-- Gue Au Loup (FR),
 (343)-- Heidi III (FR)
 (344)-- Hindiana (FR)
 (345)-- Historg (FR)
 (346)-- Horus
 (347)-- Idealko (FR)
 (348)-- Ikrenel Royal (FR)
 (349)-- Il'Athou (FR)
 (350)-- Iris Bleu (FR)
 (351)-- Idalgo De Guye (FR)

(352)-- Jacquemart Colombe (FR)
(353)-- Jet De Pres (FR)
(354)-- Jetowa Du Bois Hue (FR)
(355)-- Jimmy Tennis (FR)
(356)-- Jour J (FR)
(357)-- Kung Hei Fat Choi
(358)-- Lantaur Lad
(359)-- Le Cid (FR)
(360)-- Lord Moose
(361)-- Napoli (POL)
(362)-- Pillaging Pict
(363)-- Romantic Hero
(364)-- Sord (CZE)
(365)-- Victor Argosy (NZ)

STEEPLE CHASERS _ Championship Class?

(366)-- Boisnoir (FR),
(367)-- Japhet (FR)
(368)-- Douze Douze (FR),
(369)-- Ilare (FR),

STEEPLE CHASERS _ HUNTER CHASERS

(370)-- Castle Weir
(371)-- Litchanine (FR)
(372)-- Saxo Du Cocher (FR)
(373)-- Times Past,
(374)-- Viaduct,
(375)-- Wap,

STEEPLE CHASERS - POINT-TO-POINTERS

(376)-- Ababou (FR),
(377)-- Agua Ardente
(378)-- Arceye,
(379)-- Be A Better Boy
(380)-- Beauchamp Observer
(381)-- Brown Buzzard,
(382)-- Change Agent,
(383)-- Chocoholic,
(384)-- Coole Glen
(385)-- Cracker Ticket,
(386)-- Cymru-Am-Byth
(387)-- Emali
(388)-- Euro Alert,
(389)-- Fair Sprite,
(390)-- Faster Sweep,
(391)-- Find Me Another,
(392)-- Finest of Men,
(393)-- First And Foremost
(394)-- Gatchou Mans (FR)
(395)-- Irilut (FR),
(396)-- Javelot De Thaix (FR)
(397)-- Kingscliff
(398)-- Legatus
(399)-- Le Vasco de Gama (FR),
(400)-- Lord Atterbury
(401)-- Mai Knight
(402)-- Montemoss,
(403)-- My Man Tim
(404)-- Owl Vulgan,
(405)-- Parsonhumfrywebber,
(406)-- Peppernick,
(407)-- Pristeen Spy,
(408)-- Queen Of The South

(409)-- Ramnuggur,
(410)-- Rathbarry Lad,
(411)-- Silver Spider,
(412)-- The Graduate,
(413)-- The King's Fling
(414)-- Three Above,
(415)-- Tinder-Box
(416)-- Tom Tobacco,
(417)-- Twitchings,