

GRAND NATIONAL 2008

COMPLY OR DIE

Sponsor

The John Smith's Grand National Handicap Chase (Class 1) (Grade 3)

Distance

4 Miles 4 Furlongs

Ground

Good

40 Ran NR 8 Opera Mundi (replaced by first reserve Ardaghey)

Winner	£ 450'640.00
Second	£ 169'760.00
Third	£ 84'960.00
Fourth	£ 42'480.00
Fifth	£ 21'280.00
Sixth	£ 10'640.00



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Bay Gelding

Breeding

Old Vic – Madam

Madcap by

Furry Glen

Bred by

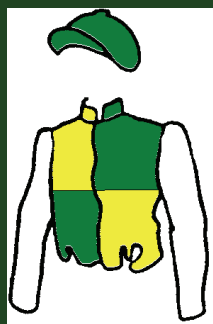
Martin J Dibbs

GRAND NATIONAL INSIDER REPORT

Echoes of Red Rum were the headlines for the 2008 Grand National as Ginger McCain's son Donald took centre stage for the first time at Aintree as his horse Cloudy Lane owned by 2005 winning owner Trevor Hemmings (Hedgehunter) was clear Favourite on the morning of the race. The horse had improved all season and had put up a fantastic run of three victories which technically, with the weights having been published in February, now officially put him ahead of the handicapper.

Of the other fancied runners, Simon and Bewley's Berry, who were both

RUNNERS AND RIDERS



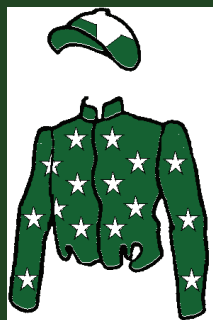
Horse No. 1 HEDGEHUNTER (Ire)
Jockey R Walsh
Trainer W P Mullins (Ire)
Owner Trevor Hemmings

Age/St/lbs 12-11-12
Form 99-P572
SP 10/1



Horse No. 2 HI CLOY (Ire)
Jockey T J Doyle
Trainer M Hourigan (Ire)
Owner Mrs S McCloy

Age/St/lbs 11-11-12
Form 2625142
SP 100/1



Horse No. 3 KNOWHERE (Ire)
Jockey J Tizzard
Trainer N A Twiston-Davies
Owner H R Mould

Age/St/lbs 10-11-11
Form -135P16
SP 66/1



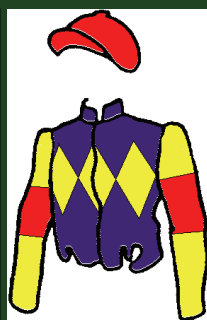
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Jockey S Thomas
Trainer P F Nicholls
Owner Stockton Heath
 Racing

Age/St/lbs 9-11-11
Form 122-416
SP 25/1



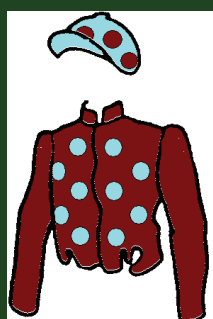
Horse No. 5 TURKO **C**
Jockey R Johnson
Trainer P F Nicholls
Owner The Stewart Family

Age/St/lbs 6-11-10
Form 7P-P123
SP 33/1



Horse No. 6 MADISON DU BERLAIS
Jockey T Scudamore (Fr)
Trainer D E Pipe
Owner Roger Stanley &
 Yvonne Reynolds II

Age/St/lbs 7-11-9
Form 73-4425
SP 66/1



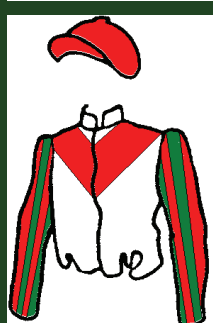
Horse No. 7 SIMON
Jockey D Elsworth
Trainer J L Spearing
Owner Mrs Mercy Rimell

Age/St/lbs 9-11-7
Form 1F-52U4
SP 11/1



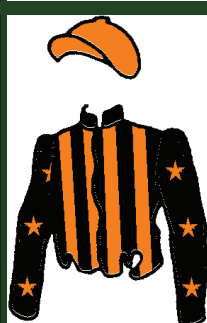
Horse No. 8 ARDAGHEY (Ire)
Jockey D England
Trainer N A Twiston-Davies
Owner D J & S A Goodman

Age/St/lbs 9-10-7
Form -166POP
SP 100/1



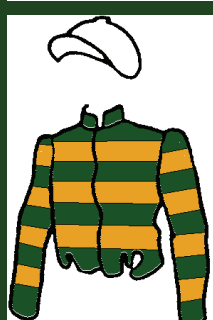
Horse No. 9 IRON MAN (Fr) **P**
Jockey C Williams
Trainer P Bowen
Owner R Owen & P Fullagar

Age/St/lbs 7-11-5
Form 416F5PP
SP 50/1



Horse No. 10 FUNDAMENTALIST **C**
Jockey P J Brennan (Ire)
Trainer N A Twiston-Davies
Owner C Cornes

Age/St/lbs 10-11-4
Form 2412183
SP 66/1



Horse No. 11 BUTLER'S CABIN (Fr) **P**
Jockey A P McCoy
Trainer J J O'Neill
Owner John P McManus

Age/St/lbs 8-11-3
Form 011-373
SP 10/1



Horse No. 12 SLIM PICKINGS (Ire)
Jockey B J Geraghty
Trainer T J Taaffe (Ire)
Owner Doubtful Five
 Syndicate

Age/St/lbs 9-11-3
Form 53-6255
SP 10/1

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Horse No. 13 CHELSEA HARBOUR
Jockey D N Russell (Ire)
Trainer T Mullins (Ire)
Owner Mrs Paul Duffin

Age/St/lbs 8-11-2
Form P3F6514
SP 14/1



Horse No. 14 VODKA BLEU (Fr) **BI**
Jockey P Moloney
Trainer D E Pipe
Owner D A Johnson

Age/St/lbs 9-11-2
Form 0-01105
SP 20/1



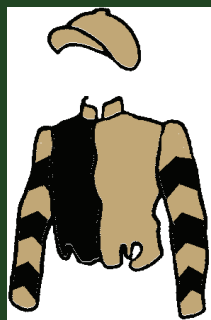
Horse No. 15 L'AMI (Fr) **P**
Jockey M Fitzgerald
Trainer F Doumen (Fr)
Owner John P McManus

Age/St/lbs 9-11-1
Form 0-63003
SP 33/1



Horse No. 16 SNOWY MORNING (Ire)
Jockey D J Casey
Trainer W P Mullins (Ire)
Owner Quayside Syndicate

Age/St/lbs 8-11-1
Form 4-F1133
SP 16/1



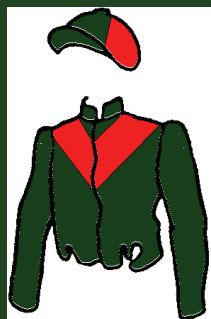
Horse No. 17 BEWLEYS BERRY (Ire)
Jockey D O'Regan
Trainer J Howard Johnson
Owner Andrea & Graham Wylie

Age/St/lbs 10-11-0
Form 429F-2P
SP 12/1



Horse No. 18 CONTRABAND
Jockey K Mercer
Trainer P Murphy
Owner F G Wilson

Age/St/lbs 10-11-0
Form 0459-0P
SP 100/1



Horse No. 19 MCKELVEY (Ire)
Jockey T J O'Brien
Trainer P Bowen
Owner N Elliott

Age/St/lbs 9-11-0
Form 7612-80
SP 25/1



Horse No. 20 JOACCI (Ire) **BI**
Jockey J W Farrelly
Trainer D E Pipe
Owner D A Johnson

Age/St/lbs 8-10-13
Form P-20037
SP 66/1



Horse No. 21 POINT BARROW (Ire)
Jockey T Dobbin **BI**
Trainer P Hughes (Ire)
Owner Mrs P Clune Hughes, Mrs M O'Dwyer & J Foley

Age/St/lbs 10-10-13
Form 40-F2P0
SP 25/1



Horse No. 22 D'ARGENT (Ire) **BI**
Jockey R Thornton
Trainer A King
Owner Nigel Bunter

Age/St/lbs 11-10-12
Form P2-P014
SP 25/1



Horse No. 23 NO FULL (Ire)
Jockey J R Barry
Trainer E Doyle (Ire)
Owner Mrs P Doyle

Age/St/lbs 7-10-12
Form 0-434P2
SP 125/1



Horse No. 24 BAILEY BREEZE (Ire)
Jockey P W Flood
Trainer M F Morris (Ire)
Owner Mr R A Scott

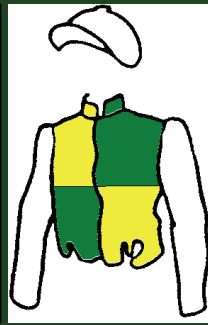
Age/St/lbs 9-10-11
Form -F176P0
SP 66/1

RUNNERS AND RIDERS



Horse No. 25 BOB HALL (Ire)
Jockey N Fehily
Trainer J J O'Neill
Owner John P McManus

Age/St/lbs 7-10-11
Form 22-360P
SP 100/1



Horse No. 26 CLOUDY LANE
Jockey J Maguire
Trainer D McCain (Jnr)
Owner Trevor Hemmings

Age/St/lbs 8-10-11
Form 1U-5111
SP 7/1 JT FAV



Horse No. 27 KING JOHNS CASTLE
Jockey P Carberry (Ire)
Trainer A L T Moore (Ire)
Owner John P McManus

Age/St/lbs 9-10-11
Form 2P-2221
SP 20/1



Horse No. 28 MON MOME (Fr)
Jockey A Coleman
Trainer Miss V Williams
Owner Mrs Vida Bingham

Age/St/lbs 8-10-11
Form 434-P36
SP 28/1



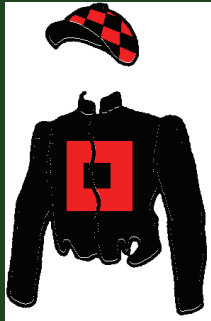
Horse No. 29 CORNISH SETT (Ire)
Jockey Mr N Scholfield
Trainer P F Nicholls
Owner Peter Hart

Age/St/lbs 9-10-10
Form 726-2P8
SP 80/1



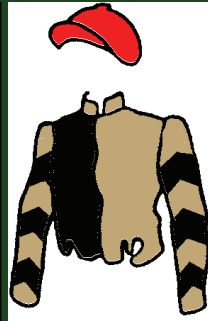
Horse No. 30 NAUNTON BROOK †
Jockey A Tinkler
Trainer N A Twiston-Davies
Owner David Langdon

Age/St/lbs 9-10-10
Form -104329
SP 66/1



Horse No. 31 TUMBLING DICE (Ire) BI
Jockey T G M Ryan
Trainer T Taaffe (Ire)
Owner Mrs John Donegan

Age/St/lbs 9-10-10
Form 4-57626
SP 100/1



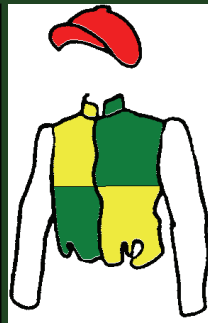
Horse No. 32 BACKBEAT (Ire)
Jockey W Renwick
Trainer J Howard Johnson
Owner Andrea & Graham Wylie

Age/St/lbs 11-10-9
Form 24/0-14
SP 100/1



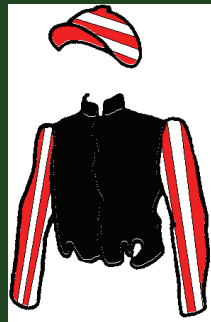
Horse No. 33 COMPLY OR DIE (Ire) BI
Jockey T J Murphy
Trainer D E Pipe
Owner D A Johnson

Age/St/lbs 9-10-9
Form 4P/0P21
SP 7/1 JT FAV



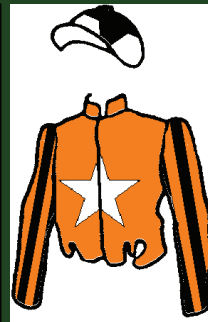
Horse No. 34 IDLE TALK (Ire) P
Jockey B Harding
Trainer D McCain (Jnr)
Owner Trevor Hemmings

Age/St/lbs 9-10-9
Form -28U575
SP 66/1



Horse No. 35 KELAMI (Fr)
Jockey B Keniry
Trainer F Doumen (Fr)
Owner Halewood International Ltd

Age/St/lbs 10-10-9
Form -4398F2
SP 66/1



Horse No. 36 MILAN DEUX MILLE † (Fr)
Jockey T Malone
Trainer D E Pipe
Owner F G & J E Wilson

Age/St/lbs 6-10-9
Form 385-547
SP 125/1

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

	<p>Horse No. 37 NADOVER (Fr) P Jockey R M Power Trainer C J Mann Owner G H Storey</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 7-10-9 Form F-7 13P7 SP 125/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 38 BLACK APALACHI Vis Jockey A J McNamara (Ire) Trainer D T Hughes (Ire) Owner G Burke</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-8 Form -564420 SP 66/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 39 PHILSON RUN (Ire) Jockey D Jacob Trainer N Williams Owner Gale Force One</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 12-10-8 Form 6/84-2B SP 25/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 40 DUN DOIRE (Ire) BI Jockey R McGrath Trainer A J Martin (Ire) Owner Dunderry Racing Syndicate</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-7 Form 51P-062 SP 33/1</p>

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arguably going like the winner in 2007 were back to try again as were placed horses Mckelvey (second), Slim Pickings (third) and Philson Run (fourth). With last year's hero Silver Birch unfortunately missing through injury, the Irish still once again had a strong hand including Chelsea Harbour, the grey King Johns Castle, Snowy Morning and Point Barrow. Champion trainer Paul Nicholls had three chances with 2007 Becher Chase winner Mr Pointment along with Turko, bidding to be the first 6 year old winner since 1915, and, finally, outsider Cornish Sett.

Another trainer, like McCain, taking over the reigns and hoping to emulate his famous father in training a Grand National winner was David Pipe; father Martin having sent Minnehoma out to win, for comedian Freddie Starr, back in 1994. Having had no obvious chance of winning in 2007, this year the Somerset family were represented by recent Eider Chase winner Comply Or Die, backed all day by the betting shop public into 7/1 Joint Favourite with Cloudy Lane. The stable also had no less than four other chances with Madison Du Berlais, Vodka Bleu, Joacci and Milan Deux Mille also lining up. The other notable market move was for Champion Jockey Tony McCoy still seeking his first win in the race at his thirteenth attempt. This time he was aboard the JP McManus owned Butlers Cabin trained by Jonjo O'Neil at 12/1.

Following a heavy shower earlier in the day, the field set off in glorious sunshine at the first time of asking with No Full the first to show from Milan Deux Mille, Snowy Morning, Black Apalachi, Tumbling Dice, Idle Talk and Mr Pointment on the inside. With the field all clearing the dreaded first obstacle it was at the second that the drama began to unfold. Black Apalachi crashed down on the inside whilst Mick Fitzgerald took a horrible, and, indeed, as it would turn out, career ending fall on L'ami in the centre, bringing down Back Beat in the process. At the big ditch we lost both Tumbling Dice and Iron Man whilst at the fourth the Nigel Twiston-Davies pair of Ardagey and Fundamentalist both departed. With Comply or Die showing up early, Mr Pointment and Milan Deux Mille led them down to Bechers from

Result

1st	33. COMPLY OR DIE	25 Lengths	7/1 JF
2nd	27. KING JOHNS CASTLE	3/4 Len	20/1
3rd	16. SNOWY MORNING	Lengths	16/1
4th	12. SLIM PICKINGS	Lengths	10/1
5th	17. BEWLEYS BERRY	Lengths	12/1
6th	26. CLOUDY LANE	Lengths	7/1 JF
7th	37. NADOVER	Length	125/1
8th	24. BAILEY BREEZE	Lengths	66/1
9th	13. CHELSEA HARBOUR	Lengths	14/1
10th	28. MON MOME	Length	28/1
11th	2. HI CLOY	Length	100/1
12th	29. CORNISH SETT	Length	80/1
13th	1. HEDGEHUNTER	Length	10/1
14th	34. IDLE TALK	Length	66/1
15th	36. MILAN DEUX MILLE	Length	125/1

Off: 4.16pm**Race Time: 9 Minutes 16.6 Seconds****FENCE 2**

15. L'AMI	(Fell)	33/1
32. BACKBEAT	(Fell)	100/1
38. BLACK APALACHI	(Fell)	66/1

FENCE 3

9. IRON MAN	(UR)	50/1
31. TUMBLING DICE	(UR)	100/1



FENCE 4
8. ARDAGHEY (Fell) 100/1
10. FUNDAMENTALIST (Fell) 66/1
FENCE 6 (Bechers)
23. NO FULL (Fell) 125/1
FENCE 8 (Canal Turn)
6. MADISON DU BERLAIS (Fell) 66/1
39. PHILSON RUN (UR) 25/1
FENCE 11
18. CONTRABAND (Fell) 100/1
35. KELAMI (UR) 66/1
FENCE 17
21. POINT BARROW (PU) 25/1
FENCE 19
14. VODKA BLEU (PU) 20/1
25. BOB HALL (PU) 100/1
30. NAUNTON BROOK (PU) 66/1
FENCE 20
19. MCKELVEY (UR) 25/1
20. JOAACI (Fell) 66/1
FENCE 22 (Bechers)
11. BUTLER'S CABIN (Fell) 10/1
FENCE 25
3. KNOWHERE (UR) 66/1
5. TURKO (Fell) 33/1
7. SIMON (UR) 11/1
FENCE 27
22. D'ARGENT (Fell) 25/1
FENCE 29
40. DUN DOIRE (PU) 33/1
FENCE 30
4. MR POINTMENT (PU) 25/1

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Snowy Morning and Chelsea Harbour. No Full was the only casualty on the inside at the famous fence whilst at The Canal Turn, just two fences later, Madison Du Berlais fell and Philson Run unseated Daryl Jacob. Up the back straight Milan Deux Mille was now out in front from Mr Pointment with both D'Argent and Simon pulling their way to the front on the outside, Kelami and Contraband both fall at the eleventh as the runners turned back towards the grandstand.

All clear over The Chair and with Turko making a mistake at the water 28 runners headed out on the second circuit with Milan Deux Mille leading from Mr Pointment, Simon, D'Argent, Comply Or Die on the outside, with Idle Talk, Chelsea Harbour and Bewleys Berry all getting into it. Point Barrow pulls up at the seventeenth and as they stream down past the crowded embankments it was Mr Pointment taking it up heading towards Bechers from D'Argent and Chelsea Harbour with Tony McCoy and Butlers Cabin joining in and Comply or Die still going well on the outside. Chelsea Harbour led them over Bechers where McCoy's bogey fence struck yet again as Butlers Cabin clipped the top and toppled over when full of running. At Valentine's Chelsea Harbour had a clear lead as we lost Simon, Turko and Knowhere. With four to jump D'Argent fell and now Chelsea Harbour was joined at the head of affairs by Bewley's Berry, Snowy Morning, Mr Pointment and Comply Or Die. Turning for home with two to jump six horses were in contention, Bewley's Berry leading from Snowy Morning then Comply or Die, Slim Pickings, the weakening Chelsea Harbour and King Johns Castle making good late headway.

At the last, three horses jumped it together with Comply or Die putting in much the better jump and Timmy Murphy set off up the run in being chased by King Johns Castle and Paul Carberry, with Snowy Morning and David Casey third. This is how it finished, Murphy having stylishly ridden out the Pipe horse to record a famous personal comeback from alcoholism and a time in prison early in his career and going some way to paying back the faith shown in him by others, particularly retaining owner, David Johnson.

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