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## **1<sup>st</sup> International Jumps Weekend**

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November 2005

Auteuil Racecourse

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◆ **Spectacular races featuring the best steeplechasers and hurdlers in Europe  
at the 1<sup>er</sup> International Jumps Weekend**

A real festival of jumps racing, the 1<sup>st</sup> International Jumps Weekend on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November at Auteuil Racecourse is the season's second biggest meeting after the Gras Savoye Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris. Offering over 2 million euros in prize money, it boasts an exceptional card of 6 Group races, including 4 Group 1s: one on the Saturday, the **Grand Prix d'Automne** and three on the Sunday, the **Prix Maurice Gillois**, the **Prix Cambacérés** and the legendary **Prix La Haye Jusselin**, which is the Grand Steeplechase of the autumn.

The weekend of 8 hurdles and 7 steeplechase races has been specially created in order to highlight the **spectacular side to jumps racing**, a real French speciality, and to showcase regions with strong equestrian traditions and authentic values, particularly the Centre and Grand Ouest, cradles of distinction for those distinguished jumpers, the non-thoroughbreds.

The **Prix la Haye Jusselin** is the showpiece event of the second half of the jumps racing season, with total prizemoney of €400,000, some €180,000 of which is pocketed by the winner. This year, "the guest of honour" will be the legendary *Al Capone II*, who won the event a staggering eight times in a row (from 1993 to 1999).

One of jumps racing's great classics, the Prix la Haye Jusselin is one of the most spectacular events of the season. Reserved for the cream of steeplechasers, its **5,500-m course is punctuated with 22 jumps**, the most imposing of which is the "rail-ditch and fence", or "*Judge of Peace*": for if they are to clear its 4.10-m width and height of 1.60 m, the horses have to summon up a mammoth 8-metre jump ...

In addition, an **official jumping competition on Shetland Ponies**, open to Ile de France federation members, will bring together 60 champions on a Derby course dotted with a dozen obstacles similar to those in Three-Day Eventing (Information: [www.ffe.com](http://www.ffe.com)).

All sports enthusiasts and families who love the spectacle of horse-racing will be hotfooting it to Auteuil Racecourse to attend this new and original Parisian event on the edge of the Bois de Boulogne where "the Horse & Mother Nature" reign supreme. The 1<sup>st</sup> International Jumps Weekend equals two days of top-level jumping contested by the top European competitors and where the horse that wins the 119<sup>th</sup> edition of the Prix La Haye Jusselin will be crowned "best steeplechaser."

**Jumps racing: a breathtaking spectacle that's not to be missed!**



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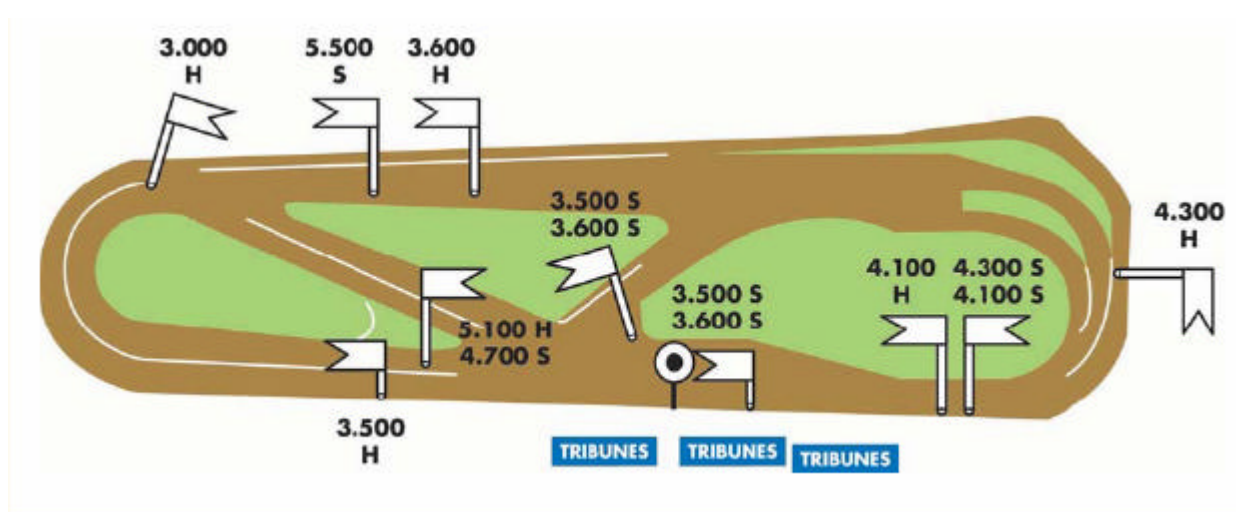
## Jumps racing: a French speciality

The 1<sup>st</sup> Jumps Racing Weekend offers an exceptional card of unrivalled diversity with all categories represented, allowing the cream of each discipline to strut their stuff at Auteuil Racecourse, a true “temple of jumps racing.”

These two big days will bring together all the major players from the world of jumps racing... the thoroughbred owners and breeders, the non-thoroughbred breeders (the non-thoroughbred stud book, adopted in February 2005, is proving an extremely useful tool for the development and international promotion of the breed and therefore of French jumps racing). Furthermore, numerous European professionals and supporters from the Mayenne and Haute Normandie regions also flock to Auteuil to take part in this great festival of jumps racing

Auteuil numbers among the few racecourses in the world devoted exclusively to jumps racing. At its first meeting in 1873, three races took place under the driving rain, watched by 4,270 paying spectators. One year later, the Parisian race track hosted its first international meeting, the French Grand National (the future Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris), which was won by the English filly, Miss Hungerford. Since then, Auteuil, known as “the temple of jumps racing” in France, has acquired international renown. It seemed altogether natural therefore that, in addition to its 42 meetings staged from March to June and September to December, the International Weekend should also be added to its calendar.

The racecourse offers 25 possible courses, nine of them on a hurdles track of between 3,000 and 5,100 metres, plus sixteen on 3 steeplechase tracks ranging from 3,400 to 5,800 metres. The highly varied obstacles include the bull finch, double barrier, oxer, open ditches, stone wall, stream, mound, and, infamously, the rail ditch and fence or “judge of peace”, which requires an enormous 8-metre leap.





## The Trials for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Jumps Weekend

The trials for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Jumps Weekend have helped build the excitement ahead of the big event at the start of November:

The **Prix Carmarthen**, a Group 3 hurdles race reserved for 5-year-olds + and run over 4,100 metres is, after the Prix de Compiègne, the second trial for the **Grand Prix d'Automne** (Group 1). This year, it was won by the **Sean Mulryan**-owned **Sunspot**, trained by **Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé**, who pipped **Gold Magic** at the post courtesy of a breathtaking final spurt.

After the race, **Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé** declared: *“He should have run a few days ago, but he had a minor leg inflammation so I didn’t want to take any risks. Nevertheless, I was confident with him: I knew he was capable of dominating a field of hurdlers like this.”*

The **Prix Georges de Talhouet-Roy**, a Group 2 hurdles race over 3,600 metres reserved for 3-year-olds, is the only group trial event for the Group 1 **Prix Cambacères**. Consequently, an international field of eight young hurdlers lined up, and it was the English-trained **Tidal Fury**, the leader from start to finish, who claimed victory from the **Francois Doumen**-trained **King Foraday** in what was only his fourth outing.

After the race, his jockey **Sebastien Leloup** said *“Tidal Fury is a really promising horse. Since the first time I rode him in April when winning the Prix Grandak at Auteuil, he has kept on improving. I didn’t hesitate to push him harder and go faster and faster because he is really strong and jumps so well.”*

The **Prix Héros XII**, a 4,400-metre Group 3 steeplechase for 5-year-olds and over, is the sole autumn trial for the Group 1 **Prix La Haye-Jousselin**. The race was won by the **John Dawson Cotton** gelding **Golden Flight** from **Sleeping Jack** and **L’Ami**, who finished second and third respectively.

Guillaume Macaire, the winner’s trainer, stated after the race, *“At four, we took it very gradually with Golden Flight: the aim of each race was to teach him his job. He is a high-quality horse, that’s why it’s been worth taking our time with him. The ground should be heavier in November than it was this weekend, which suits him . . .”*

The **Prix Orcada**, the last trial for the **Prix Maurice Gillois** (Group 1), is a 4,100-metre Group 3 steeplechase reserved for 4-year-olds. **Kadabelle**, a French-trained filly, triumphed in the event, ahead of **Polivalente**, owned by **Sean Mulryan** (also the owner of **Kiko**, winner of the previous trial, the Prix Edmond Barrachin). **Ramses Bleu**, despite having led for a long period, eventually finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*“I knew that Kadabelle was able to challenge at this level, but I was a bit afraid of the ground. It will be easier for her on heavy ground and her next target is the Prix Maurice Gillois”* said Jean-Yves Artu.



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## Card and Prize Money for Saturday 5 November 2005

Start of Operations: 13:15 – 1<sup>st</sup> race at 13:45

### *Order of races to be confirmed*

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Prix Fondeur</b> 4,100 m – Steeplechase - €65,000, €31,200 to winner For 5-year-olds.	<b>13:45</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Prix Bournosienne</b> 3,600 m – Hurdles - <b>Group 3</b> - €125,000, €56,250 to winner For 3-year-old fillies  <i>Race reserved exclusively for 3-year-old fillies of very high quality</i>	<b>14:15</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Prix Congress</b> 3,500 m – Steeplechase – <b>Group 2</b> - €170,000, €76,500 to winner For colts and fillies aged 3 years.  <i>Steeplechasers' final and only Group race for 3-year-olds</i>	<b>14:50</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix Marc Antony</b> 3,900 m – Hurdles – Listed - €75,000, €36,000 to winner For colts and fillies aged 4 years.  <i>Handicap event, a Quinté+ race</i>	<b>15:20</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>105<sup>th</sup> Prix de France</b> 4,100 m - Steeplechase -amateur riders – €46,000, €22,080 to winner For all horses aged 5 and over.  <i>Competing in and winning this steeplechase at “the temple of jumps racing” remains the main target of the season for these amateur riders</i>	<b>15:50</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grand Prix d'Automne</b> 4,800 m – Hurdles - <b>Group 1</b> – €300,000, €135,000 to winner For all horses aged 5 and over.  <i>Second Group I race of the season reserved for the best of the older hurdlers. Autumn equivalent of the Grande Course de Haies run at Auteuil in June.</i>	<b>16:20</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix de Beaugency</b> 3,600 m – Hurdles – Auction sale - €40,000, €19,200 to winner For colts and fillies aged 4 years.  <i>A new and original race as, after this last race of the day, all the horses entered in the sale pass through the ring, in conjunction with Goffs France and the Agence Française.</i>	<b>16:50</b>



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## Card and Prize Money for Sunday 6 November 2005

Start of operations: 13:15 – 1<sup>st</sup> race at 13:45

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Prix Ketch</b> 3,600 m – Hurdles – Listed - €75,000, €36,000 to winner Handicap for colts and fillies aged 3 years.	<b>13:45</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Prix Cambacérès (Hurdle race for 3 year-olds)</b> 3,600 m – Hurdles – <b>Group 1</b> - €250,000, €112,500 to winner For colts and fillies aged 3 years. <i>Final for the top 3-year-old hurdlers.</i>	<b>14:15</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Prix Cacao</b> 4,300 m – Steeplechase - €75,000, €36,000 to winner For horses aged 5 and over. <i>Handicap event, race supporting the Quinté+ for older horses.</i>	<b>14:50</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix La Haye Jouselin</b> 5,500 m – Steeplechase – <b>Group 1</b> - €400,000, €180,000 to winner For horses aged 5 and over. <i>The showpiece event of the second half of the jumps racing season bringing together the cream of the jumpers, most of whom will have taken part in the Gras Savoye Grand Steeplechase de Paris.</i>	<b>15:20</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix Maurice Gillois (Grand Steeplechase des 4 ans)</b> 4,400 m – Steeplechase - <b>Group 1</b> - €300,000, €135,000 to winner For colts and fillies aged 4 years. <i>Final for the best 4-year-old steeplechasers, autumn equivalent of the Prix Ferdinand Dufaure (end of May).</i>	<b>15:55</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix Claude Le Lorrain</b> 4,100 m – Hurdles – €44,000, €21,120 to winner For horses aged 5 and over. <i>Race reserved for older horses who cannot access the Group races.</i>	<b>16:25</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix Elisa</b> 3,500 m – Steeplechase - €46,000, €22,080 to winner For non-thoroughbred fillies and mares aged 4 and 5. <i>Trial for the Prix Nupsala reserved for 4-year-olds (4<sup>th</sup> December), their first meeting with male counterparts.</i>	<b>16:55</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prix Aladdin</b> 3,600 m – Hurdles - €44,000, €21,120 to winner For fillies and mares aged 4 and 5. <i>Race reserved for fillies and mares making a gradual transition to the jumps racing discipline</i>	<b>17:25</b>



**The “Four for One”,**  
A special “1<sup>st</sup> International Jumps Weekend” offer

The “Four for One” operation, a promotional offer introduced by France Galop to mark the 1st International Jumps Weekend, is aimed at making the event an attractive and fun meeting for racing aficionados and newcomers alike.

The principle of the “**Four for One**” is simple: if you pay an extra 1 euro on top of the full entry price for the Saturday or Sunday, which is 3 euros, France Galop will give you a **betting voucher for an amount of 4 euros\***... A small incentive to help you get acquainted with all the thrills jumps racing has to offer!

\* offer reserved for persons aged over 18.

<b>Entry:</b>	3 euros on Saturday and Sunday. Half-price (on production of ID) for students, the over-60s and FFE members. Free for women and under-18s.
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## Practical Information

### Gates open at 9:30

#### Free Activities

- Merry-go-round.
- Introduction to pony riding, for ages 3 to 10.
- “Jockey Sensation” zone
- Popcorn and candy floss stand (free for children).
- Tasting and sale of foie gras and wines, tasting of chocolate fondue.
- Groups playing Celtic music.
- Snacks for the kids.
- Visit to the jumps.
- Betting Village (Introduction to Betting for adults).
- Entertainment from the PMU truck with a tombola each day and numerous gifts.
- Museum & Video Library Space (access free – open on race days):  
exhibition on the theme of “The Bouquet Festival” and Jumps Racing in the different French regions.

#### Services

- Reception-Information kiosk (opposite main entrance) - - Hire of binoculars – Souvenir shop.

#### Restaurants (Reservations: Indigo No. 08 25 03 01 01)

- **Restaurant Panoramique:** gourmet cuisine with €110-euro menu (champagne & wine included)
- Rapid restaurant service at the **Grand Bar.**

**Gourmet stalls** selling crêpes, waffles and confectionery.

#### Getting to Auteuil (Route des Lacs – Paris 11<sup>th</sup> district)

- **Metro:** “Porte d’Auteuil - Hippodrome” (line 10).
- **Bus:** “Porte d’Auteuil”. PC 1, 52, 123 (every day) - 32, 241 (excluding Sundays and public holidays)
- **Access by car:** Ring road, Porte d’Auteuil exit – Car park €2

#### Tickets and Pricing

Entry: €3.

€1.50 for over-60s, students and FFE members on presentation of ID.

Free for under-18s.

[www.francebillet.com](http://www.francebillet.com) – [www.fnac.com](http://www.fnac.com) [www.carrefourspectacles.com](http://www.carrefourspectacles.com)

From Fnac, Carrefour, Géant Casino, etc... In Paris: Printemps, Bon Marché, Paris Tourism Office  
**or on the day at the racecourse entrance.**

#### The Site (Guy-Hubert de La Rochethulon, Site Director)

- Car park capacity: 2,000 vehicles
- Surface area: 33 hectares, including 18 h of track
- 2,418-m hurdles course
- 9 courses between 3,000 and 5,100 m long
- Two steeplechase tracks, exterior 2,239 m, interior 2,166 m
- 16 courses of between 3,400 and 5,800 m
- Figure of eight track
- Numerous jumps, such as the bull finch, double barrier, oxer, small medium and large open-ditch, rail ditch and fence, stone wall, the figure of eight and stands streams, mound, and the brook.

#### Live television broadcasts:

- **On Canal+**, broadcast of the race supporting the Quinté + at 14:50, Saturday & Sunday.
- **On Equidia**, from 12:45 to 18:45.

**Information: 0821 213 213**

(Timetables and Services – €0.12 per min from a fixed line) [www.france-galop.com](http://www.france-galop.com)



## Winners' List for the last 20 editions of the Prix La Haye Jousselin

The **Prix la Haye Jousselin** (Group 1) was created by the **Société des Steeplechases de France** in 1880 and will be held for the 119<sup>th</sup> time on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Auteuil.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Jockey</b>
2004	TURGOT	Madame Magalen Bryant	Jehan Bertran de Balanda	Laurent Métais
2003	BATMAN SENORA	Georges Polinski	Ian Williams	Cyrille Gombeau
2002	SUNNY FLIGHT	Patrick Boiteau	Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé	Philippe Sourzac
2001	EL PASO III	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Laurent Métais
2000	FIRST GOLD	Marquise de Moratalla	François Doumen	Thierry Doumen
1999	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1998	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1997	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1996	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1995	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1994	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1993	AL CAPONE II	Robert Fougedoire	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1992	UCELLO II	Marquise de Moratalla	François Doumen	Christophe Aubert
1991	TITO L'EFFRONTÉ	Jean Dasque	Jean Dasque	Bruno Jollivet
1990	THE FELLOW	Marquise de Moratalla	François Doumen	Adam Kondrat
1989	KATKO	Comte Pierre de Montesson	Bernard Sécly	Jean-Yves Beaurain
1988	OTEUIL SF	Madame Raymond Saulais	René Cherruau	Bruno Jollivet
1987	AVEU DE KERVERO	Carlos Lerner	Carlos Lerner	Jacques Morin
1986	OTAGE DU PERCHE	Philippe Lamotte d'Argy	Philippe Lamotte d'Argy	Serge Bérard
1985	LE PONTIF	Madame René Cherruau	René Cherruau	Bruno Jollivet



## **The Prix La Haye Jouselin**

### **A 5,500-metre course with 22 Jumps**

Start in front of the Stands Stream, right-hand bend

**1. 1<sup>st</sup> Hurdle - Height 1.10 m - Width 2.60 m.**

This jump is formed by synthetic briar brushes.

**2. Double Barrier - Height 1.65 m - Width 1.70 m.**

The experienced horses know that this hedge jump, made up of privet surrounded by a barrier of three white bars with foam padding, must be partly skimmed and not totally cleared. Debutants have a tendency to try to jump it at height without “skimming”.

**3. Hurdle - Height 1.10 m - Width 2.60 m.**

Jump with characteristics identical to No. 1.

**4. Stands Stream - Height 1.00 m - Width 5.50 m**

A jump that is formidable in appearance, yet simple to negotiate. The horse simply needs to take it at sufficient speed to make a **leap of over eight metres**. Newcomers tend to hesitate briefly in apprehension, while experienced horses approach and jump the obstacle in one smooth movement. The difficulty lies in making the right landing, sometimes resulting in falls or slight stumbles.

**5. Pavilion Hurdle - Height 1.10 m - Width 2.60 m.**

Jump situated at the level of the old Pavilion Stand and with characteristics identical to No. 1.

**6. Auteuil bend hurdle - Height 1.10 m - Width 2.60 m.**

Jump identical to No. 1.

**7. Mound - Height 1.35 m - Width 3.15 m**

This obstacle made of earth, topped with small briar brushes, requires the horses to raise their shoulders in order to make a real leap. Horses that skim the top risk falling.

**8. The Brook - Height 0.80 m - Width 3.25 m**

This jump is a sloping wooden barrier overhanging a small stream and requiring a sizeable 4-metre leap.

**9. Large Open Ditch - Height 1.50 m - Width 3.70 m**

Between the Brook and the Large Open Ditch, the horses cover a distance of approximately 300 m on the flat, enabling them to gather the speed required to negotiate this jump, the toughest on the course. Its double privet hedge surrounds a natural briar hurdle, giving the jump a distinctive two-tone appearance.

**10. Stone wall - Height 1.10 m - Width 2.20 m**

An unforgiving obstacle on account of its material, it must be crossed without any contact to avoid coming a cropper.

**11. Hurdle - Height 1.10 m – Width 2.60 m.**

Already jumped (no. 1).

**12. Double barrier - Height 1.65 m - Width 1.70 m. (2<sup>nd</sup> time)**

Jump already taken (no.2).

**13. Hurdle - Height 1.10 m – Width 2.60 m.**

Jump identical to No. 1.

**14. Stands Stream - Height 1.00 m - Width 5.50 m (2<sup>nd</sup> time)**

Jump already negotiated (no.5). The degree of difficulty is identical, but as the horses have now taken 13 jumps and are at midway point, fatigue begins to come into play.

**15. Pavilion hurdle - Height 1.10 m – Width 2.60 m (2<sup>nd</sup> time)**

Jump identical to No. 5).

**Medium sized track**

**16. Small Open-Ditch - Height 1.30 m - Width 3.15 m**

Situated at the Auteuil bend, this jump is made up of three thicknesses of synthetic briar brushes which precede a white barrier. The jockey absolutely must negotiate the bend well in order to tackle this jump in optimum fashion.

**External track**

**17. Earth mound - Length 42 m – Entry hurdle 0.80 m – Exit hurdle 1.00 m**

This mound surrounded by privet hedges should logically be a formality, but horses can, at this stage, be showing signs of fatigue and lacking impetus.

**18. Rail Ditch and Fence or “Judge of Peace” - Height 1.60 m – Width 4.10 m**

After the Earth Mound, the horses again run 300 metres on the flat before tackling the trickiest jump on the course, formed by a 2-metre-wide ditch and a natural briar hedge 1.60 metres high and 1.50 metres thick. The Rail Ditch and Fence is part of the “legend” of Auteuil, as it is truly the most formidable of all the jumps. In order to successfully negotiate this giant, the jockey must give his full attention to his mount. The jump requires a **leap of 5 metres** combining power and speed, and is the key strategic obstacle on the course (**hence its nickname, “the Judge of Peace”**) after which the pace of **the race accelerates, everyone goes for broke and all tactics are revealed.**

**19. The Medium Open-Ditch - Height 1.40 m - Width 3.70 m**

The horses need to summon up the legs and wind required to tackle another “monster” already. Following on from the Large Open Ditch, a double hurdle of privet surrounds a natural briar hedge, giving the jump a two-tone appearance. Considerable effort is needed to overcome this obstacle, regarded by the jockeys, at this stage of the race, as one of the most testing, particularly as it leaves not the slightest room for error.

**20. Hurdle - Height 1.10 m – Width 2.60 m. (3<sup>rd</sup> time)**

Jump already taken (1 & 11)

**21. Double Barrier - Height 1.65 m - Width 1.70 m (3<sup>rd</sup> time, still left-hand bend)**

Jump already taken (nos.2 and 12)

**22. Final Hurdle Height 1.10 m – Width 2.60 m (3<sup>rd</sup> time)**

A jump already taken (3 & 13), this is the final obstacle before crossing the finish line, after covering 5,800 metres and negotiating 22 obstacles. The risk of falling looms large at this apparently straightforward final hurdle.