

INDEX TO THE THIRD 2015 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

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Faugheen and The New One top 23 entries for Stan James Champion Hurdle

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – **Faugheen** headlines 23 entries for the £400,000 Stan James Champion Hurdle, the highlight on the opening day of The Festival, Champion Day, Tuesday, March 10 at Cheltenham.

The unbeaten Willie Mullins-trained seven-year-old is the Evens favourite with the sponsor after extending his unbeaten record to nine in the Grade One Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

Faugheen took the Grade One Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle at The Festival last year and is bidding to follow in the hoofprints of Hardy Eustace and Istabraq, who won that prestigious race en route to Stan James Champion Hurdle glory.

Mullins, Ireland's champion Jump trainer, has six other entries including **Hurricane Fly** (14/1), who won the hurdling championship in 2011 and 2013 at The Festival and was third in between. The evergreen 11-year-old was the Stan James Champion Hurdle favourite for the fourth consecutive year when fourth last year but has returned this season with two hard-fought victories over the reigning champion **Jezki** (Jessica Harrington – 11/2) in the Grade One StanJames.com Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown in November and the Grade One Ryanair Hurdle at Leopardstown over Christmas, which took his Grade One tally to a record 21.

Jezki won a thrilling renewal of the Stan James Champion Hurdle in 2014 by a neck from My Tent Or Yours in record time.

Faugheen's owner Susannah Ricci is also responsible for star mare **Annie Power** (20/1), who was second in last year's Ladbrokes World Hurdle – her only defeat, and Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle hero **Vautour** (20/1). The Mullins team is completed by **Un De Sceaux** (14/1), who along with Vautour has embarked on a novice chasing campaign, plus the Wicklow Bloodstock Limited-owned pair of **Arctic Fire** (25/1) and **Diakali** (50/1).

The 12-strong Irish-trained entry also features last season's JCB Triumph Hurdle victor **Tiger Roll** (Gordon Elliott – 40/1) and the unexposed **Kitten Rock** (50/1). The Edward O'Grady-trained five-year-old has recorded two facile victories this season, taking the Grade Three Fishery Lane Hurdle at Navan by almost eight lengths on his comeback in November and a two-mile Listed hurdle by 14 lengths at Limerick on December 28.

O'Grady said: "I have been pleased with Kitten Rock and the plan is to run him in the Limestone Lad Hurdle at Naas on Saturday.

"You have got to be happy with what he has done so far this season. It's not easy to place a four stroke five-year-old second season novice and he looks high in the handicap, so at this stage we thought he deserved an entry in the Champion Hurdle.

"I would like to bring him to Cheltenham if he proves he is up to it. We have also put him in the World Hurdle but, if he goes to The Festival, I would prefer to run in the Champion Hurdle.

"I think he is a better horse on soft ground, but that's not to say he won't run on good ground."

The Irish-trained entries are completed by Grade Two-winning mare **Little King Robin** (Colin Bowe – 100/1) and **Plinth** (Aidan O'Brien – 100/1).

The New One (Nigel Twiston-Davies), 11/4 second favourite with Stan James, rallied strongly to finish third last year after being badly hampered. He confirmed himself as the leading British hope with an impressive

four and a half-length victory over **Vaniteux** (Nicky Henderson – 33/1) in the Grade Two StanJames.com International Hurdle at Cheltenham on December 13.

The New One, successful in the 2013 Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle at The Festival, is set to complete his preparation for the hurdling championship in the Grade Two StanJames.com Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock Park on Saturday, January 17.

Nicky Henderson is the most successful current trainer in the Stan James Champion Hurdle with five victories courtesy of See You Then (1985, 1986, 1987), Punjabi (2009) and Binocular (2010). The Lambourn handler has put in Vaniteux, third to Vautour in the 2014 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle, and Grade One Christmas Hurdle fourth **Sign Of A Victory** (50/1).

Britain's champion Jump trainer Paul Nicholls has engaged Grade One StanJames.com Fighting Fifth Hurdle victor **Irving** (50/1) and **Calipto** (66/1), while his former assistant Dan Skelton has entered **Bertimont** (66/1) and **Blue Heron** (66/1).

The entries are completed by Grade Three StanJames.com Greatwood Hurdle winner **Garde La Victoire** (Philip Hobbs – 40/1) and Grade Two scorer **Zamdy Man** (Venetia Williams – 66/1), plus the John Ferguson-trained pair of **Purple Bay** (50/1), winner of the Grade Two StanJames.com Elite Hurdle at Wincanton in November, and **Sea Lord** (66/1).

Stan James Champion Hurdle – Stan James bet: Evens Faugheen; 11/4 The New One; 11/2 Jezki; 14/1 Hurricane Fly, Un De Sceaux; 20/1 Annie Power, Vautour; 25/1 Arctic Fire; 33/1 Vaniteux; 40/1 Garde La Victoire, Tiger Roll; 50/1 Diakali, Irving, Kitten Rock, Purple Bay, Sign of A Victory; 66/1 Bertimont, Blue Heron, Calipto, Sea Lord, Zamdy Man; 100/1 Little King Robin, Plinth

About Cheltenham Racecourse

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A successful first meeting of the new season, The Showcase, took place at Cheltenham on Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18. It was revealed then that Cheltenham Racecourse, which is currently undergoing a £45-million grandstand development, occupies pride of place, in the Mayfair slot, on the new Cheltenham MONOPOLY board.

A record attendance was achieved over the three days of The Open, November 14-16, of 71,640, up 304 on the previous record at the meeting of 71,336 in 2013.

The International, staged on Friday and Saturday, December 12 & 13 attracted over 25,000 racegoers and The New One, on target for the Stan James Champion Hurdle at The Festival, won the feature StanJames.com International Hurdle in great style.

New Year's Day attracted a crowd of 30,466 and saw 2012 Stan James Champion Hurdle victor Rock On Ruby win his fourth race at the course in the Dorman Engineering Hurdle.

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Entry Statistics

Number of Entries

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
23	18	34	27	31	34	34	38	28	35	35
2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
48	44	40	47	33	41	44	50	66	24	42

Irish-trained Entries

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
12	6	10	11	7	21	15	19	17	13	12
2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
13	12	12	11	7	6	10	14	12	6	9

Stan James Champion Hurdle Facts & Figures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Champion Hurdle was inaugurated in 1927, with a value to the winner of £365. The race is worth £400,000 now, with the winning horse gaining £227,800. The race was abandoned in 1931 due to persistent frost, in 1943 and 1944 because of the Second World War, and in 2001 because of foot and mouth disease.

There have only been three sponsors of this great race. Waterford Crystal backed the championship contest from 1978 to 1990, while the Smurfit Group sponsored the top hurdle from 1991 to 2010. Stan James took over the sponsorship in 2011 and also support a series of races on the Road to Cheltenham.

BIGGEST FIELD

The highest number of runners was 24 (1964 and 1991), with the smallest field being three (1932). The first five runnings saw a total of only 24 participants between them. The current safety limit is 26.

MULTIPLE WINNERS

Five horses have won the Stan James Champion Hurdle three times - Hatton's Grace (1949, 1950, 1951), Sir Ken (1952, 1953, 1954), Persian War (1968, 1969, 1970), See You Then (1985, 1986, 1987) and Istabraq (1998, 1999, 2000).

Nine horses have recorded two victories - Insurance (1932 & 1933), National Sprit (1947 & 1948), Bula (1971 & 1972), Comedy Of Errors (1973 & 1975), Night Nurse (1976 & 1977), Monksfield (1978 & 1979), Sea Pigeon (1980 & 1981), Hardy Eustace (2004 & 2005) and Hurricane Fly (2011 & 2013). Comedy Or Errors and Hurricane Fly are the only two horses to have regained the Champion Hurdle crown.

MOST SUCCESSFUL OWNER

The most successful owner in the history of the race is J P McManus with five victories, thanks to triple winner Istabraq (1998, 1999 and 2000), Binocular (2010) and Jezki (2014).

MOST SUCCESSFUL TRAINER

Peter Easterby, who retired in 1996, and Nicky Henderson are the race's most successful trainers, with five wins each. Easterby's victories came courtesy of Saucy Kit (1967), Night Nurse (1976 and 1977) and Sea Pigeon (1980 and 1981). Nicky Henderson's five victories so far have been See You Then (1985, 1986 and 1987), Punjabi (2009) and Binocular (2010).

MOST SUCCESSFUL JOCKEY

Tim Molony won the Champion Hurdle a record four times on Hatton's Grace (1951) and Sir Ken (1952, 1953 & 1954).

A P (Tony) McCoy is the most successful current jockey with three wins aboard Make A Stand (1997), Brave Inca (2006) and Binocular (2010).

MARES

Three mares have been successful – African Sister (1939), Dawn Run (1984) and Flakey Dove (1994).

BETTING

The biggest shocks in the Stan James Champion Hurdle were provided by Kirriemuir (1965) and Beech Road (1989), who were both returned at 50/1.

At the other end of the scale, the shortest-priced winners were Lion Courage (1935), Sir Ken (1954) and Istabraq (1999), who were all 4/9 chances.

In the 84 runnings, 34 favourites (just over 40 per cent) have prevailed.

GREYS

Four greys have won, the most recent being Rooster Booster in 2003. The others were Kribensis in 1990, Our Hope in 1938 and Victor Norman in 1936. One roan horse has won the Champion Hurdle, Anzio in 1962.

AGE

The oldest winners were Hattons Grace (1951) and Sea Pigeon (1981), both 11-year-olds.

The youngest winners were the four-year-olds Brown Jack (1928), Brown Tony (1930), Seneca (1941) and Forestation (1942).

The overall age breakdown is as follows:

4yo - 4 victories
5yo - 11 victories
6yo - 30 victories
7yo - 20 victories
8yo - 8 victories
9yo - 7 victories
10yo - 2 victories
11yo - 2 victories

RECORD TIME

Jezki recorded the fastest time for the Stan James Champion Hurdle in 2014, winning in 3 minutes 45.25 seconds to eclipse the previous best of 3 minutes 48.1 seconds set by Istabraq in 2000.

RIDDEN AND TRAINED WINNER

Four winning jockeys went on to train the Champion Hurdle winner.

	RODE	TRAINED
Gerry Wilson	Lion Courage (1935)	Brains Trust (1945)
Fred Rimell	Brains Trust (1945)	Comedy Of Errors (1973 & 1975)
Fred Winter	Clair Solei (1955), Fare Times (1959)	Eborneezer (1961), Bula (1971 & 1972), Lanzarote (1974), Celtic Shot (1988)
Dessie Hughes	Monksfield (1979)	Hardy Eustace (2004 & 2005)

OVERSEAS-TRAINED WINNERS

Ireland (20): Distel (1946), Hatton's Grace (1949, 1950, 1951), Another Flash (1960), Winning Fair (1963), Monksfield (1978, 1979), For Auction (1982), Dawn Run (1984), Istabraq (1998, 1999, 2000), Hardy Eustace (2004, 2005), Brave Inca (2006), Sublimity (2007), Hurricane Fly (2011, 2013) and Jezki (2014).

The Stan James Champion Hurdle

Class 1, Grade 1, £400,000 Total Prize Fund. Cheltenham, 3.20pm, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, two miles and half a furlong. £227,800 to the winning horse, second £85,480, third £42,800, fourth £21,320, fifth £10,720 and sixth £5,360. For four-year-olds and upwards which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the senior BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and taking account of races run up to and including March 3 - horses who 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 3 would merit a minimum rating of 130 - the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 4yo: 11st 2lb; 5yo+: 11st 10lb; fillies & mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 13, entries revealed January 14 (**23 entries**). Scratchings deadline February 10, £20,000 supplementary stage & six-day confirmation stage March 4, final declaration 10.00am, March 8.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
ANNIE POWER (IRE)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
ARCTIC FIRE (GER)	6	Wicklow Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
BERTIMONT (FR)	5	Christopher Giles	Dan Skelton
BLUE HERON (IRE)	7	Horwood Harriers Partnership	Dan Skelton
CALIPTO (FR)	5	Chris Giles & Ian Fogg	Paul Nicholls
DIAKALI (FR)	6	Wicklow Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
FAUGHEEN (IRE)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
GARDE LA VICTOIRE (FR)	6	Diana Whateley	Philip Hobbs
HURRICANE FLY (IRE)	11	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
IRVING	7	Axom XLIX	Paul Nicholls
JEZKI (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Jessica Harrington IRE
KITTEN ROCK (FR)	5	J P McManus	Edward O'Grady IRE
LITTLE KING ROBIN (IRE)	7	Maria Kavanagh	Colin Bowe IRE
PLINTH (IRE)	5	J P McManus	Aidan O'Brien IRE
PURPLE BAY (IRE)	6	Bloomfields	John Ferguson
SEA LORD (IRE)	8	Bloomfields	John Ferguson
SIGN OF A VICTORY (IRE)	6	Matt & Lauren Morgan	Nicky Henderson
THE NEW ONE (IRE)	7	S Such & CG Paletta	Nigel Twiston-Davies
TIGER ROLL (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
UN DE SCEAUX (FR)	7	E O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
VANITEUX (FR)	6	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes	Nicky Henderson
VAUTOUR (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
ZAMDY MAN	6	Muhammad Nadeem Khan	Venetia Williams

23 entries

12 Irish-trained

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer

7 entries

Willie Mullins IRE – **Annie Power, Arctic Fire, Diakali, Faugheen, Hurricane Fly, Un De Sceaux, Vautour**

2 entries

John Ferguson – **Purple Bay, Sea Lord**

Nicky Henderson – **Sign Of A Victory, Vaniteux**

Paul Nicholls – **Calipto, Irving**

Dan Skelton – **Bertimont, Blue Heron**

1 entry

Colin Bowe IRE – **Little King Robin**

Gordon Elliott IRE – **Tiger Roll**

Jessica Harrington IRE – **Jezki**

Philip Hobbs – **Garde La Victoire**

Aidan O'Brien IRE – **Plinth**

Edward O'Grady IRE – **Kitten Rock**

Nigel Twiston-Davies – **The New One**

Venetia Williams – **Zamdy Man**

Stan James Champion Hurdle entries with previous Festival form

Year	Race	Pos	Jockey	SP
Annie Power (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Ladbrokes World Hurdle	2nd	Ruby Walsh	11/8f
Artic Fire (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle	2nd	David Casey	7/1
Calipto (Paul Nicholls)				
2014	JCB Triumph Hurdle	4th	Daryl Jacob	11/2f
Diakali (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2013	JCB Triumph Hurdle	4th	David Casey	10/1
2014	Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle	4th	Danny Mullins	25/1
Faugheen (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Neptune Investment Management Nov' H	1st	Ruby Walsh	6/4f
Garde La Victoire (Philip Hobbs)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	14th	Richard Johnson	33/1
Hurricane Fly (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2011	Stan James Champion Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	11/4f
2012	Stan James Champion Hurdle	3rd	Ruby Walsh	4/6f
2013	Stan James Champion Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	13/8f
2014	Stan James Champion Hurdle	4th	Ruby Walsh	11/4f
Irving (Paul Nicholls)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	9th	Nick Scholfield	7/2jf
Jezki (Jessica Harrington IRE)				
2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	8th	Robert Power	12/1
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Robert Power	5/1
2014	Stan James Champion Hurdle	1st	Barry Geraghty	9/1
Little King Robin (Colin Bowe IRE)				
2014	OLBG Mares' Hurdle	9th	Mark Walsh	100/1
Plinth (Aidan O'Brien IRE)				
2014	JCB Triumph Hurdle	12th	A P McCoy	12/1
Purple Bay (John Ferguson)				
2013	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	5th	Denis O'Regan	25/1
The New One (Nigel Twiston-Davies)				
2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	6th	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
2013	Neptune Investment Management Nov' H	1st	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2
2014	Stan James Champion Hurdle	3rd	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/3
Tiger Roll (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2014	JCB Triumph Hurdle	1st	Davy Russell	10/1
Vaniteux (Nicky Henderson)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Barry Geraghty	11/1
Vautour (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	7/2j
Zamdy Man (Venetia Williams)				
2013	Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	12th	Aidan Coleman	20/1

**Record of trainers with entries in the Stan James Champion Hurdle
(since 1994 plus any winners beforehand)**

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
Colin Bowe IRE – Little King Robin				
No previous runners				
Gordon Elliott IRE – Tiger Roll				
No previous runners				
John Ferguson – Purple Bay, Sea Lord				
No previous runners				
Jessica Harrington IRE – Jezki				
1997	3rd	Space Trucker	John Shortt	9/2
2005	5th	Macs Joy	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2006	2nd	Macs Joy	Barry Geraghty	13/2
2012	6th	Oscars Well	Robert Power	14/1
2014	1st	Jezki	Barry Geraghty	9/1
Nicky Henderson – Sign Of A Victory, Vaniteux				
1985	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	16/1
1986	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	5/6f
1987	1st	See You Then	Steve Smith Eccles	11/10f
2000	3rd	Blue Royal	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2000	7th	Katarino	Norman Williamson	25/1
2002	4th	Geos	Richard Johnson	16/1
2002	5th	Landing Light	Mick Fitzgerald	100/30
2002	12th	Regal Exit	John Kavanagh	66/1
2003	7th	Landing Light	Mick Fitzgerald	14/1
2004	PU	Geos	Mick Fitzgerald	20/1
2007	3rd	Afsoun	Mick Fitzgerald	28/1
2008	3rd	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2008	7th	Afsoun	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2009	1st	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	22/1
2009	3rd	Binocular	A P McCoy	6/4f
2009	14th	Sentry Duty	Andrew Tinkler	33/1
2010	1st	Binocular	A P McCoy	9/1
2010	3rd	Zaynar	Andrew Tinkler	15/2
2010	9th	Punjabi	Barry Geraghty	15/2
2011	3rd	Oscar Whisky	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2012	4th	Binocular	A P McCoy	4/1
2013	5th	Binocular	A P McCoy	10/1
2013	6th	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	50/1
2013	F	Grandouet	Barry Geraghty	13/2
2014	2nd	My Tent Or Yours	A P McCoy	3/1
Philip Hobbs – Garde La Victoire				
2003	1st	Rooster Booster	R Johnson	9/2
2003	6th	In Contrast	B J Geraghty	25/1
2004	2nd	Rooster Booster	R Johnson	11/8f
2005	8th	Rooster Booster	R Johnson	16/1
2007	6th	Detroit City	R Johnson	6/4f
2009	7th	Snap Tie	R Johnson	40/1
2011	5th	Menorah	R Johnson	3/1
Willie Mullins IRE – Annie Power, Arctic Fire, Diakali, Faugheen, Hurricane Fly, Un De Sceaux, Vautour				
2000	PU	Balla Sola	Conor O'Dwyer	50/1
2003	14th	Scolardy	David Casey	66/1
2003	8th	Holy Orders	Shay Barry	100/1
2004	13th	Davenport Milenium	Timmy Murphy	25/1
2008	12th	Ebaziyan	Davy Condon	33/1
2009	20th	Ebaziyan	Paul Townend	50/1

2011	1st	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	11/4f
2011	4th	Thousand Stars	Paul Townend	33/1
2012	3rd	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	4/6f
2012	8th	Zaidpour	Paul Townend	22/1
2013	1st	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	13/8f
2014	4th	Hurricane Fly	Ruby Walsh	11/4f

Paul Nicholls – Calipto, Irving

2003	9th	Santenay	Ruby Walsh	33/1
2004	8th	Rigmarole	Ruby Walsh	4/1
2009	2nd	Celestial Halo	Ruby Walsh	17/2
2010	4th	Celestial Halo	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2012	1st	Rock On Ruby	Noel Fehily	11/1
2012	5th	Zarkandar	Daryl Jacob	9/1
2012	7th	Brampour	Harry Derham	50/1
2012	9th	Celestial Halo	Harry Skelton	50/1
2013	4th	Zarkandar	Daryl Jacob	7/2
2014	6th	Ptit Zig	Daryl Jacob	28/1

Aidan O'Brien IRE – Plinth

1996	9th	Hotel Minella	Charlie Swan	10/1
1997	2nd	Theatreworld	Norman Williamson	33/1
1998	1st	Istabraq	Charlie Swan	3/1f
1998	2nd	Theatreworld	Tommy Treacy	20/1
1999	1st	Istabraq	Charlie Swan	4/9f
1999	2nd	Theatreworld	Tommy Treacy	16/1
2000	1st	Istabraq	Charlie Swan	8/15f
2000	9th	Theatreworld	Tommy Treacy	12/1
2002	PU	Istabraq	Charlie Swan	2/1f

Edward O'Grady IRE – Kitten Rock

2005	9th	Back In Front	Ruby Walsh	7/2j
2008	6th	Catch Me	Ruby Walsh	10/1
2010	8th	Jumbo Rio	Andrew McNamara	50/1

Dan Skelton – Bertimont, Blue Heron

No previous runners

Nigel Twiston-Davies – The New One

1997	8th	Moorish	David Bridgwater	100/1
1997	10th	Mistinguett	Carl Llewellyn	33/1
1998	5th	Kerawi	Carl Llewellyn	25/1
1998	6th	Mistinguett	Chris Maude	40/1
1999	12th	Upgrade	Chris Maude	66/1
1999	4th	Mister Morose	Carl Llewellyn	100/1
2010	2nd	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	7/1
2011	9th	Khyber Kim	Paddy Brennan	12/1
2002	8th	Mister Morose	Carl Llewellyn	100/1
2014	3rd	The New One	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/3

Venetia Williams – Zamdy Man

1996	7th	Boro Eight	Richard Johnson	100/1
1999	7th	Bellator	Norman Williamson	50/1
2004	12th	Limerick Boy	Sam Thomas	16/1

Stan James Champion Hurdle Results

2014-WINNER-JEZKI 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-9/1
2ND-My Tent Or Yours 7-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-3/1
3RD-The New One 6-11-10 Owner-Sarah Such; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Sam Twiston-Davies; SP-10/3
9 ran, Time-3m 45.25s (new record); Dist-nk, 2½ 11/4 Fav Hurricane Fly (4th)

2013-WINNER- HURRICANE FLY 9-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-13/8 Fav
2ND-Rock On Ruby 8-11-10 Owner-The Festival Goers; Trainer-Harry Fry; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-11/2
3RD-Countrywide Flame 5-11-10 Owner-Estio Pinnacle Racing; Trainer-John Quinn; Jockey-Denis O'Regan; SP-16/1
9 ran, Time-3m 59.35s; Dist-2½, 1¾

2012-WINNER-ROCK ON RUBY 7-11-10 Owner-The Festival Goers; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-11/1
2ND-Overtun 8-11-10 Owner-Tim Leslie; Trainer-Donald McCain; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-20/1
3RD-Hurricane Fly 8-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/6 Fav
10 ran, Time-3m 50.10s; Dist 3¾, 1¾

2011-WINNER-HURRICANE FLY 7-11-10 Owner-George Creighton & Rose Boyd; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/4 Fav
2ND-Peddlers Cross 6-11-10 Owner-Tim Leslie; Trainer-Donald McCain; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-9/2
3RD-Oscar Whisky 6-11-10 Owner- Walters Plant Hire Ltd; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-7/1
11 ran, Time-3m 53.71s; Dist 1¼, 5

2010-WINNER-BINOCULAR 6-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-9/1
2ND-Khyber Kim 8-11-10 Owner-Caroline Mould; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-7/1
3RD-Zaynar 5-11-10 Owner- Men In Our Position; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Andrew Tinkler; SP-15/2
12 ran, Time-3m 53.80s; Dist-3½, 6 11/4 Fav Go Native (10th)

2009-WINNER-PUNJABI 6-11-10 Owner-Raymond Tooth; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-22/1
2ND-Celestial Halo 5-11-10 Owner-The Stewart Family; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-17/2
3RD-Binocular 5-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-A P McCoy; SP-6/4 Fav
23 ran, Time-4m 0.90s; Dist- nk, hd

2008-WINNER-KATCHIT 5-11-10 Owner-D S J P Syndicate; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-10/1
2ND-Osana 6-11-10 Owner-Thomas Barr; Trainer-David Pipe; Jockey-Tom Scudamore; SP-9/2
3RD-Punjabi 5-11-10 Owner-Raymond Tooth; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-25/1
15 ran, Time-4m 8.10s; Dist-1, 5 2/1 Fav Sizing Europe (14th)

2007-WINNER-SUBLIMITY 7-11-10 Owner-Bill Hennessy; Trainer-John Carr IRE; Jockey-Philip Carberry; SP-16/1
2ND-Brave Inca 9-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/2
3RD-Afsoun 5-11-10 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-28/1
10 ran, Time-3m 55.70s; Dist-3, nk 6/4 Fav Detroit City (6th)

2006-WINNER-BRAVE INCA 8-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-7/4 Fav
2ND-Macs Joy 7-11-10 Owner-Mac's J Racing Syndicate; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-13/2
3RD-Hardy Eustace 9-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-11/2
18 ran. Time-3m 50.00s; Dist-1, 3½

2005-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE 8-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-7/2 Jt Fav
2ND-Harchibald 6-11-10 Owner-Des Sharkey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-7/1
3RD-Brave Inca 7-11-10 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Barry Cash; SP-10/1
14 ran, Time-3m 51.50s; Dist-nk, nk 7/2 Jt Fav Back In Front (9th)

2004-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE 7-11-10 Owner-Lar Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-33/1
2ND-Rooster Booster 10-11-10 Owner-Terry Warner; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-11/8 Fav
3RD-Intersky Falcon 7-11-10 Owner-Interskyracing.com & Jacqui O'Neill; Trainer: Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Liam Cooper; SP-8/1
14 ran, Time-3m 54.50s; Dist-5, 4

2003-WINNER-ROOSTER BOOSTER 9-12-00 Owner-Terry Warner; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-9/2
2ND-Westender 7-12-00 Owner-Matt Archer & Jean Broadhurst; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Rodi Greene; SP-33/1
3RD-Rhinestone Cowboy 7-12-00 Owner-Sue Magnier; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-5/2 Fav
17 ran, Time-3m 54.70s; Dist-11, 3

2002-WINNER-HORS LA LOI III 7-12-00 Owner-Paul Green; Trainer-James Fanshawe; Jockey-Dean Gallagher; SP-10/1
2ND-Marble Arch 6-12-00 Owner-Martin Wilson, Rory Sweet and Mary Wilson; Trainer-Hughie Morrison; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-25/1
3RD-Bilboa 5-11-09 Owner-Jorg Vasicek; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Thierry Doumen; SP-14/1
15 ran, Time-3m 53.80s; Dist- 3, ½ 2/1 Fav Istabraq (pu)

Stan James Champion Hurdle Roll Of Honour

(Stan James Champion Hurdle from 2011, Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle 2006-2010, Smurfit Champion Hurdle 1991-2005, Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle 1978-1990, no sponsor before 1978). No race 2001, 1931, 1943, 1944.

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Rn
2014	Jezki	6-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Jessica Harrington IRE	J P McManus	9/1	9
2013	Hurricane Fly	9-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	13/8F	9
2012	Rock On Ruby	7-11-10	Noel Fehily	Paul Nicholls	The Festival Goers	11/1	10
2011	Hurricane Fly	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	George Creighton & Rose Boyd	11/4F	11
2010	Binocular	6-11-10	A P McCoy	Nicky Henderson	J P McManus	9/1	12
2009	Punjabi	6-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Raymond Tooth	22/1	23
2008	Katchit	5-11-10	Robert Thornton	Alan King	D S J P Syndicate	10/1	15
2007	Sublimity	7-11-10	Philip Carberry	John Carr IRE	Bill Hennessy	16/1	10
2006	Brave Inca	8-11-10	Tony McCoy	Colm Murphy IRE	Novices Syndicate	7/4F	18
2005	Hardy Eustace	8-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Dessie Hughes IRE	Lar Byrne	7/2JF	14
2004	Hardy Eustace	7-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Dessie Hughes IRE	Lar Byrne	33/1	14
2003	Rooster Booster	9-12-00	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Terry Warner	9/2	17
2002	Hors La Loi III	7-12-00	Dean Gallagher	James Fanshawe	Paul Green	10/1	15
2000	Istabraq	8-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	8/15F	12
1999	Istabraq	7-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	4/9F	14
1998	Istabraq	6-12-00	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	3/1F	18
1997	Make A Stand	6-12-00	A P McCoy	Martin Pipe	Peter Deal	7/1	17
1996	Collier Bay	6-12-00	Graham Bradley	Jim Old	Wally Sturt	9/1	16
1995	Alderbrook	6-12-00	Norman Williamson	Kim Bailey	Ernie Pick	11/2	14
1994	Flakey Dove	8-11-09	Mark Dwyer	Richard Price	John Price	9/1	15
1993	Granville Again	7-12-00	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Eric Scarth	13/2	18
1992	Royal Gait	9-12-00	Graham McCourt	James Fanshawe	Sheikh Mohammed	6/1	16
1991	Morley Street	7-12-00	Jimmy Frost	Toby Balding	Michael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd	4/1F	24
1990	Kribensis	6-12-00	Richard Dunwoody	Michael Stoute	Sheikh Mohammed	95/40F	19
1989	Beech Road	7-12-00	Richard Guest	Toby Balding	Tony Geake	50/1	15
1988	Celtic Shot	6-12-00	Peter Scudamore	Fred Winter	David Horton	7/1	21
1987	See You Then	7-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	11/10F	18
1986	See You Then	6-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	5/6F	23
1985	See You Then	5-12-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Stype Wood Stud Ltd	16/1	14
1984	Dawn Run	6-11-09	Jonjo O'Neill	Paddy Mullins IRE	Charman Hill	4/5F	14
1983	Gaye Brief	6-12-00	Richard Linley	Mercy Rimell	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	7/1	17
1982	For Auction	6-12-00	Mr Colin Magnier	Michael Cunningham IRE	F Heaslip	40/1	14
1981	Sea Pigeon	11-12-00	John Francome	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	7/4F	14
1980	Sea Pigeon	10-12-00	Jonjo O'Neill	Peter Easterby	Pat Muldoon	13/2	9
1979	Monksfield	7-12-00	Dessie Hughes	Des McDonogh IRE	Dr Michael Mangan	9/4F	10
1978	Monksfield	6-12-00	Tommy Kinane	Des McDonogh IRE	Dr Michael Mangan	11/2	13
1977	Night Nurse	6-12-00	Paddy Broderick	Peter Easterby	Reg Spencer	15/2	10
1976	Night Nurse	5-12-00	Paddy Broderick	Peter Easterby	Reg Spencer	2/1F	8
1975	Comedy Of Errors	8-12-00	Ken White	Fred Rimell	Ted Wheatley	11/8F	13
1974	Lanzarote	6-12-00	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Lord Howard de Walden	7/4	7
1973	Comedy Of Errors	6-12-00	Bill Smith	Fred Rimell	Ted Wheatley	8/1	8
1972	Bula	7-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	8/11F	12
1971	Bula	6-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	15/8F	9
1970	Persian War	7-12-00	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	5/4F	14
1969	Persian War	6-12-00	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	6/4F	17
1968	Persian War	5-11-12	Jimmy Uttley	Colin Davies	Henry Alper	4/1	16
1967	Saucy Kit	6-12-00	Roy Edwards	Peter Easterby	K F Alder	100/6	23
1966	Salmon Spray	8-12-00	Johnnie Haine	Bob Turnell	Bob John Rogerson	4/1	17
1965	Kirriemuir	5-12-00	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs Dorothy Beddington	50/1	19
1964	Magic Court	6-12-00	Pat McCarron	Tommy Robson	J McGhie	100/6	24
1963	Winning Fair	8-12-00	Mr Alan Lillingston	George Spencer IRE	George Spencer	100/9	21
1962	Anzio	5-11-12	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Sir Thomas Ainsworth	11/2	14
1961	Eborneezer	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Dr B N Pajgar	4/1	17
1960	Another Flash	6-12-00	Bobby Beasley	Paddy Sleator IRE	J J Byrne	11/4F	12
1959	Fare Time	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Gerry Judd	13/2	14
1958	Bandalore	7-12-00	George Slack	Stan Wright	Mrs Dorothy Wright	20/1	18
1957	Merry Deal	7-12-00	Grenville Underwood	Arthur Jones	Arthur Jones	28/1	16
1956	Doorknocker	8-12-00	Harry Sprague	Charlie Hall	Clifford Nicholson	100/9	14
1955	Clair Soleil	6-12-00	Fred Winter	Ryan Price	Gerry Judd	5/2F	21
1954	Sir Ken	7-12-00	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	4/9F	13
1953	Sir Ken	6-12-00	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	2/5F	7
1952	Sir Ken	5-11-12	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	3/1F	16
1951	Hatton's Grace	11-12-00	Tim Molony	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	4/1	8
1950	Hatton's Grace	10-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	5/2F	12
1949	Hatton's Grace	9-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	100/7	14
1948	National Spirit	7-12-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Len Abelson	6/4F	12
1947	National Spirit	6-12-00	Danny Morgan	Vic Smyth	Len Abelson	7/1	13
1946	Distel	5-11-10	Bobby O'Ryan	Charlie Rogers IRE	Dorothy Paget	4/5F	8
1945	Brains Trust	5-11-10	Fred Rimell	Gerry Wilson	F Blakeway	9/2	16
1942	Forestation	4-11-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Vic Smyth	10/1	20
1941	Seneca	4-11-00	Ron Smyth	Vic Smyth	Sir Malcolm McAlpine	7/1	6
1940	Solford	9-12-00	Sean Magee	Owen Anthony	Dorothy Paget	5/2F	8
1939	African Sister	7-12-00	Keith Piggott	Charles Piggott	H Brueton	10/1	13
1938	Our Hope	9-12-00	Perry Harding	Roderic Gubbins	Roderic Gubbins	5/1	5
1937	Free Fare	9-12-00	Georges Pellerin	Ted Gwilt	Ben Warner	2/1F	7
1936	Victor Norman	5-11-00	Frenchie Nicholson	Morgan Blair	Michael Stephens	4/1	8
1935	Lion Courage	7-12-00	Gerry Wilson	F Brown	R Fox Carlyon	100/8	11
1934	Chenango	7-12-00	Danny Morgan	Ivor Anthony	Pete Bostwick	4/9F	5
1933	Insurance	6-12-00	Billy Stott	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	10/11F	5
1932	Insurance	5-12-00	Ted Leader	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	4/5F	3
1930	Brown Tony	4-11-00	Tommy Cullinan	Jack Anthony	Mrs J de Selincourt	7/2	5
1929	Royal Falcon	6-12-00	Dick Rees	Bob Gore	Miss Williams-Bulkeley	11/2	6
1928	Brown Jack	4-11-00	Bilby Rees	Aubrey Hastings	Major Harold Wernher	4/1	6
1927	Blaris	6-12-00	George Duller	Bill Payne	Mrs H Hollins	11/10F	4