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## CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE MEDIA RELEASE

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**Meeting - The Festival, Dates - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, March 16 - 19**  
**First race - 1.30pm each day**  
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### **35 FOR LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE - JEFFERSON MULLING CAPE OPTIONS**

Defending champion **Big Buck's** heads 35 entries for the £260,000 Grade One Ladbrokes World Hurdle, which takes place on day three of The Festival, Thursday, March 18. Paul Nicholls' charge defeated the Nicky Henderson-trained **Punchestowns** to win the 2009 renewal of the three-mile contest and has been in great form this season, winning the Grade Two Long Distance Hurdle from **Lough Derg** and the Grade One Long Walk Hurdle from **Karabak**, both at Newbury.

Nick Williams has entered the much-vaunted **Diamond Harry**, who was third in the Long Walk Hurdle on December 29, while the progressive Willie Amos-trained **Lie Forrit** also has an entry after impressing with handicap victories at Cheltenham and Newbury this season.

The Henry Daly-trained **Mighty Man** was runner-up to the great Inglis Drever in the 2007 Ladbrokes World Hurdle and filled that same berth behind Big Buck's in the Grade One John Smith's Liverpool Hurdle at Aintree last term, before winning a novice chase at Hereford in December.

A 12-strong Irish entry features the Edward O'Grady-trained **Torphichen** and the same trainer's Grade One victor **Jumbo Rio**, as well as the Mouse Morris-trained 2006 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup hero **War Of Attrition**.

**Cape Tribulation** has been entered by Malcolm Jefferson and the trainer is considering his options for the talented permormer, who has also holds an entry in the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle two days earlier. The six-year-old was fifth over the course and distance behind Weapon's Amnesty in the Grade One Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle at last year's Festival, but has competed admirably over shorter trips this term.

After finishing second to Zaynar in the Grade Two Unicorn Homes Relkeel Hurdle over two and a half miles at Cheltenham in December, Cape Tribulation showed up for a long way before coming home fourth behind Go Native in the two-mile Grade One Christmas Hurdle at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Jefferson revealed today: "He is in the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle as well as the Ladbrokes World Hurdle, so we will run him in the Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock on Saturday, all being well, and then consider our options after that.

"I'm pleased with his progress, we're just going to look at changing one or two things. We want to do something a little bit different with him in his races."

Jefferson's charge is a half-brother to smart Pattern race performers on the Flat, Germano and Moon Soitaire, as well as triple Welsh Champion Hurdle winner Potentate. That breeding and the gelding's recent performances have caused the Malton trainer to consider Cape Tribulation's options more closely.

He commented: "In his breeding, on the dam's line, there have been some good Flat horses that have been mile and a quarter horses, and Martin Pipe had a very good half-brother, Potentate, who was definitely best over two miles.

"Cape Tribulation doesn't lack speed, although we know he has stamina as well. It crossed my mind, as I sat recently and watched last year's races at Cheltenham and Liverpool, that we were sitting pretty handy with him over a trip, so maybe it would be better dropping him in a bit. I would like to see how it would work, so we could try something like that at Haydock and see what speed we have.

"He's such a good jumper. At Cheltenham in December, he was unfortunate against Zaynar because Golan Way unseated early on and our lad jumped himself to the front - we didn't really learn anything. Then at Kempton he ran a hell of a race but we were always chasing the one making the running. We acted a bit as pacemaker for the others and maybe he just did a bit too much then and didn't find.

"At the minute he's a bit in-between regarding his trip but we will look at both the Ladbrokes World Hurdle and the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle. Haydock will tell us more."

Other notable entries include 2008 Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle winner **Katchit** and the same season's Grade One Weatherbys Champion Bumper hero **Cousin Vinny**, as well as the high-class but unpredictable **Tidal Bay** from the Howard Johnson yard, victorious in the Grade One Irish Independent Arkle two years ago.

**Ladbrokes betting:** 4/7 Big Buck's, 7/1 Karabak, 12/1 Diamond Harry, Sentry Duty, 16/1 Lie Forrit, 25/1 Mr Thriller, Time For Rupert, 33/1 Fair Along, Katchit, Mourad, Oscar Dan Dan, Powerstation, 40/1 Cousin Vinny, Jumbo Rio, Mighty Man, Tidal Bay, Torphichen, 50/1 Bougglar, Cape Tribulation, Golan Way, Muirhead, Ninetieth Minute, 66/1 Lough Derg, 100/1 Ballyfitz, Ebadiyan, Gone To Lunch, Kayf Aramis, Massini's Maguire, Pettifour, War Of Attrition, 150/1 Noble Prince, 200/1 Fiulin, Royal And Regal, 250/1 Elzahann, NQ Punchestowns

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# LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE ENTRIES INFORMATION

## NUMBER OF ENTRIES

2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
35	36	41	35	50	35	33	33	48	56
2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
36	51	43	49	51	39	52	40	56	52

## IRISH-TRAINED ENTRIES

2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
12	11	9	9	13	5	12	6	10	12
2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
4	5	4	10	13	8	12	10	9	7

## LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE FACTS

1. The Ladbrokes World Hurdle is one of the youngest races at The Festival. Known as the Stayers' Hurdle up to and including 2004, it was only introduced with its current race conditions in 1972. Before that, it was known as the Spa Hurdle.
2. The Ladbrokes World Hurdle has been run on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the meeting. It moved to its current Thursday slot in 1993.
3. Its first year of sponsorship was 1972, under the title of the Lloyds Bank Hurdle. There have been four sponsors of the race, Waterford Crystal from 1978 to 1990 and Bonusprint from 1991 to 2004. 2005 was the first year of Ladbrokes' sponsorship and prize money currently stands at £260,000.
4. The Ladbrokes World Hurdle used to be a favourite with the Irish, who have won it nine times, most recently in 1995 with Dorans Pride. Baracouda provided a first success for France in 2002 and followed up again in 2003. In 2004 and 2005, he was runner-up behind Iris's Gift and Inglis Drever respectively, while in 2006 he ran fifth behind My Way De Solzen. Baracouda's trainer Francois Doumen also saddled Kasbah Bliss to finish second in 2008 and fourth last year when starting the hot 10/11 favourite.
5. In 2008, Inglis Drever created history by becoming the first horse to win the contest three times. He was successful in 2005, missed the 2006 race due to injury before returning to land both the 2007 and 2008 renewals. There have been three dual winners - Crimson Embers (1982 & 1986), Galmoy (1987 & 1988) and Baracouda (2002 & 2003).
6. Howard Johnson (trainer of Inglis Drever) and the late Fulke Walwyn - with three wins apiece - are the only trainers to have won the contest more than twice. The race was dominated in the mid-1980s by Crimson Embers, trained by Walwyn, and the winner in 1982 and 1986. Indeed, Crimson Embers would have been awarded the race in the stewards' room in 1985 had his rider not declined to give evidence to the enquiry afterwards, but the trainer won the race anyway with Rose Ravine. The owner, Sally Smart, was ambivalent about the result - she owned both horses!
7. Gaye Chance, the winner in 1984, was a full-brother to the 1983 Champion Hurdle winner Gaye Brief. Both horses were trained by Mercy Rimell.
8. No horse has managed to win both the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle and the Ladbrokes World Hurdle.
9. A total of 11 favourites have been successful.
10. The smallest field to go to post was eight in 1973 while the largest was 22 in both 1985 and 1990. 14 ran last year and current safety limit is 24.
11. Tommy Carberry, Stuart Shilston, Tommy Carmody, Mark Perrett, Charlie Swan, Jamie Osborne and Thierry Doumen are the most successful jockeys, each recording two victories. No current jockey has won the race more than once. The three-time winner Inglis Drever was partnered by different jockeys for each of his victories – Graham Lee (2005), Paddy Brennan (2007) and Denis O'Regan (2008).

# LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE

**Class 1, Grade One, £260,000 Total Prize Fund, three miles.** Cheltenham, 3.20pm, Thursday, March 18. For four-year-olds and upwards which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 11 - horses which are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered (such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 11 would merit a minimum rating of 130 – the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final), three miles. Weights: 4yo: 11st 1lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 19, entries revealed January 21 (**35 entries**). Scratchings deadline February 16, £13,000 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 12, final declarations 10am, March 16. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Tuesday, January 19.

<b>Form</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
2P-4P15	<b>BALLYFITZ</b>	10	F J Mills & W Mills	Nigel Twiston-Davies
1111-11	<b>BIG BUCK'S (FR)</b>	7	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
11-302	<b>BOUGGLER</b>	5	Axom (XXI)	Emma Lavelle
1155-24	<b>CAPE TRIBULATION</b>	6	J David Abell	Malcolm Jefferson
1U5-223	<b>COUSIN VINNY (IRE)</b>	7	Festival Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
1113-13	<b>DIAMOND HARRY</b>	7	Paul Duffy Diamond Partnership	Nick Williams
r-435P1	<b>EBADIYAN (IRE)</b>	5	Rita Shah	Oliver Brady IRE
211-16P	<b>ELZAHANN (IRE)</b>	8	Ian Allan Todd	Ferdy Murphy
303-015	<b>FAIR ALONG (GER)</b>	8	Alan Peterson	Philip Hobbs
	<b>FIULIN</b>	5	R J H Geffen	Evan Williams
140-2U1	<b>GOLAN WAY</b>	6	W R B Racing 58	Sheena West
P2-205P	<b>GONE TO LUNCH (IRE)</b>	10	Gary Lever	Jeremy Scott
221123	<b>JUMBO RIO (IRE)</b>	5	Patrick Wilmott	Edward O'Grady IRE
1124-22	<b>KARABAK (FR)</b>	7	J P McManus	Alan King
3460-42	<b>KATCHIT (IRE)</b>	7	D S J P Syndicate	Alan King
P2-3634	<b>KAYF ARAMIS</b>	8	Isobel Phipps Coltman	Nigel Twiston-Davies
211-U11	<b>LIE FORRIT (IRE)</b>	6	J W McNeill, C McNeill, Ms L Gillies	Willie Amos
00-452F	<b>LOUGH DERG (FR)</b>	10	W Frewen	David Pipe
12235-3	<b>MASSINI'S MAGUIRE (IRE)</b>	9	Alan Peterson	Philip Hobbs
21P//52-1	<b>MIGHTY MAN (FR)</b>	10	Nicky Hanbury	Henry Daly
33-2422	<b>MOURAD (IRE)</b>	5	Teahon Consulting Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
146-113	<b>MR THRILLER (FR)</b>	5	Joe Moran	David Pipe
25-5252	<b>MUIRHEAD (IRE)</b>	7	Mrs Pat Sloan	Noel Meade IRE
111-320	<b>NINETYETH MINUTE (IRE)</b>	7	Dermot Cox	Tom Taaffe IRE
1-21123	<b>NOBLE PRINCE (GER)</b>	6	Des Sharkey	Paul Nolan IRE
021F12	<b>OSCAR DAN DAN (IRE)</b>	8	Frances Duffin/D Hutton/Sean Corby	Tom Mullins IRE
04-221U	<b>PETTIFOUR (IRE)</b>	8	J B Pettifer	Nigel Twiston-Davies
630621	<b>POWERSTATION (IRE)</b>	10	Fat Frog Syndicate	Eamon O'Connell IRE
3/1122-1	<b>PUNCHESTOWNS (FR)</b>	7	Judy Wilson	Nicky Henderson
6	<b>ROYAL AND REGAL (IRE)</b>	6	Brian Comer	Luke Comer IRE
0/1100-1	<b>SENTRY DUTY (FR)</b>	8	Peter Spiller	Nicky Henderson
2345-24	<b>TIDAL BAY (IRE)</b>	9	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
1101-01	<b>TIME FOR RUPERT (IRE)</b>	6	Littlecote Racing Partnership	Paul Webber
1106-1	<b>TORPHICHEN</b>	5	Thomas Barr	Edward O'Grady IRE
2-P2304	<b>WAR OF ATTRITION (IRE)</b>	11	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE

**35 Entries**

**12 Irish-trained**

## Breakdown of Entries by Trainer with Past Successes in the Ladbrokes World Hurdle

### **3 Entries**

Nigel Twiston-Davies

### **2 Entries**

Nicky Henderson (1989 Rustle, 2000 Bacchanal)

Philip Hobbs

Alan King (2006 My Way De Solzen)

Willie Mullins IRE

Edward O'Grady IRE (1978 Flame Gun, 1980 Mountrivers)

David Pipe

### **1 Entry**

Willie Amos

Oliver Brady IRE

Luke Comer IRE

Henry Daly

Malcolm Jefferson

Howard Johnson (2005, 2007 & 2008 Inglis Drever)

Emma Lavelle

Noel Meade IRE

Mouse Morris IRE (1990 Trapper John)

Tom Mullins IRE

Ferdy Murphy

Paul Nicholls (2009 Big Buck's)

Paul Nolan IRE

Eamon O'Connell IRE

Jeremy Scott

Tom Taaffe IRE

Paul Webber

Sheena West

Evan Williams

Nick Williams

### **HORSES ENTERED IN BOTH THE SMURFIT KAPPA CHAMPION HURDLE AND THE LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE**

Cape Tribulation

Ebadiyan

Fiulin

Jumbo Rio

Katchit

Muirhead

Noble Prince

Royal And Regal

Torphichen

## Ladbrokes World Hurdle - Analysis

After storming to victory in last year's Ladbrokes World Hurdle, defending champion **Big Buck's** heads a superb entry of 35 for this year's contest, highlight of the third day of The Festival on Thursday, March 18.

The Paul Nicholls-trained seven-year-old is unbeaten in all six of his starts over hurdles in Britain, and he warmed up for this year's Festival with a comfortable victory in the re-arranged Grade One Long Walk Hurdle at Newbury on December 29.

**Karabak** stayed on to take second in that race and the seven-year-old may bid for an elusive first big-race victory, having also been the runner-up to Mikael D'Haguenet at last year's Festival and chased home Zaynar in the Grade Two Ascot Hurdle in November. Trainer Alan King may also be represented by the 2008 Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle winner **Katchit**, who was fourth behind Zaynar at Ascot prior to taking the runner-up spot behind **Sentry Duty** in the Freedom Hurdle at Cheltenham on New Year's Day.

Last year's runner-up and current RSA Chase ante-post favourite **Punchestowns** has been given an entry by trainer Nicky Henderson. The seven-year-old has made an impressive start to his chasing career, scoring in a Newbury Grade Two novice chase in November.

**Diamond Harry** is also being aimed at the Festival's top novice chases by trainer Nick Williams after taking third behind Mikael D'Haguenet and Karabak at Cheltenham last year and easily winning a Listed handicap hurdle under top weight at Haydock in November.

**Mighty Man**, who has been placed in two Ladbrokes World Hurdles and landed the 2006 Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot, also has a choice of targets at this year's Festival. Trainer Henry Daly is considering his options after the 10-year-old scored comfortably on his chase debut at Hereford in December.

**Lie Forrit** has risen through the handicap ranks this season, winning the Listed Jardine Thompson Lloyd Handicap Hurdle at The Open and following up with a comfortable success in a Pertemps qualifier at Newbury. His handler Willie Amos is hoping that his stable star can make a successful step up to Grade Two company in the Betfair Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham on Festival Trials Day, Saturday, January 30.

The David Pipe-trained **Mr Thriller** got the better of leading Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle contender Starluck in a conditions hurdle at Haydock in November, but could only take third behind Sentry Duty at Cheltenham on New Year's Day, and he could be joined at The Festival by stablemate **Lough Derg**, whose finest hour came with victory in the 2007 Long Walk Hurdle.

A trio of entries from the stable of Nigel Twiston-Davies include Grade One scorer **Pettifour**, who scored in a novice chase at The Open in November, as well as Festival winners **Ballyfitz**, successful in the 2008 Pertemps Final, and **Kayf Aramis**, who landed the same race last year for former handler Venetia Williams.

Philip Hobbs has also entered a pair of horses with plenty of Festival experience. **Fair Along** has been runner-up in both the JCB Triumph Hurdle and the Irish Independent Newspaper Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase, while **Massini's Maguire** landed what is now the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle in 2007 and was third in last year's RSA Chase.

The Howard Johnson-trained **Tidal Bay**, who runs in the colours of three-time Ladbrokes World Hurdle victor Inglis Drever, may make his fourth consecutive appearance at The Festival. After going down by a neck to Massini's Maguire in 2007, the nine-year-old was a decisive winner of the Irish Independent Newspaper Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase in 2008 and took fourth in the Ryanair Chase last season.

**Cape Tribulation** was fifth for Malcolm Jefferson in last year's Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle and chased home Zaynar in the Grade Two Unicorn Homes Relkeel Hurdle at the Boylesports International at Cheltenham in December, while **Bougler**, from the stable of Emma Lavelle, scored in a Grade Two Hurdle at Aintree's Grand National meeting in April and was second to the Sheena West-trained **Golan Way** in a Pertemps qualifier at Wincanton on Boxing Day.

A potential Irish challenge of 12 includes the Eamon O'Connell-trained **Powerstation**, who has made the frame on five of his six previous visits to Cheltenham including when third in last year's Ladbrokes World Hurdle. **Ninetieth Minute** may also return to Prestbury Park, having triumphed in the Coral Cup for trainer Tom Taaffe last season.

Edward O'Grady has entered **Jumbo Rio**, successful in the Grade One Punchestown Champion Four Year Old Hurdle, and Listed scorer **Torphichen**, while Mouse Morris may be represented by the 2006 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup hero **War Of Attrition**, who was fourth in the Grade Two Leopardstown Christmas Hurdle – his first start over the smaller obstacles since chasing home Brave Inca in the 2004 Supreme Novices' Hurdle.

The 2008 Weatherbys Champion Bumper winner **Cousin Vinny** and **Mourad**, third in last year's JCB Triumph Hurdle, have both been given entries by Willie Mullins, while his younger brother Thomas could run **Oscar Dan Dan**, who landed the Grade One Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse in December. Other notable entries include **Ebadiyan**, from the Co Moynahan stable of Oliver Brady, and the Noel Meade-trained **Muirhead**, who fought out a thrilling finish to a Listed Hurdle at Naas on Tuesday.

**Fiulin**, who also holds an entry in the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle, was a Listed winner on the Flat for Marco Botti in 2009. Now in the care of Evan Williams after selling for 280,000 guineas at Tattersalls in October, he has not yet run over hurdles.

## **LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE PAST RESULTS**

**2009-WINNER-BIG BUCK'S** 6-11-10 Owner-The Stewart Family; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-6/1  
2ND-Punchestowns 6-11-10 Owner-Judy Wilson; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-100/30  
3RD-Powerstation 9-11-10 Owner-Fat Frog Syndicate; Trainer-Eamon O'Connell IRE; Jockey-Andrew McNamara; SP-25/1  
14 ran, Time 5m 57.00s; Dist 1.75, 17 10/11 Fav Kasbah Bliss (4th)

**2008-WINNER-INGLIS DREVER** 9-11-10 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Denis O'Regan; SP-11/8 Fav  
2ND-Kasbah Bliss 6-11-10 Owner-Henri De Pracomtal; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Christophe Pieux; SP-9/1  
3RD-Kazal 7-11-10 Owner- Joseph Comerford; Trainer-Eoin Griffin IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-12/1  
17 ran, Time-5m 52.90s; Dist-1, 7

**2007-WINNER-INGLIS DREVER** 8-11-10 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-5/1  
2ND-Mighty Man 7-11-10 Owner-Joss Hanbury; Trainer-Henry Daly; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-100/30  
3RD-Blazing Bailey 5-11-10 Owner-Three Line Whip; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-8/1  
14 ran, Time-5m 46.50s; Dist-0.75, 4 2/1 Fav Black Jack Ketchum (Fell)

**2006-WINNER-MY WAY DE SOLZEN** 6-11-10 Owner-B Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-8/1  
2ND-Golden Cross 7-11-10 Owner-P Johnson; Trainer-Michael Halford IRE; Jockey-Johnny Murtagh; SP-5/1  
3RD-Mighty Man 6-11-10 Owner-Joss Hanbury; Trainer-Henry Daly; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-4/1 Fav  
20 ran, Time-5m 38.40s; Dist-hd, 4

**2005-WINNER-INGLIS DREVER** 6-11-10 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-5/1  
2ND-Baracouda 10-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-6/5 Fav  
3RD-Rule Supreme 9-11-10 Owner-John Fallon; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-David Casey; SP-4/1  
12 ran, Time-5m 48.40s; Dist-3, 0.75

**2004-WINNER-IRIS'S GIFT** 7-11-10 Owner-Robert Lester; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-9/2  
2ND-Baracouda 9-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Thierry Doumen; SP-8/11 Fav  
3RD-Crystal D'Ainay 5-11-10 Owner-Tony & Jeni Fisher; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-8/1  
10 ran, Time-5m 49.80s; Dist-1.5, 13

**2003-WINNER-BARACOUDA** 8-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Thierry Doumen; SP-9/4 Jt Fav  
2ND-Iris's Gift 6-11-10 Owner-Robert Lester; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-7/1  
3RD-Limestone Lad 11-11-10 Owner-James Bowe; Trainer-James Bowe IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-9/4 Jt Fav  
11 ran, Time-5m 41.25s; Dist- 0.75, 5

**2002-WINNER-BARACOUDA** 7-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Thierry Doumen; SP-13/8 Fav  
2ND-Bannow Bay 7-11-10 Owner-Linda Shanahan and Sue Magnier; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-2/1  
3RD-It Takes Time 8-11-10 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-12/1  
16 ran, Time-6m 01.70s; Dist-nk, 13

### **2001 Cancelled**

**2000-WINNER-BACCHANAL** 6-11-10 Owner-Lady Lloyd-Webber; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-11/2  
2ND-Limestone Lad 8-11-10 Owner-James Bowe; Trainer-James Bowe IRE; Jockey-Shane McGovern; SP-3/1  
3RD-Behrajan 5-11-10 Owner-The Behrajan Partnership; Trainer-Henry Daly; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-8/1  
10 ran, Time-5m 36.60s; Dist-1, 3 5/2 Fav Lady Rebecca (6th)

**1999-WINNER-ANZUM** 8-11-10 Owner-The Old Foresters Partnership; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-40/1  
2ND-Le Coudray 5-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Aidan O'Brien IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-2/1 Jt-Fav  
3RD-Lady Rebecca 7-11-05 Owner-Kinnersley Optimists; Trainer-Venetia Williams; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-3/1  
12 ran, Time-5m 51.7s; Dist-nk, 2.5 2/1 Jt-Fav Deano's Beeno (9th)

**1998-WINNER-PRINCEFUL** 7-11-10 Owner-Robert Hitchens; Trainer-Jenny Pitman; Jockey-Rodney Farrant; SP-16/1  
2ND-Splendid Thyne 6-11-10 Owner-John Glavanoni; Trainer-Terry Casey; Jockey-Warren Marston; SP-10/1  
3RD-Ocean Hawk 6-11-10; Owner-Matt Archer & Jean Broadhurst; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Carl Llewellyn; SP-5/1  
9 ran, Time-5m 45.9s; Dist-2, 4 6/4 Fav Paddy's Return (5th)

**1997-WINNER-KARSHI** 7-11-10 Owner-Lord Vestey; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jamie Osborne; SP-20/12ND-Anzum 6-11-10 Owner-The Old Foresters Partnership; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-25/1  
3RD-Paddy's Return 5-11-10 Owner-Paddy O'Donnell; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Richard Hughes; SP-20/1  
17 ran, Time-5m 43.9s, Dist-2.5, 2 9/2 Fav Escartefigue (5th)

# LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE ROLL OF HONOUR

(Ladbrokes World Hurdle from 2005, bonusprint.com Stayers' Hurdle 2004, Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle 1991-2003, Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle 1978-90, Lloyds Bank Hurdle 1972-77)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Age/Wt</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Ran</u>
2009	<b>Big Buck's</b>	6-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	The Stewart Family	6/1	14
2008	<b>Inglis Drever</b>	9-11-10	Denis O'Regan	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	11/8F	17
2007	<b>Inglis Drever</b>	8-11-10	Paddy Brennan	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	5/1	14
2006	<b>My Way De Solzen</b>	6-11-10	Robert Thornton	Alan King	B Winfield, A Longman, J Wright, C Fenton	8/1	20
2005	<b>Inglis Drever</b>	6-11-10	Graham Lee	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	5/1	12
2004	<b>Iris's Gift</b>	7-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Jonjo O'Neill	Robert Lester	9/2	10
2003	<b>Baracouda</b>	8-11-10	Thierry Doumen	Francois Doumen FR	J P McManus	9/4JF	11
2002	<b>Baracouda</b>	7-11-10	Thierry Doumen	Francois Doumen FR	J P McManus	13/8F	16
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	<b>Bacchanal</b>	6-11-10	Mick Fitzgerald	Nicky Henderson	Lady Lloyd-Webber	11/2	10
1999	<b>Anzum</b>	8-11-10	Richard Johnson	David Nicholson	Old Foresters Partnership	40/1	12
1998	<b>Princeful</b>	7-11-10	Rodney Farrant	Jenny Pitman	Robert Hitchins	16/1	9
1997	<b>Karshi</b>	7-11-10	Jamie Osborne	Henrietta Knight	Lord Vestey	20/1	17
1996	<b>Cyborgo</b>	6-11-10	David Bridgwater	Martin Pipe	County Stores (Somerset) Holdings	8/1	19
1995	<b>Dorans Pride</b>	6-11-10	Shane Broderick	Michael Hourigan IRE	Tom Doran	11/4F	11
1994	<b>Balasani</b>	8-11-10	Mark Perrett	Martin Pipe	Mark Smith	9/2JF	14
1993	<b>Shuil Ar Aghaidh</b>	7-11-05	Charlie Swan	Paddy Kiely IRE	Mrs Paddy Kiely	20/1	12
1992	<b>Nomadic Way</b>	7-11-10	Jamie Osborne	Barry Hills	Robert Sangster	15/2	17
1991	<b>King's Curate</b>	7-11-10	Mark Perrett	Stan Mellor	C J Ells	5/2F	15
1990	<b>Trapper John</b>	6-11-10	Charlie Swan	Mouse Morris IRE	Jill Fanning	15/2	22
1989	<b>Rustle</b>	7-11-10	Michael Bowlby	Nicky Henderson	Robert Waley-Cohen	4/1	21
1988	<b>Galmoy</b>	9-11-10	Tommy Carmody	John Mulhern IRE	Miss D Threadwell	2/1F	16
1987	<b>Galmoy</b>	8-11-10	Tommy Carmody	John Mulhern IRE	Miss D Threadwell	9/2	14
1986	<b>Crimson Embers</b>	11-11-10	Stuart Shilston	Fulke Walwyn	Sally Smart	12/1	19
1985	<b>Rose Ravine</b>	6-11-05	Ricky Pusey	Fulke Walwyn	Sally Smart	5/1F	22
1984	<b>Gaye Chance</b>	9-11-10	Sam Morshead	Mercy Rimell	Mary Curtis	5/1	14
1983	<b>A Kinsman</b>	7-11-12	Geordie Dun	John Brockbank	Mrs John Brockbank	50/1	21
1982	<b>Crimson Embers</b>	7-11-12	Stuart Shilston	Fulke Walwyn	Sally Smart	2/1F	11
1981	<b>Derring Rose</b>	6-11-12	John Francome	Fred Winter	Peter Savill	3/1	14
1980	<b>Mountrivers</b>	6-11-12	Tommy Ryan	Edward O'Grady IRE	B Burser	7/1	19
1979	<b>Lighter</b>	6-11-12	Philip Blacker	John Edwards	G Smith	14/1	14
1978	<b>Flame Gun</b>	6-11-12	Mr Niall Madden	Edward O'Grady IRE	Mary Kenny	14/1	13
1977	<b>Town Ship</b>	6-11-12	Tommy Carberry	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	5/2	11
1976	<b>Bit Of A Jig</b>	8-11-12	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	Mrs Mick O'Toole	2/1F	12
1975	<b>Brown Lad</b>	9-11-12	Tommy Carberry	Jim Dreaper IRE	Mrs Peter Burrell	7/4F	12
1974	<b>Highland Abbe</b>	8-11-12	Richard Smith	Les Kennard	Mrs K Hankey	15/2	15
1973	<b>Moyne Royal</b>	8-11-12	David Mould	Arthur Pitt	E Cook	10/1	8
1972	<b>Parlour Moor</b>	8-11-12	Macer Gifford	Tom Jones	Charlotte Monckton	13/2	11

# 2009 LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE RESULT IN DETAIL

£260,000 guaranteed, 3m New Course, for 4yo+ which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 5. Weights 4yo 11st; 5yo+ 11st 10lb Allowances fillies and mares 7lb Entries 36 pay £310 1<sup>st</sup> Forfeit 24 pay £620 Confirmed 16 pay £310 Penalty Value 1<sup>st</sup> £148,266, 2<sup>nd</sup> £55,614, 3<sup>rd</sup> £27,846, 4<sup>th</sup> £13,884, 5<sup>th</sup> £6,968, 6<sup>th</sup> £3,484

- 1 **BIG BUCK'S (FR) (The Stewart Family) Paul Nicholls 6-11-10 Ruby Walsh 6/1**
- 2 PUNCHESTOWNS (FR) (Judy Wilson) Nicky Henderson 6-11-10 Barry Geraghty 100/30
- 3 POWERSTATION (IRE) (Fat Frog Sydicate) Eamon O'Connell IRE 9-11-10 Andrew McNamara 25/1
- 4 KASBAH BLISS (FR) (Henri de Pracomtal) Francois Doumen FR 7-11-10 Christophe Pieux 10/11F
- 5 MIGHTY MAN (FR) (Joss Hanbury) Henry Daly 9-11-10 Sam Thomas
- 6 WHATUTHINK (IRE) (Cavan Developments Bloodstock) Oliver McKiernan IRE 7-11-10 Davy Russell
- 7 MOBAASHER (USA) (Seasons Holidays) Paul Nicholls 6-11-10tb Christian Williams
- 8 BLAZING BAILEY (Three Line Whip) Alan King 7-11-10 Robert Thornton
- 9 FAIR ALONG (GER) (Alan Peterson) Philip Hobbs 7-11-10 Richard Johnson
- 10 NO REFUGE (IRE) (Andrea & Graham Wylie) Howard Johnson 9-11-10 Denis O'Regan
- 11 PETTIFOUR (IRE) (J Pettifer) Nigel Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 Paddy Brennan
- 12 TAZBAR (IRE) (The Supreme Partnership) Keith Reveley 7-11-10 James Reveley
- 13 SHAKERVILZ (FR) (Thomas Gilligan) Willie Mullins IRE 6-11-10 Paul Townend
- 14 AFSOUN (FR) (Trevor Hemmings) Nicky Henderson 7-11-10 Dominic Elsworth

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**Distances:** 1 3/4, 17, 1 3/4, 5, hd, 4 1/2, 2 1/4, 1 3/4, 4 1/2, 5, 16, 3 1/4, 27 **Time:** 5m 57.00s  
**Breeder:** Henri Poulat **Breeding:** b or br g Cadoudal (FR) - Buck's (FR) **Totes:** Win: £6.70 Places: £1.80, £1.60, £3.90 Exacta: £19.10

**Winning Trainer:** PAUL NICHOLLS **Date of birth:** 17/05/62 **Based:** Heighes House, Manor Farm Stables, Ditchat, Shepton Mallet, Somerset  
**Background:** Paul Nicholls, the son of a policeman, was born in Olveston, Bristol, on April 17, 1962, and has been training at Manor Farm Stables in Ditchat, Somerset, since taking out a licence on November 1, 1991. He started out as a jump jockey and twice rode the winner of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury, in 1986 and 1987. He partnered 130 winners between 1980 and 1989, and nominates the best horses he rode as Broadheath, Playschool and Seagram. Between 1989 and 1991, he was assistant trainer to former Devon-based David Barons, who sent out Seagram to win the 1991 Grand National at Aintree during that time. Having strongly challenged Martin Pipe for the jump trainers' championship for several years, most notably when pushing his great rival right to the last day of the 2004/05 campaign, he claimed his first title in the 2005/06 season, and followed up in the following campaign, with the hugely-talented Kauto Star being the flag-bearer with victories in the Old Roan Chase at Aintree, the Betfair Chase at Haydock Park, Sandown's Tingle Creek Chase, the Stan James King George VI Chase at Kempton, Newbury's AON Chase and the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup. Paul Nicholls pulled off the amazing feat of saddling seven winners and three seconds from his 10 runners on Saturday, November 7, 1998, and made history when he became the first trainer to saddle six winners on the same card, at Wincanton, his local track, on Saturday, January 21, 2006. Another highpoint in his training career came at the 1999 Cheltenham Festival, as he captured the major chase on each of the three days - Flagship Uberalles scored in the Irish Independent Arkle Chase, Call Equiname in the Queen Mother Champion Chase the following day and, best of all, See More Business took the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup. Nicholls was the most successful trainer at The Festival in 1999, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008. **Cheltenham Festival Wins (23):** Ladbrokes World Hurdle (2009 Big Buck's), Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase (2009 Chapoturgeon), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2008 Celestial Halo), Irish Independent Arkle Novices' Chase (1999 Flagship Uberalles, 2003 Azertyuiop), Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (1999 Call Equiname, 2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 & 2009 Master Minded), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (1999 See More Business, 2007 Kauto Star, 2008 Denman), Christie's Foxhunter Chase (2004 Earthmover, 2005 Sleeping Night), Johnny Henderson Grand Annual (2004 St Pirran, 2007 Andreas), Co Hurdle (2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest), Ryanair Chase (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis), Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2006 Noland), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2006 Star De Mohaison, 2007 Denman) **1000th Domestic Winner:** Noble Action (Bumper, Folkestone, November 15, 2004) **First Trainer to Saddle Six Winners on One Card:** Saturday, January 21, 2006, at Wincanton **Number of Winners (1992/03-2007/08):** 20; 29; 28; 53; 56; 82; 110; 71; 83; 136; 152; 127; 152; 148\*; 124\*; 151\* (first trainer to win more than £4 million in prize money in a season); \*Champion Trainer **Wins this Season:** 135

**Winning Jockey:** Ruby Walsh **Born:** May 14, 1979 **Background:** Ruby (short for Rupert) is associated with the powerful stables of Paul Nicholls in Britain and Willie Mullins in Ireland. He is the son of 11-times Irish amateur champion jockey, Ted Walsh, now a trainer and television pundit. Ruby is the second of Walsh's four children and his younger sister Katie is a successful amateur. He in his father's footsteps when capturing the Irish amateur riders' championship (1996-97) at the age of 19 while still studying for his Leaving Certificate. He was crowned champion Irish National Hunt jockey in his first season as a professional (1998/99) and has taken the title a further five times (2000/2001, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/7 and 2007/08). Walsh has won the John Smith's Grand National twice - in 2000 aboard Papillon, trained by his father, and the Willie Mullins-trained Hedgehunter in 2005. He followed Papillon's Aintree triumph with an Irish Grand National victory aboard his father's Commanche Court but surpassed that achievement in the 2004/2005 season when his John Smith's Grand National success aboard Hedgehunter was augmented by wins in the Welsh National (Silver Birch) and Irish Grand National (Numbersixvalverde). He narrowly missed out in that season's Scottish Grand National when his mount, Cornish Rebel, finished a short-head second to Joes Edge. In the 2007/08 season he was leading rider at the Cheltenham Festival for a third time (he also took the accolade in 2003 and 2007) with three wins. **First Winner:** Siren Song, Gowran Park, July 25, 1995 **Cheltenham Festival Wins (22):** Ladbrokes World Hurdle (2009 Big Buck's), David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (2009 Quevega), Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle (2008 Fiveforthree, 2009 Mikael D'Haguenet), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2008 Celestial Halo), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1998 Alexander Banquet, 2005 Missed That), Mildmay Of Flete (2002 Blowing Wind), Irish Independent Arkle (2003 Azertyuiop), Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 & 2009 Master Minded), Grand Annual (2004 St Pirran), County Hurdle (2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest), Ryanair Chase (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis) Anglo Irish Bank Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2006 Noland), William Hill Trophy (2006 Dun Doire), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2007 Denman, 2009 Cooldoine), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (2007 Kauto Star) **1,000th Winner in Ireland:** Rare Article, Smirnoff (Mares) Maiden Hurdle, Thurles, May 4, 2008 (became only the second jockey to complete the feat after Charlie Swann) **Number of Wins in Britain (1998/99-2007/08):** 1; 1; 5; 13; 77; 62; 81; 69; 73; 69; **Wins in Britain This Season:** 61