

GRAND NATIONAL YOUR GUIDE TO

REST OF THE AINTREE CARD

NEWSBOY

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1.45-THINKING TWICE
2.20-OH SO GRUMPY
2.55-LARGE ACTION
3.45: COUNTRY MEMBER (NAP)
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YOUNG HUSTLER
EBONY JANE

4.35-STRAIGHT TALK
5.15-ASHWELL BOY

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PARTY POLITICS
TOPSHAM BAY

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12.30 -MARTELL BOB CHAMPION CHANCE

TRUST H'CAP 6f Winner £3,383 (10 run)

BBC 1

1-36615 INVOCATION (14) 1 A Moore 8 12 0 (Gd, D) R Champion 28
2-39110 PRINCESS MAXINE (8) 2 J O'Neill 6 11 12 (Gd, Hy, Fm, Hd) P Buckley 29
3-21566 CLARION CALL (44) (8) 3 G Turner 4 11 11 G Turner 23
4-63-9640 CHINOUR (15) 7 E Alston 7 11 11 (Gd, EW) M Barnes 24
5-02000-4 JIGSAW BOY (15) 6 P Murphy 6 11 11 (Fm, St, D) H Davies 26
6-21100 LITTLE IBNR (38) 10 P Evans 4 11 11 (D, F) M Scudamore 32
7-00-1000 SHARP CONQUEST (15) (10) 4 W Muir 1 11 5 T Stack 33
8-00-9500 GREY TOPPA (43) 8 N Lintenden 4 11 7 (Gd) S C Knight 26
9-000-952 GREAT HALL (9) 5 P Connel 6 11 6 (Gd, D, SF) T Carberry 27
10-40300 PAMPERER GUEST (22) 3 K Bailey 4 11 4 (Gd) B Davies 30
Bettings: 5-2 Jigsaw Boy, 5 Little Boy, 5 Invocation, 13-2 Great Hall, 8 Chinour, 9 Princess Maxine, 10 Grey Toppa.

1994: No corresponding race.

1.45 -CORDON BLEU H'CAP HURDLE

2m 110yds Winner £19,220 (14 run)

BBC 1

1-012-1-P BOLD BOSS (25) (Gd, St, D) M C Pipe 6 11 10 R Dunwoody 46
Impressive only run last season at Newbury. Pulled up Champion Hurdle but ran well for long way
2-110-413 BATABANOO (64) (Gd, St, D, SF) Mary Reveley 6 11 8 P Niven 49
Won Fighting Fifth in November and made Large Action pull out all the stops in Kelso heap since
3-13131- DREAMS END (14) (St, Gd, D, F) B J Llewellyn 7 11 2 M Hourigan 46
One of the best novices last term winning Swinton in May. Good run on Flat and loves the firm
4-6/520-1 GAELIC MYTH (USA) (22) (St, Hy, D) T Stack 8 11 1 C Swan 45
Has looked a difficult ride in the past. Did nothing wrong comeback when winning at Limerick
5-0121320 PRIDWELL (23) (St, Gd, Hy, D, BF) M C Pipe 5 11 0 J Lower 48
Been running well of late despite looking difficult ride. Not disgraced in County Hurdle latest
6-512231 HOME COUNTIES (23) (St, Gd, D) D Moffatt 10 11 "D J Moffatt 47
Came with tremendous late rattle to win County Hurdle. Likely to be outpaced in these circumstances
7-631032 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE (63) (St, Gd, D, EW) M H Easterby 6 10 10 L Wyer 45
Back to form behind Smooth Silk at Wetherby but is best with cut in the ground. Bit quirky
8-P-10010 PIMBERLEY PLACE (13) (St, Y, D) P Mullins 7 10 10 T P Treacy 44
Mud loving front-runner who has track to suit but not the underfoot conditions
9-3-36420 SHUJAN (USA) (24) (Hy, Gd, D) R Akehurst 6 10 10 D Bridgwater 43
Not as good over hurdles as on the Flat but is still a gutsy front-runner who could go well
10-14605-0 PERSUASIVE (8) (Hy, Gd, St, CD) Mary Reveley 8 10 3 G Lee 44
Track winner who ran quite well on the Flat at Doncaster recently. Fit but could be outpaced
11-2211/00 THINKING TWICE (USA) (15) (Gd, D) N J Henderson 6 10 0 M A Fitzgerald
Useful performer who has caught the eye since coming back from injury. Likes ground and fancied
12-1-00420 NEMURO (USA) (23) (Gd, D) D R C Elsworth 7 10 0 L Aspell 40
Ex-Irish who ran well behind Jura at Wincanton before running poorly at Cheltenham. Likes firm
13-2F4110 BRAMBERRY (23) (Gd, St, Hy, D) Mrs S J Smith 6 10 0 R Guest 39
Another front-runner who is 5lb out of the weights and may be suffering from hard season
14-211-222 DESTINY CALLS (15) (Gd, D) N A Gaselee 5 10 0 C Llewellyn 38
Improver who ran cracker behind Eurolink The Lad at Newbury. Has it to do from 20lb wrong

Betting: 5 Home Counties, 6 Dreams End, 7 Batabanoo, 8 Thinking Twice, 9 Bold Boss, 10 Shujan.

1994: FOR REEL 5 10 1 A Maguire 4-11 (P Flynn) 11 run. Favourites: 0 1 1 0 2

2.20 -MARTELL AINTREE CHASE LIMITED

H'CAP 2m Winner £26,020 (12 run)

BBC 1

1-3F-1530 STORM ALERT (84) (B) (Gd, St, D) A Tunnell 9 11 10 S McNeill 64
Close to top class, loves the ground and goes well fresh. Could have done without weights rise
2-11P321 COULTON (23) (Gd, St, C) O Sherwood 8 11 8 J Osborne 60
Developing in fine chaser and showed plenty of guts when winning at Cheltenham. Suited by this track
3-4-5245F WONDER MAN (Fr) (1) (Gd, St, D) D Nicholson 10 11 6 A Maguire 63
Hasn't hit the heights once expected of him. Best when fourth to Viking Flagship at Sandown

GOING: Good.

COURSE (NH Group 1): Tall flat oblong circuit 2m 2f (15 fences). Home straight 2f. Run-in 494y. Midway left-hand tight flat oval 1m 2f. Home straight about 3f. Run-in 350y.
JACKPOT and PLACEPOT: Last six races.
TRIO RACES: 1.45, 2.20, 3.45, 4.35, 5.15.
TOP TRAINERS (with runners): D Nicholson 8-43, K Bailey 6-15, M Pipe 6-52, G Richards 5-29, J Gifford 4-10, J Fitzgerald 4-17, G Bolding 4-24, N Twiston-Davies 4-27, Mrs Mary Reveley 3-.

TOP JOCKEYS (riding today): R Dunwoody 9-50, N Williamson 5-21, A Maguire 4-40, C Llewellyn 3-10, P Niven 3-14, G Bradley 3-16, L Wyer 3-23, M Dwyer 3-26, D Bridgwater 2-10.
BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Sharp Conquest (12.30), Storm Alert (2.20), Zetas Lad (3.45).
TELEVISION: 38 have won in 107 races, an average of 34.8%.
RADIO: 5: 1.45, 2.20, 2.55, and 3.45.

4-44414 U NCLE ERNIE (24) (Gd, St, Hy, CD) J G FitzGerald 10 11 6 P Niven 62
Won from this mark last year but ground was in his favour then. Good run in Champion Chase latest
5-133320 EGYPT MILL PRINCE (24) (B) (Gd, D) Mrs J Pittman 9 11 3 W Marston 62
Brave front runner but usually finds one or two too good these days. Behind Uncle Ernie latest
6-3P1414 THUMBS UP (23) (Hy, St, Gd, D, BF) N J Henderson 9 10 10 M A Fitzgerald 62
Battled on to beat Viking Flagship at Kempton but put in his place from current mark at Cheltenham
7-P0-2311 CLAY COUNTY (64) (Hy, Gd, Fm, St, D) M D Hammond 10 10 10 N Williamson 61
Another front runner who comes here fresh. He could be hard to peg back and weight rise helps
8-1116-14 NATIVE MISSION (119) (Gd, Hy, D, BF, EW) J G FitzGerald 8 10 7 M Dwyer 60
Lightly raced and worth considering now weights have gone up. Waiting style could be suited by this
9-131212 OH SO GRUMPY (22) (Gd, Fm, D, SF) Mrs J Harrington 7 10 7 R Dunwoody 63
Won at the Galway Festival and was in great form earlier in the year. Sharpened up on the Flat
10-1/24-FP WIND FORCE (147) (Fm, Gd, Y, C) G Richards 10 10 7 M Moloney
Likes this track but will be taken on from the start this time. Ran well before falling in autumn
11-2-F2226 SNITTON LANE (24) (Gd, D, F) W Clay 9 10 7 D Bridgwater 59
Well behind Uncle Ernie at Cheltenham but could do better here. Will be suited by fast pace
12-P-3401P ONE MORE DREAM (24) (Gd, D) Mrs S J Smith 8 10 7 R Guest 56
Back to form to win a weak looking race at Doncaster last month. Pulled up at Cheltenham since then

Betting: 3 Coulton, 4 Uncle Ernie, 5 Egypt Mill Prince, 6 Clay County, 8 Thumbs Up.

1994: U NCLE ERNIE 9 10 8 M Dwyer 3-1 (FitzGerald) 8 run. Favourites: 0 1 1 0 2

2.55 -MARTELL AINTREE HURDLE 2m

4f Winner £30,610 (6 run)

BBC 1

1-102110 BORO EIGHT (16) (Y, Hy, St) P Mullins 9 11 7 N Williamson 65
In form until well bkn in Ladbroke in January. Not seen since and stiff task in this
2-11-1123 DANOLI (25) (Y, St, Hy, Gd, CD, BF, SF) T Foley 7 11 7 C Swan 71
Ran to his best in Champion and put up career best effort in this last year. Could do with softer ground
3-122111 DORANS PRIDE (23) (St, Hy, D) M Hourigan 6 11 7 J P Broderick 70
Beat an ill Danoli at Leopardstown before bolting up in Stayers Hurdle. Find this harder
4-40P-16F HALKPOUS (23) (Gd, St) M H Tompkins 9 11 7 A Maguire 67
Class act but has disappointed since impressive winner at Wetherby in October. Held when falling since
5-211112 LARGE ACTION (25) (Gd, St, BF, F) O Sherwood 7 11 7 J Osborne 70
Ran to best when beating all but Alderbrook in Champion. Should get the trip and acts well on firm
6-13-6115 MYSILV (25) (Gd, Hy, St) C R Egerton 5 11 2 G Bradley 68
Ran her heart out to be fifth in Champion. Track will suit but longer trip may not

Betting: 2 Danoli, 3-4 Large Action, 5-2 Dorans Pride, 6 Mysilv, 16 Halkpous, 25 Boro Eight.

1994: DANOLI 6 1 2 C Swan 9-2 (T Foley) 8 run. Favourites: 1 1 1 3 2

3.45 -MARTELL GRAND NATIONAL H'CAP CHASE 4m 4f

CHASE 2m 4f Winner £7,253 (10 run)

1-11-144 STRAIGHT TALK (103) P Nicholson 8 11 10 (Gd, St, F) *Polly Curling 33
2-132-444 SWALLOW NEST (16) J Nicholson 8 11 10 (Gd, D, BF, EW) A R Coonan 32
3-05130 FAIR BROTHER (14) G Bolding 9 11 3 (Gd, St, Hy, D) *T J Murphy 34
4-P0143 HURDY (119) Mrs S Seaman 8 11 3 (Gd, Fm, D, SF) *D Parker 33
5-23042 FOUR DEEP (22) J Johnson 7 10 9 (Gd, Fm, D) *C Bonner 31
6-P5P21 KNOCK RANK (14) E H Owen Jun 10 10 8 (Gd, D) A Griffith 31
7-30F15 EASY JOKER (5) S Kentwell 7 10 5 (Hy, St, D, BF) *M Rinnell 32
8-2P232 THE CARROT MAN (14) P Winkworth 7 10 5 *G Brown 30
9-24410A CHARTERFORHARDWARE (19) W Clay 9 10 5 (Gd) *Miss L Bradburne 27
10-35010 MUSKET SHOT (15) Mrs S Bradburne 7 10 5 *Miss L Bradburne 27
Bettings: 3 Four Deep, 4 Straight Talk, 5 Hurdy, 6 Knock Rank, 7 The Carrot Man, Swallow Nest.

1994: ALL FOR LUCK 9-11-4 B Hamilton 9-4f (M Pipe) 10 run. Favourites: 0 1 1 1 1

5.15 -MARTELL CHAMPION NATIONAL HUNT FLAT 2m 110y

Winner £7,005 (15 run)

1-1316 DENISE'S PROFILES (24) N T Davies 5 12 0 (Hy, St, D) M Rinnell 2
2-1100 WISLEY WONDER (24) N T Davies 5 12 0 (Gd, Hy, D) T Jenks 2
3-31 DANIES CAVALIER (31) D Gaddis 5 11 10 (Hy) D Leahy 2
4-15 EDWALAN (168) G Bolding 6 11 10 (D) A P McCoy 2
5-6241 INTERMAGIC (14) G Bolding 5 11 10 (Gd, D) S Fox 2
6-51 LINE OF CONQUEST (28) R Hedges 5 11 10 (St, D) Miss P Curling 2
7-13224 MANDICAT (24) J FitzGerald 5 11 10 (D) G Lee 2
8-31 ASHWELL BOY (14) P Hobbs 4 11 4 (Gd, D, EW) S Torney 2
9-13 EBULLIENT EQUINOX (7) D Eddy 4 11 4 (St, D, BF) A Roche 2
10-1333 GENERAL'S ORDERS (54) (7) J Norton 4 11 4 (Hy, D) W Fry 2
11-12 RED BLAZER (24) Miss H Knight 4 11 4 (Hy, D, BF, SF) Anthony Martin 2
12-1 SOUTHERNHAY BOY (16) Mrs S Williams 4 11 4 (Gd, D) S Lyons 2
13-02 BOFAK PRODUCER (14) J Edwards 11 1 1 *D Bentley 2
14-30 CHARMING GIRL (USA) (24) T Thomson Jones 4 10 9 (BF) Guy Lewis 2
Bettings: 9-4 Red Blazer, 6 Sugar Mill, 7 Line of Conquest, 8 Denise's Profiles, Mandicat, Ashwell Boy.

1994: NAHLA 4-10-9 S Curran, 8-1 Jacqueline S Doyle 12 run. Favourites: 0 0 0 0 0

*Allowances: D J Moffatt 3lb; G Lee, Polly Curling, T J Murphy, D Parker, C Bonner, M Rinnell 5lb; others 7lb.



THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT: Richard Dunwoody celebrates after steering Minnehoma to victory last year

I WON'T

CHEERFUL Charlie Swan broke a record at Aintree last year in a first-fence tumble on Henry Mann.

"I'd got round on my four other National rides and that was a serious let down. I'll be aiming to do a better on Riverside Boy today," he smiles.

Charlie got closest when second on Cahervilla in the race that never was two years ago and he knew what it's like to be in with a winning chance. A good man to give you a fence-by-fence guide to today's big race.

There is nothing quite like riding in this race and the build up gets to everyone a bit so whatever the stewards try to tell you beforehand, the early pace is too quick.

The tension builds and builds through the parade, so when we finally get away everyone wants to get in a good position to tackle the early fences and as soon as the tape goes up they are off and going like hell towards the first.

There is noise all the way as well, with people standing and cheering on the bank alongside the racecourse. Even last year

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when the ground was heavy, the horses were hanging about and it was my undoing. Henry Mann took off that little bit too early, landed steeply and didn't get undercarriage down. Down and out at the fence after that.

Survive

Like him a lot of horses get taken unawares by drop on the landing side of the early fences and you survive the first two you find the huge of ditch looming up at third - this fence is as any on the course.

You need to give horse plenty of daylight jump it which isn't e