

GRAND NATIONAL MIRROR

A turn-up would not shock Tom

TRAINER Tom Bill silenced punters with a 100-1 winner at Aintree yesterday... and won't be astonished if he does it again in today's Grand National.

Tom runs Northern Bay, one of the few horses in the race guaranteed to stay the distance for he has won over four miles at Cheltenham.

"If he jumps the fences he's certainly not a 100-1 shot and he'll stay all right," said Tom after greeting yesterday's shocker Pan Arctic.

"I haven't backed him, the prizemoney will do," he smiled.

Two lads from the same Northern Ireland town find themselves going round together in their first Grand National.

The boys from Dromore are Robert Stronge, who rides Rupertino, and Stan Moore, who is on Crosa.

"There is a horse trained in Northern Ireland as well, Our Cloud, so we've got a good turnout for once," said Robert.

By CHARLES FAWCUS

Rupertino is by far the most likely of the three and, despite his big price, I wouldn't be surprised to see him in the shake-up.

But my idea of the winner is Scot Lane, a horse who has always come good in the spring in the past, even though it wasn't very springlike at Aintree yesterday.

Steve Smith Eccles quietly fancies his chance on Hill of Slane, who didn't do as much good last year but could be much more of a force this time.

REST OF LIVERPOOL with Spottform

BBC-1

2.00 —CAPTAIN MORGANS AINTREE CHASE (Limited Handicap). 2 miles. (Milmday Course). Value £13,241. (8 runners).

102	14231	KATHIES LAD (11st 10lb; 7-11) (SF)	S Smith Eccles 49
103	1F-422	SEA MERCHANT W A Stephenson 8-11-4	R Lamb 46
104	41202	FAR BRIDGE 6 Baiding 9-10-11 (F)	R Neilly 47
106	112F3	KYOTO J Jenkins 7-10-10	J Francome 47
107	0-2133	WESTERN ROSE Mrs Rimell 13-10-7	S Morshead 47
108	24110	BLACKFEET J S Wilson 6-10-7 (EW)	S Charlton 47
110	12103	JO COLOMBO Mrs Sykes 10-10-7	P Scudamore 45
112	F0-2022	NORTH YARD House 9-10-7	Philip Hobbs 39

Betting Forecast.—11-8 Kathies Lad, 4 Far Bridge, 5 Sea Merchant, 13-2 Western Rose, 8 Blackfeet, 12 Jo Colombo.

TV SPOTFORM: KATHIES LAD (11st 10lb; 7-11) forged clear from the last at Cheltenham (March 12; £10,781; 2m h'cap ch; gd) to beat Midnight Song (10st; 50-1) 2L. BLACKFEET (10st 8lb; 6-1) was out the first nine. Faces a similar task today. SEA MERCHANT is a consistent sort but is probably best over a longer trip nowadays. Has not run since (11st 10lb; 11-40). 19st 2nd to Restless Shot (10st 4lb; 8-1) at Cheltenham (Nov 9; £4,142; 2m h'cap ch; sh). FAR BRIDGE has shown his best form of Sandown this season but was far from disgraced at Cheltenham (March 13; £22,340; 2m h'cap ch; gd) when (12st 6lb; 1) 10st 2nd to Bodsworth Boy (12st 11lb; 4), with KYOTO (12st 6lb; 1) 12lb 3rd to WESTERN ROSE, a regular here, invariably runs well in this race. Last ran when (11st 10lb; 11-10) 3rd to JO COLOMBO (10st 12lb; 7-1) at Hereford (Nov 13; £1,665; 2m h'cap ch; sh). BLACKFEET looked useful at Doncaster (Feb 23; £2,506; 2m 150y h'cap ch; fm), beating Golden Fanny (11st 5lb; 3-1) on easy 7f. Likes to blaze away in front. NORTH YARD looks out of his depth here (10st 4lb; 6-1) beaten 5f by KYOTO (11st 10lb; 15-8) at Newton Abbot (Sept 13; £2,376; 2m 150y h'cap ch; fm).

2.35 —SANDEMAN AINTREE HURDLE. 2 miles 5 furlongs 110 yards. Value £13,096. (8 runners).

201	03-2410	FREDCOTERI A Moore (IRE) 8-11-1	T J Taaffe 54
202	121-124	GAYE BRIEF Mrs Rimell 8-11-8 (SF)	R Linley 61
203	412300	BAJAN SUNSHINE (BL) M Tate 5-11-8	P Scudamore 50
204	210-040	CENTLINE P A Bell 7-11-1	J M Davies 40
207	4-12242	MOUNT BOLUS Oughton 5-11-8	P Double 36
208	111020	PASSAGE CREEPER P Mullins (IRE) 8-11-6 (EW)	A Mullins 59
209	0-21302	ROBIN WONDER Eismont 11-11-8 (F)	J J O'Neill 60
210	2-2011	ROSE RAVINE F Walwyn 6-11-8	P Pusey 55

Betting Forecast.—11-4 Robin Wonder, Gaye Brief, 4 Rose Ravine, 11-2 Fredcoteri, 7 Passage Creeper, 10 Bajan Sunshine.

TV SPOTFORM: GAYE BRIEF, winner of this race two years ago, is taken to gain some speed and showed his liking for this distance at Ascot (Nov 16; £9,768; 2m 4f h'cap; gd) with a (10st 11lb; 4-6) 6f and 3rd success from Very Promising (10st 11lb; 11-2) and ROBIN WONDER (10st 11lb; 5-2). ROBIN WONDER (12st; 6-1) came from last place at Cheltenham (March 12; £38,030; 2m h'cap; gd) to finish 7f 2nd to See You Then (12st; 16-1) with GAYE BRIEF (12st; 4-1) 4th in 4th. FREDCOTERI (12st; 16-1) a further 2½ in 5th. CENTLINE (12st; 10-1) 8th. PASSAGE CREEPER (12st; 25-1) 10th. BAJAN SUNSHINE was going best of all this distance at Cheltenham (March 12; £21,320; 3m 11h'cap; gd) but found disappointing 11th in this race last year is again well out of his depth. (11st 10lb; 7-2) beaten ½ by Togg (12st 3lb; 5-2) at Haydock (March 1; £1,106; 2m nov h'cap; gd; st).

4.05 —CHIVAS REGAL CHASE. 2 miles (Milmday Course). Value £4,386. (8 runners).

402	240-1PP	CARDINAL'S OUTBURST J Edwards 10-11-8 (D, EW)	*W Knox 35
403	4P1U40	DENNIS AUBURN R Francis 8-11-8 (D)	*M Pittman 29
404	243434	FURY BOY D Nicholson 12-11-8	*A M-Buchanan 28
405	012220	GOLDEN FRIEND (BL) Mrs Rimell 7-11-8 (D)	*P Price 37
406	02314F	GRIMA I Dudgeon 8-11-8	D Chesney 30
407	0001-1F	POUNTERES (BL) McGhie 8-11-8 (D, BF, SF)	P Farrell 41
408	111020	SILENT ECHO Blackmore 10-11-8 (D)	M Jnr 32
409	21211U	STATE CASE Mrs Dickinson 7-11-8 (D, BF, F)	*A Dudgeon 38

Betting Forecast.—7-4 State Case, 3 Golden Friend, Pounteres, 7 Fury Boy, 10 Silent Echo, 12 Cardinal's Outburst.

SPOTFORM: POUNTERES usually runs well when fresh and is suited by today's race conditions. Started the season (12st 7lb; 4-7) 1st success from Haydock (Oct 10st 2lb; 6-4) at Perth (Sept 1; £1,135; 3m h'cap ch; fm). Runs for the first time since the beginning of October. STATE CASE, beaten when unseating his rider behind Blackfeet at Ayr in February, had previously scored a (11st 7lb; 2-1) 12lb 3rd to Golden Friend (10st 4lb; 3-1) at Nottingham (Dec 22; £1,203; 2m h'cap ch; gd). GOLDEN FRIEND comes into the reckoning on his

(10st 10lb; 7-2) 1st 2nd to Freight Forwarder (10st 2lb; 11-4) at Cheltenham (Jan 2; £4,084; 2m h'cap ch; gd; st). CARDINAL'S OUTBURST (11st 9lb; 9-2) beat Governor's Pet (11st 2lb; 4-1) 12lb 3rd at Ffos (Sept 26; £2,019; 2m 2f 110y h'cap ch; gd; fm) but has been pulled up since. SILENT ECHO (11st 10lb; 9-2) showed up well the 9th at Sandown (March 9; £2; 11st 18y h'cap ch; gd) when (22st 6lb; 9-2) Cheltenham Island (10st 11lb; 5-2). GRIMA (10st 10lb; 9-2) broke the ice over a 25th success from Essex (Oct 6; 6-1) at Stratford (Oct 6; 6-1; £1,654; 2m h'cap ch; gd; st).

4.35 —WHITE SATIN AMATEUR HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles. Value £5,462. (18 runners).

501	1/P	L'AUBERDIERE (FR) (BL) C Holmes 5-12-7	*C Holmes 45
502	12-3001	DESERT HERO F Walwyn 11-11-10 (D, SF)	*H Pansony 43
503	122001	RYTHMIC PASTIMES (Sib ed) J Jones 5-11-8 (D)	R Began 40
507	000000	JADE AND DIAMOND G Baiding 7-11-2 (D)	T Thomson Jones 34
509	02P000	WHOLE SHEBANG (Ho) D Wilson 6-11-1 (D)	A Wilson 35
510	4-31110	JOBBROKE M H Easterly 5-10-13 (D, BF)	T Easterly 41
511	0-40314	GLORIOUS JANE (IRE) de Bromhead 5-10-12 (D)	J Lombard 38
513	1-34001	MISTER GOLDEN F Winter 5-10-7 (D, F)	S Sherwood 44
516	111040	E3-AID-U-TURN Mellor 7-10-0 (D)	D Gray 38
518	030002	SEAGRAM (NZ) Barons 5-10-0 (D, BF)	*M Armytage 39
519	200000	ASIA MINOR Hinchings 5-10-0 (D)	*M Richards 36
521	2110	DON'T ANNOY ME Whitaker 5-10-0 (D)	P Dennis 31
522	30U-04	RIVAL Morgan 7-10-0 (D)	J Scott 31
523	02101P	BOLD RODERICK (Sib ed) Burchell 8-10-0	*Tanya Davies 31
524	34FF00	HARRY STRIPPER Wingle 8-10-0	R Ley 34
525	02P000	PRIDE Wingle 10-10-0	*Mrs H Moslan 40
526	04P000	RACHEL STREET (Ho) and BU Harrison 9-10-0 (D)	*C Harrison 39
527	041220	CHARLIES COTTAGE (IRE) P Mullins 5-11-7 (EW)	W Mullins 42

Betting Forecast.—9-2 Seagram, 8 Rhythmic Pastimes, Desert Hero, Mister Golden, 8 Jobbroke, Charlie's Cottage, Jade and Diamond, 10 Glorious Jane.

SPOTFORM: MISTER GOLDEN (11st 7lb; 8-1) stepped up with a 15th success from Cawvara Lod (10st 3lb; 6-1) at Newbury (March 22; £2,068; 2m 100y h'cap h'cap; st). If in the same mood can take advantage of a handy mark. NO-U-TURN (10st 9lb; 6-1) was a further 7f back in 5th. DESERT HERO (12st 7lb; 2-1) ran on well to beat Dholer (12st; 6-1) 2f at Sandown (March 9; £2; 2m amateur h'cap; gd), with NO-U-TURN (12st; 11-1) another 2f back in 4th. CHARLIES COTTAGE is a pretty useful hurdler in Ireland. (11st 6lb; 6-1) soon clear of his field at Limerick Junction (Nov 29; £12,070; 2m 4f h'cap h'cap; st) came home unchallenged by 8f from Flying Flame (11st 8lb; 14-1). JOBBROKE, rested after a disappointing run at Ayr in December, had earlier scored a (10st 9lb; 8-13) easy (3) success from Excavator Lady (10st 33-1) at Wetherby (Dec 8; £3,288; 2m h'cap h'cap; gd). RHYTHMIC PASTIMES came back to form in fine style at Lingfield (March 15; £2,624; 2m h'cap h'cap; gd) with a 6th success from SEAGRAM (10st 5lb; 6-4).

5.05 GLENLIVET NOVICE HURDLE. 2 miles 5 furlongs 110 yds. Value £5,790. (15 runners).

602	1113	THE BREENER Sherwood 6-11-8 (F)	S Sherwood 39
607	21031	CHIPPED METAL R Francis 8-11-1	R Crank 32
608	42212	DOWN FLIGHT C Holmes 5-11-1	A Webb 33
611	30212	GLEN LOCHAN Crump 5-11-1	C Hawkins 32
612	10	KINGSWILL (USA) F Winter 5-11-1 (EW)	J Francome 32
613	20031	LAY PREACHER P Healy 7-11-1	P Healy 34
616	00310	MOON MARINER Eismont 5-11-1	S Smith Eccles 40
617	004	OAKLEY HOUSE F Walwyn 6-11-1	S Shilton 30
618	1103	OVER THE LAST Carbery (IRE) 5-11-1	T McGivern 44
620	2-31210	SOME MACHINE D Nicholson 6-11-1	P Scudamore 42
621	3111	OUT OF THE GLOOM FitzGerald 6-11-1	M Dwyer 32
623	01141	GANGABAL (BL) P Mullins (IRE) 5-10-10	J J O'Neill 46
624	01141	GANGABAL (BL) P Mullins (IRE) 5-10-10	W Mullins 37
627	220P	DARUJ Jettie 4-10-6	J Brough 27
628	4210	HIERONYMUS Pipe 4-10-6	P Leach 39

Betting Forecast.—6-4 Out of the Gloom, 7-7 The Breener, 8 Over the Last, Gangabal, 7 Kingswill, 10 Hieronymus.

SPOTFORM: OUT OF THE GLOOM (11st 7lb; 11-4) is probably best of this season's juvenile hurdlers and showed useful acceleration to beat Wing And A Prayer (11st 7lb; 5-4) 6f at Cheltenham (Jan 26; £7,575; 2m h'cap; st). Suited by today's distance. OVER THE LAST (11st 7lb; 9-1) ran on to finish a 10f 3rd to Asir (11st 7lb; 9-1) at Cheltenham (March 13; £22,490; 2m 4f nov h'cap; gd) with MOON MARINER (11st 7lb; 20-1) 15th 6th. KINGSWILL (11st 7lb; 12-1) was out the first nine. SOME MACHINE (11st 8lb; 10-1) stayed on well to beat Superstition (11st 5-1) 5f at Leopardstown (Jan 12; £1; 3m; 2m h'cap; gd). A useful effort. THE BREENER should find today's distance more to his liking. (11st 8lb; 14-1) finished fast when 7f 3rd to Harry Hastings (11st 8lb; 14-1) at Cheltenham (March 12; £22,080; 2m nov h'cap; gd). HIERONYMUS not recovered from an early mistake in the Triumph but had previously scored (10st 7lb; 5-1) a 15th success from Horn of Plenty (11st 3lb; 3-1) at Haydock (March 2; £1,282; 2m 6f nov h'cap; gd; st).

*Allowances: W Knox, M Pittman, A Dudgeon, J Lombard 4lb; Others 7lb.

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- DOUBLE: JOBBROKE and SPACED OUT (4.50 Hereford).
- BOUVIERIE 2.00—KATHIES LAD (NAP)
- 2.35—GAYE BRIEF
- 4.05—POUNTERES
- 4.35—MISTER GOLDEN
- 5.05—OUT OF THE GLOOM
- DOUBLE: KATHIES LAD and OUT OF THE GLOOM.
- TIM RICHARDS 4.35—SEAGRAM
- 5.05—STRANDS OF GOLD
- TOPSHOT 2.35—GAYE BRIEF
- SPEED-HORSE 4.35—JOBBROKE

GOING: Good.
COURSE (Group 1, Altitude 75ft): Left-hand irregular circuit of 2 1/4 miles with a run-in of 494y. For 3.45 race. Others on Milmday Course about 1 1/4 miles with a run-in of 200 yards.
JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT: All six races.
TOP TRAINERS (with runners today): In Ireland 13, F Walwyn 8, G Richards 6, M H Easterly 5, Mrs M Rimell 4, D Nicholson 3.
TOP JOCKEYS (riding today): P Scudamore 4, H Davies 3, S Vasehead 3, T Connolly 3, A Mullins 3.
RADIO 2 (330 and 433 metres): 2.00, 2.35, 3.20.

Jobroke banker

THE Easterby brothers, Peter and Mick, have landed the White Satin Hurdle for amateurs riders twice each in the last five years, with Bob Butchers.

But Peter can make it three wins Jobroke (4.35) today's event.

Although unplaced in his last race, Jobroke had won his previous three and, with trainer's son Tim in the saddle, is expected to return to winning form.

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