

WITH WINNING RACING MIRROR



Dawn of a great day



BIG-race nerves will be just what I need for Dawn Run in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup today. An occasion like this really motivates you to be at your best.

Dawn Run knows all about Cheltenham even though things didn't go right for her the last time she came over and as far as tactics are concerned, today's race will be pretty well up for her.

Obviously I'll be discussing everything with Paddy Mullins this morning, but you don't organise Dawn Run. She does it for you and she likes to be up with the pace.

I've ridden her twice in racecourse schooling sessions and she's pleased me a lot at Punchestown last week.

The Mullins horses have been in great form in Ireland and Dawn Run proved her ability to stay when she won the French Champion Hurdle. If she doesn't make any mistakes she should win.

Forgive 'N Forget.

JONJO O'NEILL was talking to CHARLES FAWCUS

Combs Ditch is hard to rule out, but I've always felt that he's better at two and a half miles or so.

Wayward Lad is the other one I'd worry about. I rode him when he was third in the year when Michael Dickinson had the first five and I thought he'd win at the last fence.

But he didn't quite get home because his training had been held up.

It was snowing when I won the Gold Cup on Alverton in 1979 and it wouldn't worry me if the weather is dreadful today. To do it again on Dawn Run would be a bit of a way to end the week.

The County Hurdle has been a lucky race for me before and I've got a good each-way chance on Jobroke.

4.40 —COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE, 2 Miles, Winner £11,314. (30 runs).

502	1201-02 CATS EYES (BL) (Mrs Fawcett) Pipe 6-11-9 (D)	*J Lower 43
503	432111 CANUTE EXPRESS (Mrs Scott) J Scott (IRE) 7/1b ex 5-11-7 (D)	L Wyer 38
506	4-00020 ISHKOMANN (J Spearling) Owner 7-11-1 (D)	P Scudamore 42
507	3100-1 YOUNG NICHOLAS (B Durham) Henderson 5-11-1 (SF)	S Smith Eccles 41
508	00-0000 AMARACH (M Tabors) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-10 (CD)	G Bradley 43
510	1100-0P BOB TISSALL (K Al-Said) J Edwards 7-10-13 (D)	T Ryan 40
511	U-34030 NORTHERN GAME (F Conroy) E O'Druid (IRE) 6-10-12	R Beggan 40
512	08-3200 COCAINE (S Squires) C Holmes 8-10-11 (D)	G Landau 46
513	321030 NO-U-TURN (S Tindall) Mellor 8-10-10 (CD)	M Dwyer 46
515	220-0P MARSHALL KEY (H Gunner) Mrs Pinner 9-10-10 (D, BF)	J O'Neill 47
516	23-0323 DROMOLAND LAD (J Hanrahan) Muller 8-10-10 (D, EW)	T Carmody 43
517	432-410 TANCRED WALK (K Maile) C Jackson 7-10-8 (D)	J Bryan 39
518	3-21100 RARE DANCER (V McDonald) Cyprie (IRE) 8-10-8	M Stealer 47
519	11-0030 JACK RAMSEY (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 6-10-7 (D)	K Mooney 44
521	200411 TAELOS (D Holt) Lambson 5-10-6	D Dutton 39
522	10-4000 SOME MACHINE (W O'Garra) Nicholson 7-10-5	R Dunwoody 40
524	2-31142 MERRY JANE (D Scott) Owen 5-10-5 (F)	C Hawkins 46
525	4-01300 L O BROADWAY (LDB Bloodstock Ltd) Moffatt 8-10-3	K Burke 40
526	0040-0A JOBKROKE (Lt Col Warden) M H Easterly 5-10-3	K Teelan 40
528	0-01110 CUMREW (BL) (G Smart) N Vigors 6-10-2	J O'Neill 47
529	10001-0 EASTERN LINE (John Maunders Group plc) Baker 8-10-2	J White 39
530	03000-3 ADMIRAL'S RULER (W Panshery) F Walwyn 6-10-2	B de Haan 40
531	1-41333 JIM THORPE (M C Innes Ltd) G Richards 5-10-2	*R Chapman 49
532	1-12174 PROFUND (J Phillips) A J Wilson 6-10-1	D Oakley 43
534	303-113 RAINBOW LADY (B Whately) Pipe 5-10-0	R Millman 39
535	000000 HIERONYMOUS (Mrs E King) Pipe 7/1b ex 5-10-0	R Millman 39
536	000000 GALLANT BUCK (BL) (J Stott) Elsworth 8-10-0	*R Arnold 41
537	102-202 BOLD ILLUSION (H Thurstield) Eccles 8-10-0	*S Earle 37
538	4-00401 WINART (Mrs V Taylor) R Hodges 8-10-0	*S Earle 37

Forecast: 5-10 Young Nicholas, 8 Taealos, Cats Eyes, 10 Dromoland Lad, Jobroke, Peter Martin, 12 Canute Express, Admiral's Ruler, 14 Merry Jane, Jim Thorpe, 16 No-U-Turn, Northern Game, Amarach.

1985: FLOYD, 5-10-5; C Brown, 5-21 (Elsworth); 27 ran.

SPOTFORM: ADMIRAL'S RULER, from an in-form stable, would have finished closer but for a last-flight mistake at Sandown (March 6, £3,752, 2m hcp, gdt, when 12-7, 5-11 1st 3rd to Dhurol (12-7, 5-11) PROFUND has changed stables since Nov 9 in November, Handicapped on (11-12, 11-10) 8th success from Goldthorpe (10-2, 14-1) at Newbury (Nov 25, £1,380, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy). RARE DANCER (9-7, 20-1) had PROFUND (11-12, 11-12) 7th at Apple Wire (10-2, 20-1) at Doncaster (Jan 24, £1,64, 2m 150y hcp, gdt, hvy). GONE off the boil since JOBROKE, suited by fast surface, shaped as though finding top form when (11-10, 11-12) 7th at Apple Wire (10-2, 20-1) at Doncaster (Jan 24, £1,64, 2m 150y hcp, gdt, hvy). HIERONYMOUS (10-10, 7-1) took advantage of a handy mark at Market Rasen (March 7, £2,554, 2 1/2m hcp, gdt, hvy), making off to beat Hot Asleep (11-1, 5-1) at 2/12. NO-U-TURN (10-1, 3-12) turned in best effort when 3/4d at Fildesay Bay (11-9, 4-1) at Ascot (Nov 16, £2,264, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy). PETER MARTIN (10-2, 14-1) did not get the best of runs close home when 11/3d to Inskip (10-12, 14-1) at Sandown (March 6, £1,654, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy). LIVES fast ground. JACK RAMSEY was on his best last season when (11-9, 8-4) beating TANCRED WALK (11-15, 2-8) at Warwick (May 25, £1,337, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy). Below par for this term. CATS EYES (11-4, 16-1) ran his usual gutsy race to finish 4/5d to Dromoland Lad (10-2, 14-1) at Sandown (Feb 11, £1,337, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy). TAELOS (10-4, 20-1) 2-1 back in 4th. RARE DANCER (10-6, 33-1) was in greys. DROMOLAND LAD (11-6, 11-1) on up to this season's mark when 11/3d to Lough Deer (10-12, 12-1) at Naas (March 8, £4,830, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy). JIM THORPE has run well since (10-2, 8-1) beating Nassau Royale (11-11, 12-12) by 1/2l over course distance in November. ISHKOMANN needs for his new days. (10-12, 12-1) when on h/d 2nd to Hoagh Hare (11-1, 8-1) at Sandown (Feb 11, £4,492, 2m 5f 75y hcp, gdt, hvy). YOUNG NICHOLAS (11-1, 8-1), ridden out to beat Open The Box (9-10, 7-2) by 1/4l at Windsor (Jan 29, £2,220, 2m 30y hcp, gdt, hvy). MERRY JANE (10-1, 11-1) Box one place at Stratford (Feb 11, £3,350, 2m hcp, gdt, hvy) was beaten 11 by WINART (10-2, 12-1).

5.15 —CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP (CHASE), 2 miles 4 furlongs, Winner £11,275. (7 runs).

601	003231 BALLINACURRA LAD (Mrs Moyinham) Pipe 11-11-8 (D)	M Pitman 46
602	303-140 HALF FREE (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsi) F Winter 10-11-8 (CD)	S Sherwood 549
605	1321-4 THE MIGHTY MAK (Mrs Lane) Mrs Dickinson 11-11-8 (D, BF)	G Bradley 50
606	12-3210 WESTERN SUNSET (S Samsbury) Forster 10-11-8 (D, BF)	H Davies 51
608	F-44110 BOSSLINE (H Kelsey) Flood (IRE) 10-11-5 (D, BF)	F Berry 53
614	1-18131 STRAY SHOT (G Hubbard) Gifford 8-11-5 (D, BF)	R Rowe 38
616	322-401 VOICE OF PROGRESS (M Vestey) Nicholson 8-11-5 (CD, F)	P Scudamore 49

Forecast: 7-4 Bossline, 4 The Mighty Mak, Half Free, 7 Voice Of Progress, 10 Western Sunset, 12 Ballinacurra Lad.

1985: STRAIGHT ACCORD, 10-11-8, S Shilstone, 15-2 (F Walwyn), 8 ran.

SPOTFORM: HALF FREE runs over his favourite course and is suited by race conditions. A reproduction of his (11-10, 9-2) had success from Newbury Connection (10-2, 5-1) here (Nov 9, £14,564, 2m 4f hcp, gdt, gdt) would be more than good enough. BOSSLINE (12-0, 7-4) disappointing 5th to Buck House (12-0, 5-2) here (12-2, 260, 2m hcp, gdt, gdt) yesterday. Obviously thought capable of better. WESTERN SUNSET (10-10, 3-1) when scoring 31 successes from Ascaine (10-2, 11-1) at Ascot (Jan 10, £6,990, 2m hcp, gdt, gdt). Outpaced behind Burrough Hill last time and may appreciate this return to two and a half miles. THE MIGHTY MAK (11-5, 6-4) was last clear at the last to beat Foggy Bowry (11-1, 33-1) 12 to 1 at Newbury (Nov 26, £5,496, 2m 4f hcp, gdt, gdt). "Show me one-up and may return that ability. VOICE OF PROGRESS (11-12, 15-2) was on his best behaviour when 31 to good for Ceylonian (12-7, 9-2) at Doncaster (Jan 24, £2,564, 2m 4f hcp, gdt, gdt). BALLINACURRA LAD (11-3, 9-4) returned to form with 51 victory over Fifty Dollars More (11-1, 9-2) at Sandown (Feb 11, £4,542, 2m 4f 60y hcp, gdt, gdt). STRAY SHOT, on early casualty here (2m) on Tuesday, had previously finished (11-9, 2-11) 16/3d to Arkom (10-2, 4-1) at Windsor (Jan 1, £1,662, 2m 40y hcp, gdt, gdt). Late headway that day.

*Allowances: R Chapman, R Arnold, C Cox, S Earle 4lb; others 7lb.

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2.15—YALE
2.50—FURTHER THOUGHT
3.30—RIGHTHAND MAN
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NEWSBOY'S DOUBLE: JOBROKE and FORGIVE 'N FORGET
BOUVERIE'S DOUBLE: HALF FREE and YOUNG NICHOLAS
NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT: 3.30 FORGIVE 'N FORGET, 4.05 BRUNTON PARK, 4.40 PETER MARTIN.

TONY SWEENEY: 2.15 DUPLICATOR, 2.50 MISTER DONAVAN (NAP), 3.30 DAWN RUN, 4.40 NORTHERN GAME.

TOPSPOT: 4.40 ADMIRAL'S RULER
SPEED-HORSE: 4.05 MISTY SPIRIT

GOING: Good.
COURSE: (Group 1, altitude 200ft): Left-hand oval about 1/2m. Run in 237 yards.

JACKPOT—PLACEPOT: 18 places.
TRICAST: Handicaps of 10 or more declared.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners today): F winter 48, 14 Cybrandian, 18 Righthand Man, Earle Brig.
P Walwyn 32, In Ireland 28, J Gifford 23, Mary

Rinnell 18, Henderson 17, M H Easterly 14, D Elsworth 14.

TOP JOCKEYS (riding today): P Scudamore 24, J J O'Neill 17, R Rowe 17, S Smith Eccles 15, C Brown 10.

RADIO 2 (330 and 433 metres): 2.15, 2.50, 3.30, 4.40.

3.30 —TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP (CHASE), 3 miles 2 furlongs, Winner £54,900. (11 runs).

501	0F-PUF CASTLE ANDREA (D Jeffries) owner 8-12-0	G Mcernagh 40
502	00-1211 COMBS DITCH (BL) (Jory Elsworth) 10-12-0 (CD)	C Brown 70
504	111-22 CYBRANDIAN (I Bray) M H Easterly 8-12-0 (BF)	A Brown 66
505	32-3133 EARLS BRIG (W Hamilton) owner 11-12-0	P Tuck 65
511	11-1304 FORGIVE 'N FORGET (Kilroe & Sons Ltd) FitzGerald 9-12-0	(CD, BF, F) M Dwyer 710
507	0/11-200 OBSERVE (R Bott) (Wigmore St Ltd) F Winter 10-12-0	(C) J Duggan 60
509	1122-24 RIGHTHAND MAN (Mrs Haggas) Mrs Dickinson 9-12-0 (C, BF)	R Earnshaw 68
510	12113 RUN AND SKIP (J McCarthy) Spearling 8-12-0 (D, BF, EW)	S Smith Eccles 65
511	9-211FF VON TRAPPE (P Clarke) M Oliver 9-12-0 (C)	R Dunwoody 58
512	1-10321 WAYWARD LAD (Mrs S Thewks) Mrs Dickinson 11-12-0	G Bradley 69
514	11-11-10 DAWN RUN (Mrs Hill) P Mullins (IRE) 8-11-9 (BF, SF)	J J O'Neill 40

Forecast: 15-8 Dawn Run, 3 Forgive 'N Forget, 5 Combs Ditch, 10 Wayward Lad, Run And Skip, 12-13 Righthand Man, 18 Righthand Man, Earle Brig.

1985: FORGIVE 'N FORGET, 8-12-0, M Dwyer, 7-1 (J FitzGerald), 15 ran. Favourites: 2 0 1 2 3

Mirror TV SPOTFORM:

FORGIVE 'N FORGET peaked in this race last year, beating RIGHTHAND MAN and EARLS BRIG 1 1/2 and 2 1/2. COMBS DITCH, for the second time, failed to top out the race last year, but was beaten 1 1/2 by FORGIVE 'N FORGET. DAWN RUN has been trained with this race in mind. DAWN RUN a comparative novice, blotted her copybook here in January and has many questions to answer today.

With front runners RUN AND SKIP and CYBRANDIAN in the line-up she will not have the luxury of a slow start. A brilliant race more, fought at Buck House (11-4, 2-1) at Leopardstown (Dec 30, £4,140, 2 1/2m hcp, gdt, hvy) coming home 4 clear. COMBS DITCH (11-8, 3-1) ridden out to beat Dromoland Lad (10-9, 11-2) 2d to Haydock (Jan 18, £11,632, 3m hcp, gdt, hvy).

Wayward Lad has never found this course a happy hunting ground, but confirmed his return to the top flight with a win (10-10, 12-1) 2d to 12 successes from COMBS DITCH (11-10, 3-1) and EARLS BRIG (11-10, 7-1) at Kempton (Dec 26, £24,836, 3m hcp, gdt, hvy).

This race last year and ran his usual good race when (11-7, 5-10) 9/4 to RUN AND SKIP (10-10, 12-1) at Cheltenham (Dec 21, £2,260, 3 1/2m hcp, gdt, hvy). CYBRANDIAN (11-0, 9-4) overcame mistakes to finish 4/5d to Brunton Park (10-4, 14-1) at Ascot (Feb 5, £15,686, 3m hcp, gdt, hvy).

Looks sharp. Gold Cup standard. RUN AND SKIP (11-2, 11-4) slipped on landing 7/1d to Sandown (Feb 11, £11,490, 3m 118y hcp, gdt, hvy) and under minimum pressure, rolled to finish a courageous 14/3rd to Burrough Hill Lad (12-0, 100-30). Thoroughly deserves his place into day's line-up.

VON TRAPPE left at the water at Ascot and took little interest during a confidence boosting run over hurdles at Haydock.

4.05 —RITZ CLUB NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP, CHASE 3 miles 1 furlong, Winner £15,658. (16 runs).

102	0-02200 WEST TIP (P Luff) M Oliver 9-11-7 (CD)	R Dunwoody 46
103	31-1121 BRUNTON PARK (Mrs Benda) Mrs Dickinson 8-11-7	G Bradley 47
104	11130-4 TRACY SPECIAL (L Ames) Tunnell 9-11-3 (CD)	Steve Knight 40
106	1-14120 CONTRADEAL (Barley) F Walwyn 9-11-3 (BF, EW)	S Shilstone 43
107	F10-134 GREEN BRAMBLE (Lay Plummer) Henderson 8-11-0 (D)	S Shilstone 43
108	F1211 MISTY SPIRIT (Mrs C Dixon) D Lee 7-11-0 (D, F)	A Stringer 47
109	02141 GOLDEN FRIEND (Meade) Mrs Rime 8-10-11 (D)	G McEurt 49
110	2-2210 CHARTER PARTY (Mrs C Smith) Nicholson 8-10-10	S Sherwood 48
111	1-03211 HAVENLIGHT (BL) (B Brainer) F Winter 7-10-9	R Rowe 40
114	042123 FAIR IS FAIR (Mrs Musgrave) Hitchmough (IRE) 8-10-5	P Leech 42
115	3-4P022 CATCH PHRASE (BL) (J Russell) J S Wilson 9-10-3	S Charlton 44
116	30-4P21 CATCH PHRASE (BL) (J Russell) J S Wilson 9-10-3	R Rowe 40
118	2-1003 LATE NIGHT EXTRA (BL) (Lt Col Phillips) K Bailey 10-10-0	A Jones 45
119	223111 YOU'RE WELCOME (S Embiricos) Gifford (3lb ex) 10-10-0	E Murphy 45
120	10020-3 BALLY-GO (C Bell) FitzGerald 9-10-0	G Mcernagh 44
121	F1114 FLAXEN TINA (Mrs S Goe) Webber 8-10-0 (BF)	G Mcernagh 44

Forecast: 4 Brunton Park, 4-2 Catch Phrase, 8 You're Welcome, Misty Spirit, 8 Tracys Special, 10 West Tip, Contradeal, 12 Bally-Go.

1985: WEST TIP, 8-10-13, R Dunwoody, 6-1 (M Oliver) 20 ran. Favourites: 0 0 2 2 2

Mirror TV SPOTFORM:

GOLDEN FRIEND (11-13, 9-2) went clear two and a half miles and was not hard pressed to beat Bally-Go (10-0, 3-1) 31 at Wolverhampton (Jan 13, £2,737, 3m hcp, gdt, gdt). Heavily weighed, I HAVENLIGHT (11-10, 10-1) shaped as though a longer trip would suit him 10/3d to Very Promising (11-10, 5-4) at Ascot (Jan 11, £17,755, 2m 4f hcp, gdt, gdt) and is binkered here. CATCH PHRASE (11-3, 13-8) never headed accounting for Leckie (10-8, 8-1) by 12l at Lingfield (Jan 2, £2,599, 3m hcp, gdt, hvy).

MISTY SPIRIT (11-6, 9-1) took advantage of Dawn Run's departure to run out 6l winner from Rhyme 'n Reason (11-2, 5-1) here (Jan 25, £7,058, 3m hcp, gdt, gdt). Much improved. BRUNTON PARK (10-4, 14-1) took full advantage of lenient mark when 4l winner from Cybrandian (11-0, 9-4) at Ascot (Feb 5, £15,686, 3m hcp, gdt, hvy).

WEST TIP faces stiffer task than when winning this event a year ago (11-4, 11-1) may have found the ground faster than he likes since getting within 1/2l of Burrough Hill (11-12, 8-13) at Cheltenham (Nov 30, £4,409, 3m hcp, gdt, gdt). CHARTER PARTY (10-11, 2-1) left beaten at Windsor (3m) last time was ridden out to beat I HAVENLIGHT (10-11, 3-1) 4l at Kempton (Dec 26, £2,578, 3m hcp, gdt, hvy). YOU'RE WELCOME (9-10, 7-1) made it two out of two for the season with 11 success from Castle Warden (10-10, 7-1) at Sandown (Mar 8, £3,895, 2m 118y hcp, gdt, gdt). YOUNG DRIVER (10-10, 10-1) stepped up on previous efforts this term with 2nd to Tallo Dandy (11-1, 9-4) at Ayr (Mar 8, £3,069, 3m 110y hcp, gdt, gdt). FLAXEN TINA (10-6, 9-1) one place approaching last when 6/4 4th to Corbiere (10-12, 7-1) at Warwick (Feb 4, £3,967, 3m 118y hcp, gdt, hvy).

A HORSE who has beaten See You Then is worth more than a second thought at Cheltenham, writes Tony Sweeney.

Northern Game has won one race only since beating See You Then in the Triumph Hurdle two years ago, but the Cheltenham handicapper treating him more generously than the Irish gives him a great chance in today's Country Hurdle (4.40).

His stablemate Mister Donovan took a fortune out of the ring in the 1982 Sun Alliance Hurdle. He has not run under Rules since 1984, but won a well-considered point-to-point from Ashley House, and is my Nap in the Foxhunters (2.50).