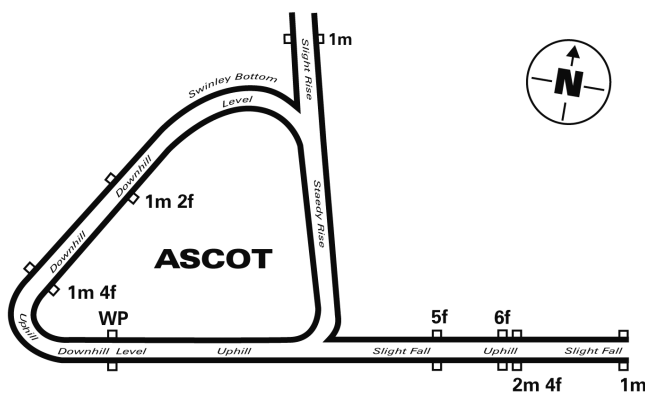


# CHARACTERISTICS OF RACECOURSES

The following A-Z guide covers all racecourses in England, Scotland and Wales that stage racing over the flat. The map of each racecourse is accompanied by a thumbnail sketch of its characteristics, and statistics on the most successful trainers at each course over a five-year period. Also provided is the address and telephone number of each course.

## ASCOT

Fundamentally, the characteristics of Ascot remain unchanged by the redevelopment undertaken in 2005, though the straight mile course has been moved back forty-two metres, slightly altering the position of the winning post. In addition, the racing surface on both the straight and round course is new, and the road crossings have been removed. The Ascot round course is a right-handed, triangular circuit of around fourteen furlongs, with a run-in of 2½ furlongs. There is a straight mile course, over which the Royal Hunt Cup is run, and the Old mile course which joins the round course in Swinley Bottom. All races shorter than a mile are decided on the straight course. From the mile-and-a-half starting gate the round course runs downhill to the bend in Swinley Bottom, where it is level, then rises steadily to the turn into the straight, from where it is uphill until less than a furlong from the winning post, the last hundred yards being more or less level. The straight mile is slightly downhill from the start and then rises to the five-furlong gate, after which there is a slight fall before the junction with the round course. Despite the downhill run into Swinley Bottom and the relatively short run-in from the final turn, the Ascot course is galloping in character; the turns are easy, there are no minor surface undulations to throw a long-striding horse off balance, and all races are very much against the collar over the last half mile. The course is, in fact, quite a testing one and very much so in soft going, when there is a heavy premium on stamina. In such circumstances races over two miles to two and three quarter miles are very severe tests.



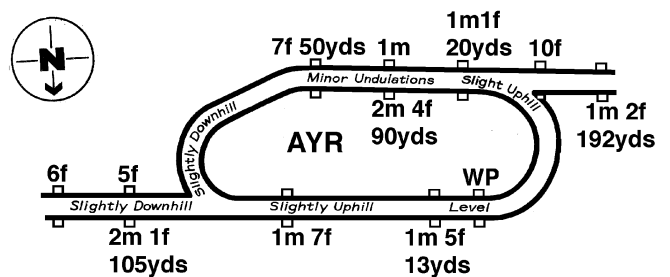
Royal Enclosure, Ascot SL5 7JN  
Telephone: (01344) 874567

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	38	194	20
Sir Michael Stoute	22	142	15
R. Hannon	21	244	9
M. P. Tregoning	17	61	28
Saeed bin Suroor	17	89	19
J. H. M. Gosden	16	121	13
A. P. O'Brien, Ireland	11	91	12
M. R. Channon	10	190	5
J. R. Fanshawe	9	61	15
T. G. Mills	9	72	13

## AYR

The Ayr round course is a left-handed, oval track, about twelve furlongs in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. Eleven-furlong races start on a chute, which joins the round course after about a furlong. There is a straight six-furlong course of considerable width. The course is relatively flat, but there are gentle undulations throughout, perhaps more marked in the straight. It has a good surface and well-graded turns, and is a fair track.



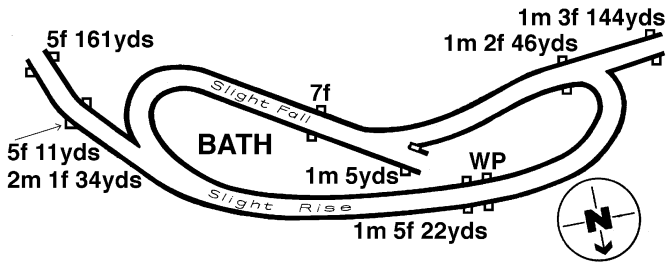
Ayr Racecourse, Whitletts Road, Ayr KA8 0JE  
Telephone: (01292) 264179

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	36	172	21
J. S. Goldie	25	344	7
I. Semple	24	197	12
Miss L. A. Perratt	21	295	7
M. R. Channon	16	128	13
R. A. Fahey	15	125	12
A. Bailey	15	152	10
B. W. Hills	13	54	24
D. Nicholls	13	193	7
K. A. Ryan	11	99	11

## BATH

The Bath round course is a left-handed, elongated oval track, just over a mile and a half in extent, with a run-in of nearly half a mile. There is an extension for races over five furlongs and five furlongs and 161 yards. The run-in bends to the left, and is on the rise all the way. The track generally is galloping rather than sharp.



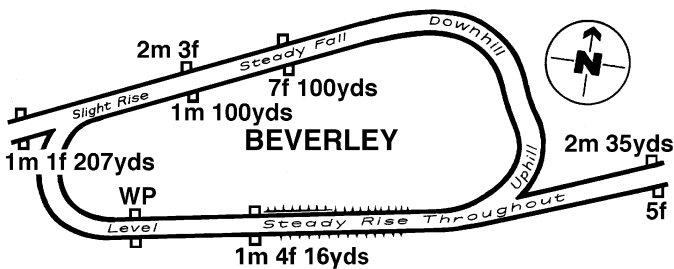
Bath Racecourse, Lansdown, Bath  
Telephone: (01225) 424609

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. R. Channon	30	199	15
R. Hannon	22	168	13
A. M. Balding	18	97	19
J. M. Bradley	18	305	6
B. W. Hills	15	109	14
R. Charlton	13	52	25
J. L. Dunlop	12	71	17
M. P. Tregoning	11	35	31
Sir Michael Stoute	11	38	29
R. J. Hodges	11	128	9

## BEVERLEY

The Beverley round course is a right-handed, oval track, just over a mile and three furlongs in extent, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. The five-furlong track bends right at halfway. The general galloping nature of the track is modified by the downhill turn into the straight and the relatively short run-in. The five-furlong course is on the rise throughout, and so is rather testing even in normal conditions; in soft going it takes some getting, particularly for two-year-olds early in the season.



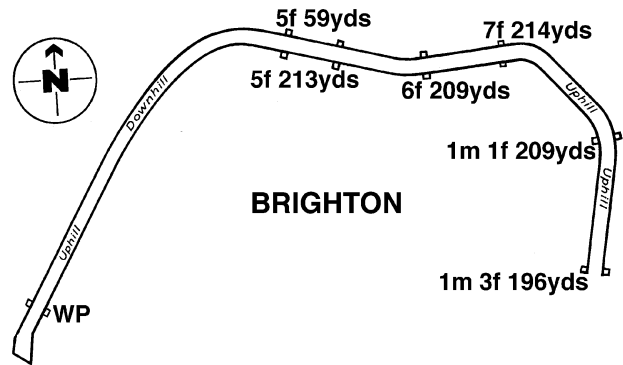
Beverley Racecourse, York Road,  
Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 8QZ  
Telephone: (01482) 867488

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	44	414	11
R. A. Fahey	37	192	19
M. Johnston	33	174	19
K. A. Ryan	21	106	20
D. Nicholls	16	143	11
M. R. Channon	15	71	21
M. W. Easterby	14	267	5
M. L. W. Bell	12	44	27
B. Smart	12	129	9
J. S. Wainwright	12	230	5

## BRIGHTON

The Brighton course takes the shape of an extended 'U' and is around twelve furlongs in length. The first three furlongs are uphill, following which there is a slight descent followed by a slight rise to about four furlongs from home; the track then runs more sharply downhill until a quarter of a mile out, from where it rises to the last hundred yards, the finish being level. The run-in is about three and a half furlongs, with a marked camber towards the inside of the track, and there is no straight course. This is essentially a sharp track. While the turns are easy enough, the pronounced gradients make Brighton an unsuitable course for big, long-striding horses and resolute gallopers. Handy types are much more at home on the course. There are no opportunities for long-distance plodders at Brighton.



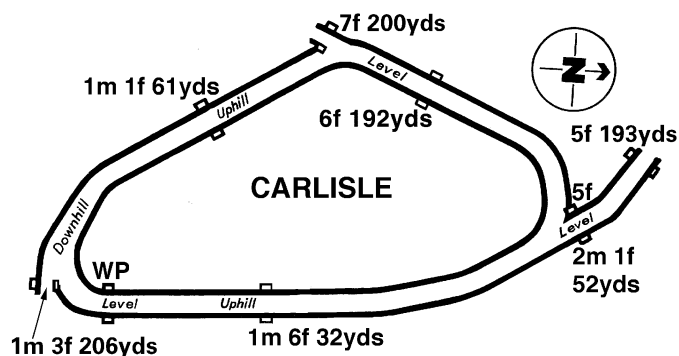
Brighton Racecourse, Brighton, Sussex BN2 2XZ  
Telephone: (01273) 603580

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	29	185	16
N. A. Callaghan	22	93	24
M. R. Channon	22	169	13
G. L. Moore	18	203	9
J. M. Bradley	18	271	7
I. A. Wood	17	131	13
Sir Mark Prescott	16	47	34
Miss B. Sanders	15	52	29
J. L. Dunlop	13	75	17
Andrew Reid	13	99	13

## CARLISLE

Carlisle is a right-handed, pear-shaped course, just over a mile and a half in extent, with a run-in of a little more than three furlongs. The six-furlong course, of which the five-furlong course is a part, the mile course, and the mile-and-a-half course start on three separate off-shoot extensions. For the first three furlongs or so the course runs downhill, then rises for a short distance, levelling out just beyond the mile post. From there until the straight course is flat, apart from minor undulations. The six-furlong course, which bears right soon after the start, and again at the turn into the straight, is level for two furlongs, then rises fairly steeply until over a furlong out, from which point it is practically level. The track is galloping in character, and the six-furlong course is a stiff test of stamina for a two-year-old.



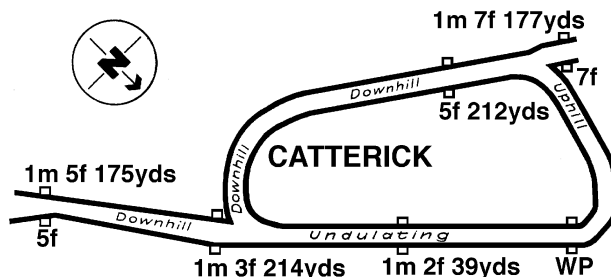
The Racecourse, Durdar Road, Carlisle CA2 4TS  
Telephone: (01228) 554700

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	18	62	29
R. A. Fahey	14	92	15
A. Berry	9	146	6
M. R. Channon	8	35	23
M. Dods	8	65	12
D. Nicholls	8	72	11
Sir Mark Prescott	7	18	39
T. D. Barron	7	65	11
T. D. Easterby	7	110	6
B. Smart	6	48	13

## CATTERICK BRIDGE

The Catterick round course is a left-handed, oval track, measuring just under nine furlongs, with a run-in of three furlongs. The five-furlong course bears left before and at the junction with the round course. From the seven-furlong starting gate the round course is downhill almost all the way, and there is a sharp turn on the falling gradient into the straight. The five-furlong course is downhill throughout, quite steeply to start with, and less so thereafter. Catterick is an exceedingly sharp track with pronounced undulations of surface, and it is therefore a difficult course for a big, long-striding animal. Experience of the track counts for a great deal, and jockeyship is of great importance.



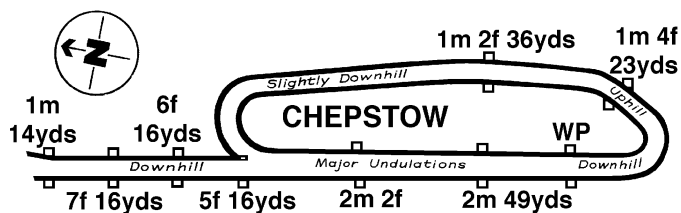
The Racecourse, Catterick Bridge, Richmond,  
North Yorkshire, DL10 7PE  
Telephone: (01748) 811478

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	28	116	24
D. Nicholls	23	185	12
T. D. Easterby	19	192	10
M. R. Channon	10	64	16
K. A. Ryan	10	90	11
R. A. Fahey	10	99	10
T. D. Barron	9	112	8
Sir Mark Prescott	8	36	22
M. Dods	8	60	13
J. J. Quinn	8	78	10

## CHEPSTOW

The Chepstow round course is a left-handed, oval track, about two miles in extent, with a run-in of five furlongs. There is a straight mile course, over which all races up to a mile are run. The round course has well-marked undulations, and the straight course is generally downhill and level alternately as far as the run-in, thereafter rising sharply for over two furlongs, and then gradually levelling out to the winning post. Notwithstanding the long run-in and general rise over the last five furlongs, this is not an ideal galloping track because of the changing gradients.



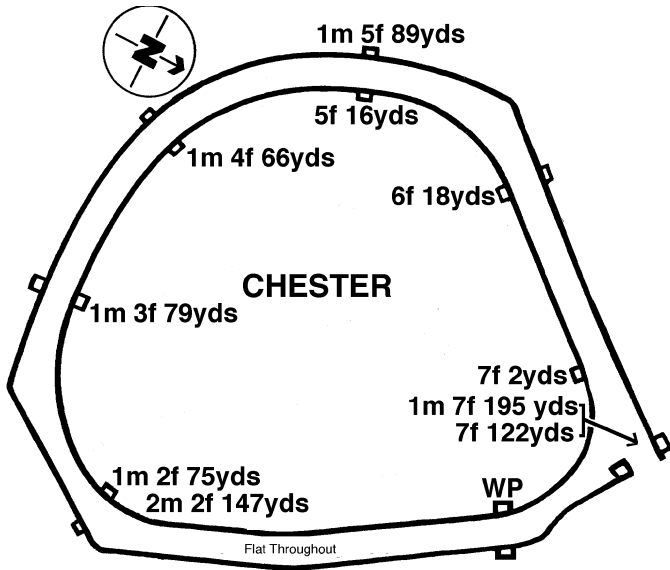
Chepstow Racecourse, Chepstow  
Monmouthshire NP6 5YH  
Telephone: (01291) 622260

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
P. D. Evans	22	155	14
B. Palling	20	120	17
E. A. L. Dunlop	13	41	32
R. Hannon	13	168	8
J. M. Bradley	12	267	4
B. J. Meehan	11	45	24
J. L. Dunlop	11	45	24
M. R. Channon	10	117	9
R. Charlton	9	31	29
A. W. Carroll	9	92	10

## CHESTER

Chester is a left-handed, circular course, only a few yards over a mile round, the smallest circuit of any flat-race course in Great Britain. It is quite flat and on the turn almost throughout, and the run-in is less than two furlongs in length. Apart from extreme distance events, such as the Chester Cup and other two-and-a-quarter-mile races, the course is against the long-striding, resolute galloper and greatly favours the handy type.



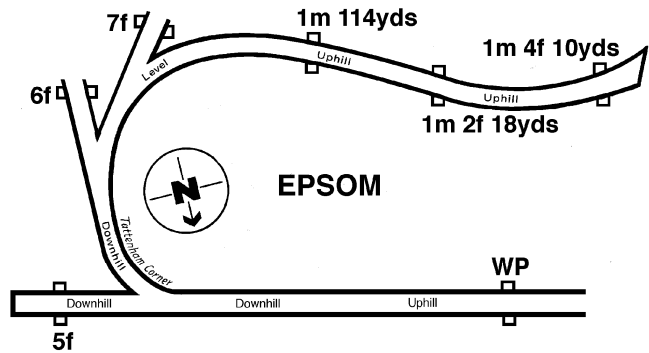
Chester Race Co Ltd, The Racecourse,  
Chester, CH1 2LY  
Telephone: (01244) 304600

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
B. W. Hills	31	135	23
Sir Michael Stoute	13	48	27
D. Nicholls	13	98	13
P. F. I. Cole	12	60	20
R. A. Fahey	12	73	16
W. M. Brisbourne	12	120	10
G. A. Butler	10	40	25
A. Berry	10	179	6
J. H. M. Gosden	8	32	25
R. Hannon	8	52	15

## EPSOM

Epsom is a left-handed, U-shaped course, one and a half miles in extent. The Derby course is decidedly uphill for the first half-mile, level for nearly two furlongs and then quite sharply downhill round the bend to Tattenham Corner and all the way up the straight until approaching the final furlong, from where there is a fairish rise to the winning post. The run-in is less than four furlongs. The seven-furlong and six-furlong courses start on tangential extensions. The five-furlong course is quite straight and sharply downhill to the junction with the round course. Races over one and a half miles can be testing if the pace over the first uphill four furlongs is strong, as it frequently is in the Derby. Otherwise the track is not really testing in itself, and races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp indeed, the sprint courses being the fastest in the world. Owing to its bends, camber and pronounced downhill gradients Epsom favours the handy type: big horses sometimes handle the course well enough, but cumbersome horses, long-striding gallopers, or those with pronounced 'knee-action' are often not suited by it and are frequently quite unable to act upon it, especially when the going is firm or hard. Any hesitation at the start or slowness into stride results in considerable loss of ground over the first furlong in sprint races. For this reason Epsom is no course for a green and inexperienced two-year-old, slow to realise what is required.



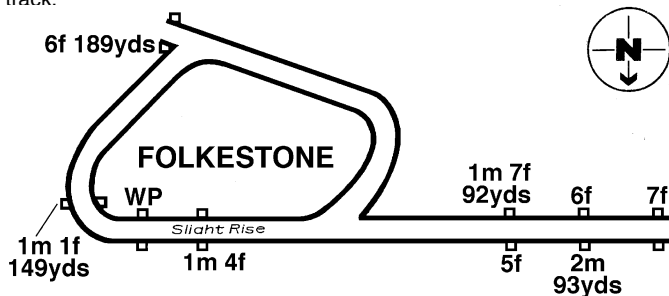
The Racecourse, Epsom Downs, Surrey, KT18 5LQ  
Telephone: (01372) 726311

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
D. Nicholls	18	114	16
R. Hannon	18	146	12
M. Johnston	15	93	16
J. L. Dunlop	14	57	25
M. R. Channon	13	131	10
S. C. Williams	9	32	28
Saeed bin Suroor	9	44	20
G. L. Moore	9	71	13
S. Dow	9	104	9
N. A. Callaghan	8	47	17

## FOLKESTONE

The Folkestone round course is a right-handed, pear-shaped track, about ten and a half furlongs in extent, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. There is a straight seven-furlong course. There is a short run to the first relatively sharp bend in races over a mile and a half. The course is undulating, with the last part slightly on the rise, but notwithstanding its width and the uphill finish, it is by no means a galloping track.



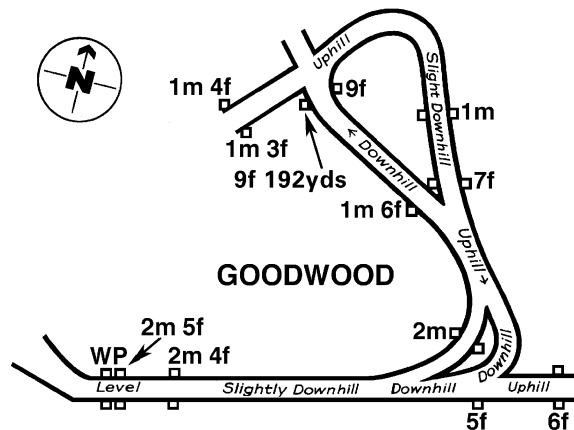
Folkestone Racecourse, Westenhanger, Hythe, Kent  
Telephone: (01342) 831720

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	14	85	16
M. R. Channon	12	88	14
Mrs A. J. Perrett	11	58	19
J. R. Best	10	86	12
Sir Mark Prescott	9	25	36
M. L. W. Bell	9	54	17
P. F. I. Cole	8	44	18
J. M. Bradley	7	107	7
B. W. Hills	6	31	19
P. D. Evans	6	31	19

## GOODWOOD

The Goodwood track consists of a nearly straight six-furlong course, with a triangular right-handed loop circuit. Races over two miles five furlongs are started by flag near the winning post: the horses run the reverse way of the straight, branch left at the first or lower bend, go right-handed round the loop and return to the straight course via the top bend. Races over distances down to one and a half miles are also run on this course. Over distances between seven furlongs and eleven furlongs all running is done in the direction of the finish, with all but the mile-and-a-quarter races using the lower bend. Although there is a five-furlong run-in from the top bend, the turns and, more specially, the pronounced downhill gradients from the turn, make Goodwood essentially a sharp track, favouring the active, handy, fluent-mover rather than the big, long-striding horse. This is of lesser importance in long-distance races, where the emphasis is on sound stamina, and of great importance in the shorter-distance races, particularly in sprints and especially when the going is on top. The five-furlong course is one of the fastest in the country.



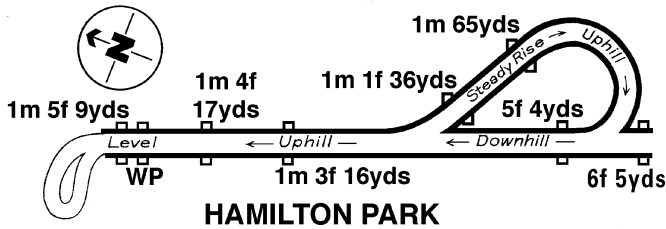
Goodwood Racecourse Ltd, Goodwood, Chichester,  
Sussex PO18 0PX  
Telephone: (01243) 755022

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	37	457	8
J. H. M. Gosden	29	153	19
M. R. Channon	29	304	10
M. P. Tregoning	27	117	23
M. Johnston	25	179	14
J. L. Dunlop	25	211	12
Sir Michael Stoute	23	104	22
D. R. C. Elsworth	22	147	15
Mrs A. J. Perrett	22	213	10
Saeed bin Suroor	20	78	26

## HAMILTON PARK

The Hamilton Park track is a perfectly straight six-furlong course, with a pear-shaped, right-handed loop, the whole being a mile and five furlongs in extent from a start in front of the stands, round the loop and back to the winning post. The run-in is five furlongs. The turns are very easy, and the course is undulating for the most part, but just over three furlongs from the winning post there are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow, followed by a severe hill to the finish.



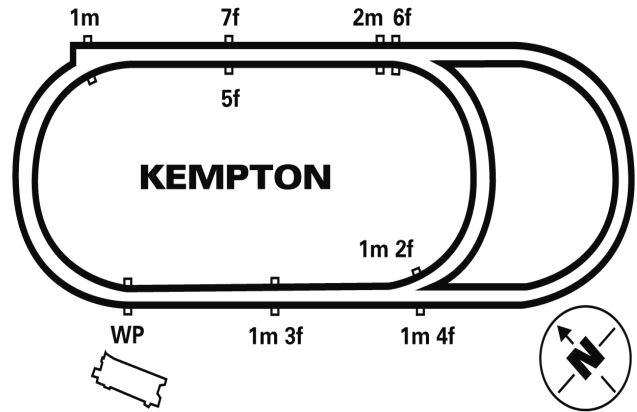
Hamilton Park Racecourse Co Ltd, Bothwell Road,  
Hamilton, Lanarkshire ML3 0DW  
Telephone: (01698) 283806

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	35	197	18
I. Semple	28	224	13
T. D. Barron	23	118	19
R. A. Fahey	22	127	17
M. R. Channon	17	74	23
Miss L. A. Perratt	15	291	5
D. Nicholls	14	103	14
J. S. Goldie	14	228	6
E. J. Alston	12	70	17
K. R. Burke	12	81	15

## KEMPTON PARK

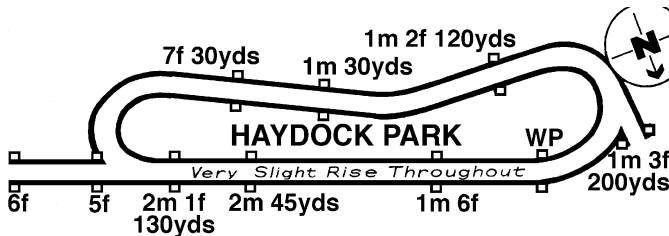
Kempton's all-weather track opened in March 2006, replacing the turf course. In common with the all-weather tracks in use at Lingfield and Wolverhampton, the surface is polytrack. Kempton is a flat, right-handed, oval-shaped course with two loops, the shorter circuit approximately a mile round, the outer one approximately a mile and a quarter. Races over five furlongs and a mile and a quarter are run round the first turn with a finishing straight of approximately two furlongs, the straight approximately two and a half furlongs on the outer course. Over both five and six furlongs, there is a relatively short run to the first bend, which may favour those drawn high. Races over a mile and a quarter start on a bend.



Kempton Park Racecourse, Sunbury-on-Thames,  
Middlesex TW16 5AQ  
Telephone: (01932) 782292

## HAYDOCK PARK

Haydock Park is a left-handed, oval-shaped course, about thirteen furlongs round, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs (with a slight rise throughout), and a straight six-furlong course. Races of one and a half miles start on an extension to the round course. Haydock is rather galloping in character.



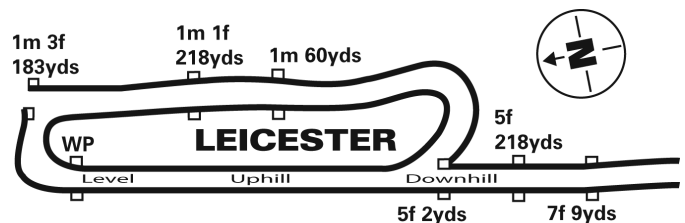
Haydock Park Racecourse,  
Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside WA12 0HQ  
Telephone: (01942) 725963

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	29	174	17
T. D. Easterby	24	307	8
M. A. Jarvis	23	97	24
J. H. M. Gosden	22	93	24
M. R. Channon	18	119	15
B. W. Hills	18	124	15
Sir Michael Stoute	15	53	28
W. J. Haggas	14	51	27
R. Hannon	14	109	13
H. R. A. Cecil	13	33	39

## LEICESTER

The Leicester round course is a right-handed, oval track, about a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs. The straight course, on which all races of up to seven furlongs are run, is mainly downhill to halfway, then rises gradually for over two furlongs, finishing on the level. The track is galloping. For two-year-olds early in the season it poses a test of stamina.



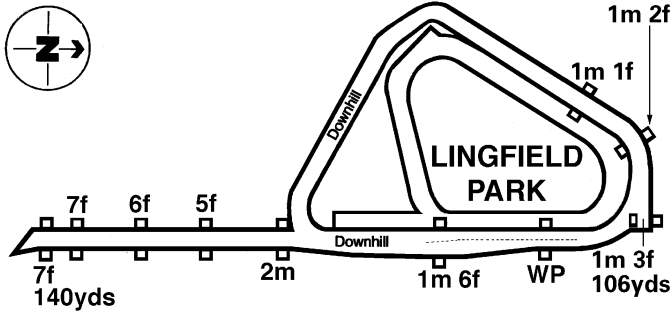
Leicester Racecourse, Oadby, Leicester LE2 3QH  
Telephone: (0116) 2716515

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	22	186	12
J. R. Fanshawe	19	73	26
Sir Michael Stoute	19	88	22
M. Johnston	19	92	21
J. L. Dunlop	16	152	11
Saeed bin Suroor	12	35	34
P. F. I. Cole	12	75	16
M. R. Channon	12	129	9
M. A. Jarvis	11	77	14
E. A. L. Dunlop	10	90	11

# LINGFIELD PARK

**Turf**—The Lingfield Park round course is a left-handed loop of about a mile and a half, which intersects the straight of seven furlongs and 140 yards nearly half a mile out. For nearly half its length the round course is quite flat, then rises with easy gradients to the summit of a slight hill, after which there is a downhill turn to the straight. The straight course has a considerable downhill gradient to halfway, and is slightly downhill for the rest of the way. The straight course is very easy, and the track as a whole is sharp, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, and making relatively small demands upon stamina, though this does not, of course, apply to races over two miles. The mile-and-a-half course, over which the Derby Trial and the Oaks Trial are run, bears quite close resemblance to the Epsom Derby course.



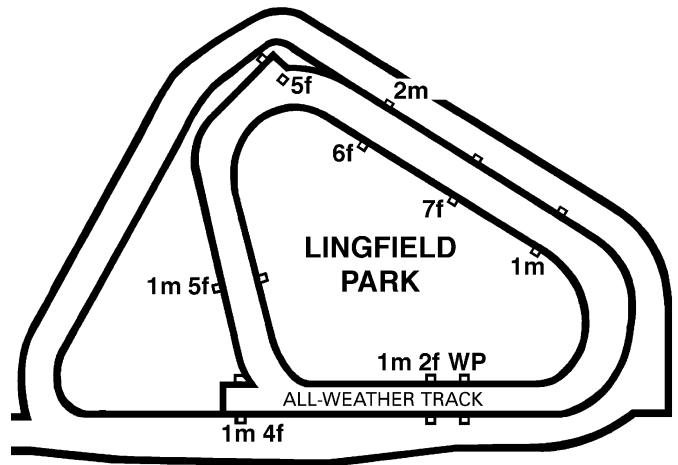
Lingfield Park Racecourse Ltd, Lingfield, Surrey  
RH7 6PQ  
Telephone: (01342) 831720

## Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	23	182	13
J. L. Dunlop	16	80	20
Mrs A. J. Perrett	10	46	22
B. R. Millman	10	60	17
Rae Guest	9	41	22
Sir Michael Stoute	8	30	27
B. J. Meehan	8	53	15
W. R. Muir	8	86	9
R. Charlton	7	29	24
N. A. Callaghan	7	30	23

# LINGFIELD PARK

**All-Weather**—The all-weather track is laid out inside the turf track, following much the same line in the straight and the back straight then turning sharply for home at the top corner, so that it is only a mile and a quarter in extent. There is no straight sprint course, the fields at five furlongs and six furlongs having two bends to negotiate and the emphasis being very much on speed. The polytrack surface, which replaced the original equitrack surface, was first used in November 2001.



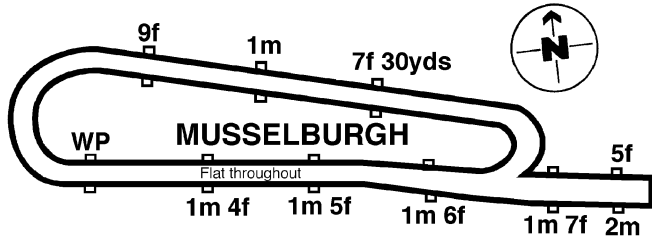
Lingfield Park Racecourse Ltd, Lingfield, Surrey  
RH7 6PQ  
Telephone: (01342) 831720

## AW - Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
G. L. Moore	81	640	13
G. A. Butler	68	357	19
Andrew Reid	56	441	13
N. P. Littmoden	54	547	10
R. Hannon	44	390	11
B. J. Meehan	35	241	15
J. Nosedá	34	147	23
J. R. Best	34	315	11
C. E. Brittain	32	261	12
T. G. Mills	31	159	19

## MUSSELBURGH

The Musselburgh (Edinburgh) round course is a right-handed, oval track, over a mile and a quarter in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. There is a straight five-furlong course. The track is flat, with slight undulations and a gentle rise from over a furlong out to the winning post. The turns at the top end of the course and into the straight are very sharp, and handiness and adaptability to negotiate the bends is of the utmost importance. The big, long-striding, cumbersome horse is at a distinct disadvantage on the round track, especially in races at up to a mile and a half, but to a lesser extent in races over longer distances.



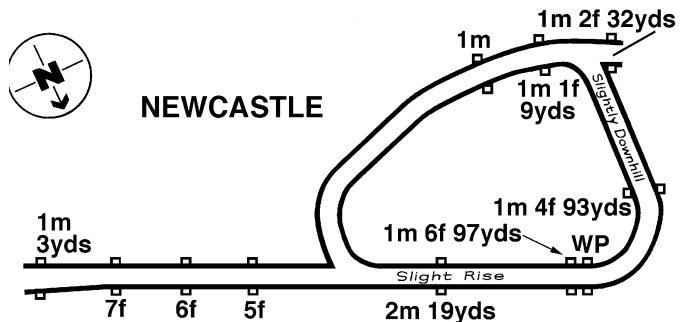
Musselburgh Racecourse, Linkfield Road, Musselburgh,  
E. Lothian EH21 7RG  
Telephone: (0131) 6652859

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	36	152	24
A. Berry	28	309	9
D. Nicholls	17	143	12
J. S. Goldie	17	246	7
I. Semple	15	181	8
K. R. Burke	14	114	12
M. R. Channon	13	75	17
T. D. Easterby	12	83	14
K. A. Ryan	12	86	14
Sir Mark Prescott	11	25	44

## NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is a left-handed, oval-shaped course of one mile six furlongs in circumference. There is also a straight course, over which races at up to a mile can be run. The course is decidedly galloping in character, and a steady climb from the turn into the straight makes it a testing track, particularly for two-year-olds early in the season. Ability to see the distance out thoroughly is most important.



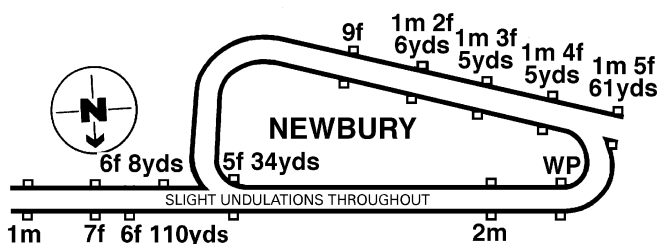
High Gosforth Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 5HP  
Telephone: (0191) 2362020

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	25	271	9
M. R. Channon	20	85	24
M. Johnston	19	151	13
R. A. Fahey	15	155	10
W. J. Haggas	13	48	27
D. Nicholls	13	159	8
B. Ellison	12	106	11
J. J. Quinn	12	114	11
M. L. W. Bell	11	46	24
Sir Mark Prescott	10	38	26

## NEWBURY

The Newbury round course is a left-handed, oval track, about a mile and seven furlongs in extent, with a run-in of nearly five furlongs. There is a straight mile course, which is slightly undulating throughout, though notwithstanding that, this is a galloping track.



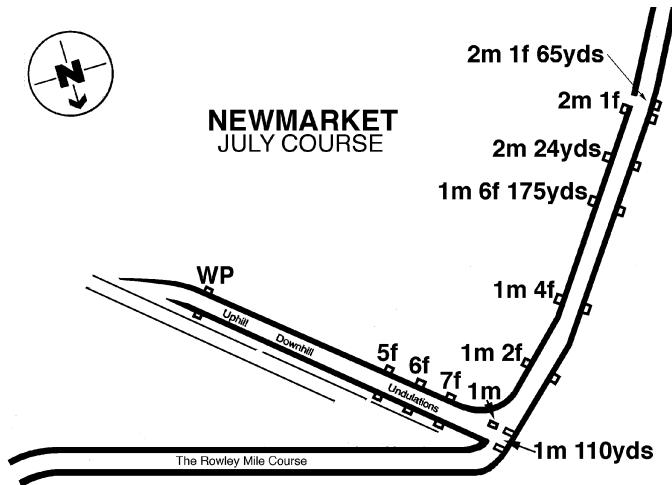
The Racecourse, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 7NZ  
Telephone: (01635) 40015

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	44	512	9
J. H. M. Gosden	35	225	16
B. W. Hills	27	276	10
M. R. Channon	27	347	8
J. L. Dunlop	24	217	11
M. P. Tregoning	23	130	18
B. J. Meehan	21	232	9
Sir Michael Stoute	19	109	17
R. Charlton	16	118	14
M. Johnston	14	89	16

## NEWMARKET (Summer July Course)

The Newmarket Summer (July) Course is two miles and a furlong in extent, with a right-handed bend at halfway, the first mile being part of the Cesarewitch course, and the last the straight Bunbury Mile. The course runs generally downhill to a sharp rise just before the turn. There are undulations for the first three quarters of a mile of the straight, then the course runs downhill for a furlong and uphill for the last furlong to the winning post. This is a galloping track, ideal for the big, long-striding horse, except for the descent into the dip, which is more than counterbalanced by the final hill. Ability to see the trip out thoroughly is essential.



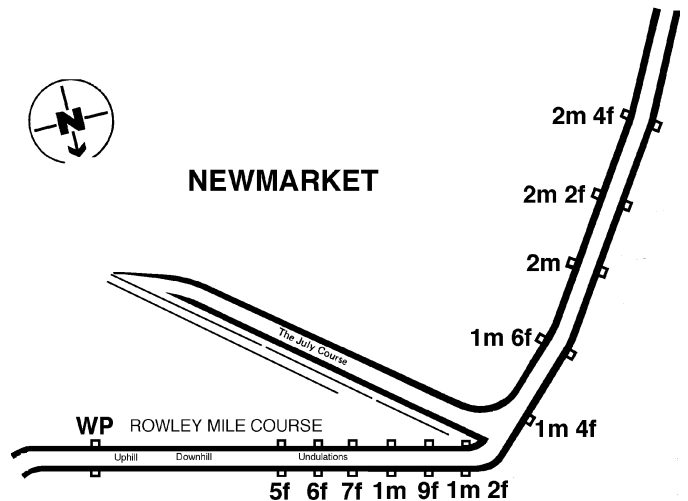
Westfield House, The Links, Newmarket, Suffolk  
CB8 0TG  
Telephone: (01638) 663482

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	29	279	10
J. L. Dunlop	28	180	16
Sir Michael Stoute	25	141	18
B. W. Hills	22	168	13
J. R. Fanshawe	21	133	16
N. A. Callaghan	20	176	11
R. Charlton	17	66	26
Saeed bin Suroor	16	89	18
J. Nosedá	15	96	16
J. H. M. Gosden	15	100	15

## NEWMARKET (Rowley Mile Course)

The Cesarewitch course is two and a half miles in extent, with a right-handed bend at halfway, the last mile and a quarter being the straight Across the Flat. From the Cesarewitch start the course runs generally downhill to a sharp rise just before the turn. There are undulations throughout the first mile of the straight, then the course runs downhill for a furlong to the Dip, and uphill for the last furlong to the winning post. This is an exceedingly wide, galloping track, without minor irregularities of surface, so it is ideal for the big, long-striding horse, except for the descent into the Dip, which is more than counterbalanced by the final hill. Ability to see the trip out thoroughly is essential.



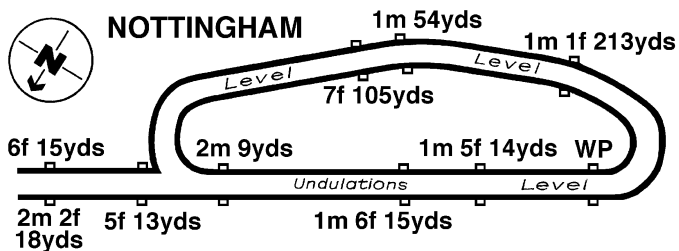
Westfield House, The Links, Newmarket, Suffolk  
CB8 0TG  
Telephone: (01638) 663482

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
B. W. Hills	44	354	12
J. H. M. Gosden	38	167	23
Sir Michael Stoute	36	257	14
J. L. Dunlop	33	320	10
R. Hannon	33	386	9
D. R. C. Elsworth	24	150	16
M. Johnston	24	179	13
Saeed bin Suroor	20	144	14
M. R. Channon	20	256	8
Mrs A. J. Perrett	19	135	14

# NOTTINGHAM

The Nottingham round course is a left-handed, oval track, about a mile and a half in extent, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs. There is a straight six-furlong course. The course is flat but the final turn is sharp. The old hurdles track, inside the traditional Flat track, is used at some meetings.



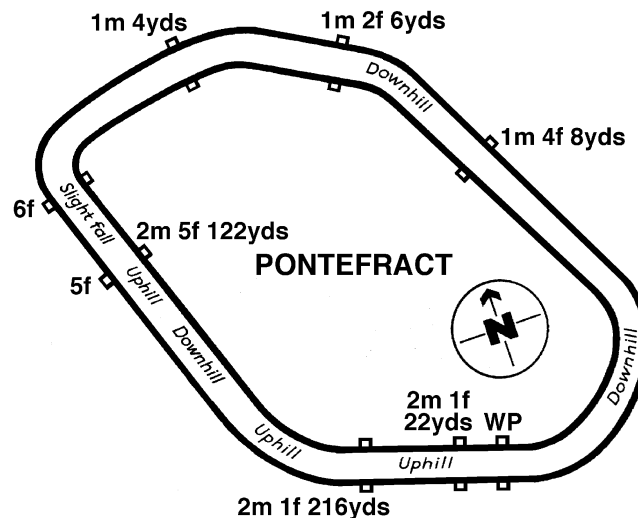
The Racecourse, Colwick Park, Nottingham NG2 4BE  
Telephone: (0115) 9580620

## Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
J. L. Dunlop	19	150	13
M. R. Channon	17	148	11
J. H. M. Gosden	16	76	21
J. R. Fanshawe	14	54	26
M. L. W. Bell	14	111	13
M. A. Jarvis	13	51	25
Sir Mark Prescott	13	52	25
M. Johnston	13	83	16
Mrs A. J. Perrett	12	37	32
R. Charlton	12	51	24

# PONTEFRACT

Pontefract is a left-handed, oval track, about two miles in extent. There is no straight course, and the run-in is only just over two furlongs. There are considerable gradients and a testing hill over the last three furlongs. The undulations, the sharp bend into the straight, and the short run-in disqualify it from being described as a galloping track, but there is a premium on stamina.



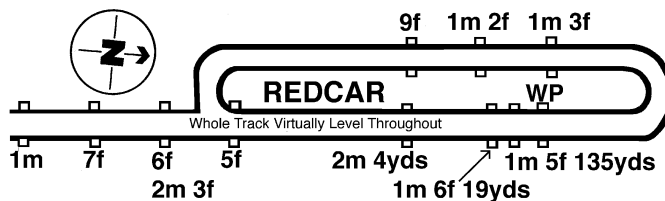
Pontefract Park Race Co Ltd, The Park, Pontefract,  
West Yorkshire  
Telephone: (01977) 703224

## Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	29	149	19
T. D. Easterby	23	207	11
Sir Michael Stoute	19	58	33
D. Nicholls	17	153	11
B. W. Hills	16	75	21
M. A. Jarvis	11	46	24
J. L. Dunlop	11	52	21
M. R. Channon	11	95	12
E. A. L. Dunlop	10	46	22
W. J. Haggas	10	47	21

# REDCAR

Redcar is a narrow, left-handed, oval track, about a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of five furlongs, which is part of the straight mile course. The course is perfectly flat with normal characteristics, and with the exception of its two sharp bends provides an excellent gallop.



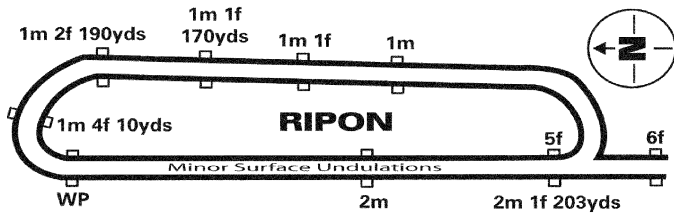
Redcar Racecourse, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 2BY  
Telephone: (01642) 484068

## Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	22	316	7
M. Johnston	18	130	14
K. A. Ryan	17	120	14
G. A. Swinbank	13	68	19
M. R. Channon	13	82	16
T. D. Barron	12	145	8
M. L. W. Bell	11	39	28
B. Smart	11	88	13
N. Tinkler	11	121	9
J. Nosedá	9	23	39

## RIPON

The Ripon course is a right-handed, oval circuit of thirteen furlongs, with a run-in of five furlongs, and a straight six-furlong course. Owing to the rather cramped bends and the surface undulations in the straight, the Ripon track is rather sharp in character.



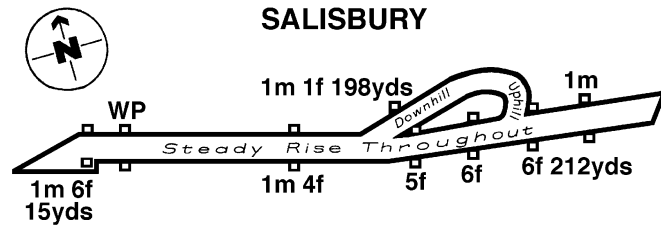
Ripon Race Co Ltd, 77 North Street, Ripon,  
North Yorkshire, HG4 1DS  
Telephone: (01765) 602156

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
B. W. Hills	21	70	30
T. D. Easterby	21	307	7
M. Johnston	20	154	13
J. L. Dunlop	14	49	29
R. M. Whitaker	13	99	13
M. R. Channon	12	100	12
R. A. Fahey	12	111	11
T. D. Barron	11	95	12
K. A. Ryan	11	109	10
K. R. Burke	9	93	10

## SALISBURY

The Salisbury track is a right-handed loop course, with a run-in of seven furlongs, which, however, is not straight, for the mile course, of which it is a part, has a right-handed elbow after three furlongs. For races over a mile and three quarters horses start opposite the Club Enclosure, and running away from the stands, bear to the left, and go round the loop. The course, which is uphill throughout the last half-mile, is galloping and rather testing.



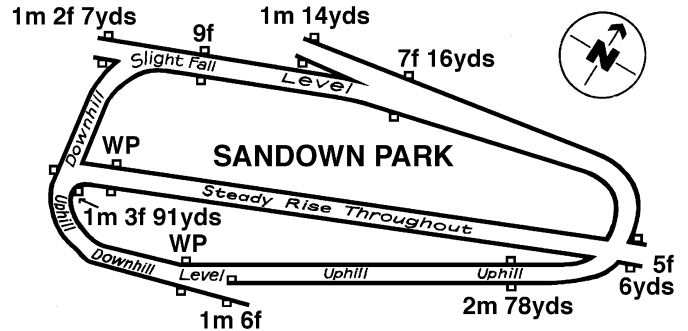
Salisbury Racecourse, Netherhampton, Salisbury,  
Wiltshire SP2 8PN  
Telephone: (01722) 326461

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	44	416	11
D. R. C. Elsworth	33	219	15
J. H. M. Gosden	25	112	22
M. R. Channon	21	241	9
R. Charlton	16	89	18
Mrs A. J. Perrett	14	106	13
J. L. Dunlop	14	136	10
Saeed bin Suroor	11	37	30
M. P. Tregoning	11	66	17
H. Candy	10	66	15

## SANDOWN PARK

Sandown is a right-handed, oval-shaped course of thirteen furlongs, with a straight run-in of four furlongs. There is a separate straight course which runs across the main circuit over which all five-furlong races are decided. From the mile-and-a-quarter starting gate, the Eclipse Stakes course, the track is level to the turn into the straight, from there it is uphill until less than a furlong from the winning post, the last hundred yards being more or less level. The five-furlong track is perfectly straight and rises steadily throughout. Apart from the minor gradients between the main winning post and the mile-and-a-quarter starting gate, there are no undulations to throw a long-striding horse off balance, and all races over the round course are very much against the collar from the turn into the straight. The course is, in fact, a fairly testing one, and over all distances the ability to see the trip out well is important.



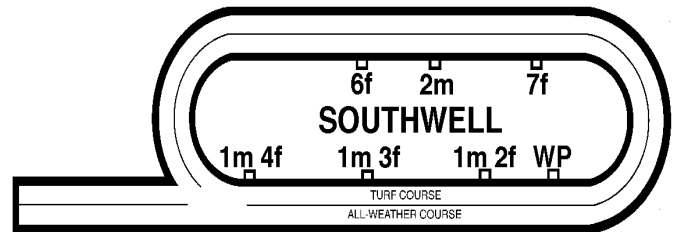
Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey KT10 9AJ  
Telephone: (01372) 463072

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	27	278	10
Sir Michael Stoute	22	122	18
J. H. M. Gosden	20	92	22
M. Johnston	19	95	20
T. G. Mills	13	65	20
J. L. Dunlop	11	85	13
M. A. Jarvis	10	55	18
M. P. Tregoning	10	71	14
Mrs A. J. Perrett	10	73	14
B. W. Hills	10	92	11

## SOUTHWELL

The turf track is laid out inside the all-weather track and is essentially sharp in nature.



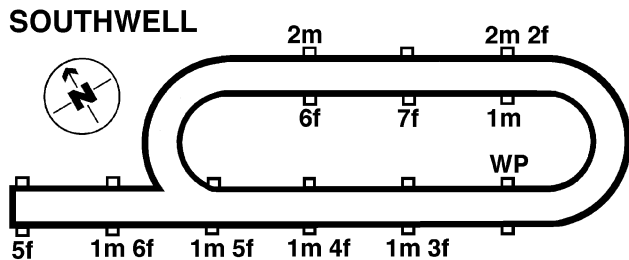
Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Newark,  
Nottinghamshire NG25 0TS  
Telephone: (01636) 814481

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
J. R. Fanshawe	6	8	75
R. F. Fisher	4	10	40
W. J. Musson	3	4	75
K. A. Ryan	3	11	27
M. R. Channon	3	12	25
G. A. Butler	2	3	67
J. L. Eyre	2	4	50
R. Charlton	2	5	40
P. W. Hiatt	2	5	40
R. F. Johnson Houghton	2	6	33

## SOUTHWELL

The all-weather track at Southwell goes left-handed in a sharp, flat mile-and-quarter oval which has a run-in of three furlongs and a spur to provide a straight five furlongs. The surface is fibresand, whereas Britain's other all-weather courses are polytrack.



Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Newark,  
Nottinghamshire NG25 0TS  
Telephone: (01636) 814481

### AW - Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Barron	91	450	20
P. A. Blockley	47	286	16
P. C. Haslam	45	293	15
K. A. Ryan	42	363	12
K. R. Burke	40	333	12
Mrs N. Macauley	38	559	7
B. Smart	37	294	13
R. Hollinshead	36	397	9
S. R. Bowring	36	466	8
D. Shaw	35	490	7

## THIRSK

The Thirsk round course is a left-handed, oval track, just over a mile and a quarter in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. There is a straight six-furlong course, which is slightly undulating throughout. The round course itself is almost perfectly flat, but though the turns are relatively easy and the ground well levelled all round, the track is on the sharp side and by no means ideal for a horse that requires time to settle down, and time and space to get down to work in the straight.



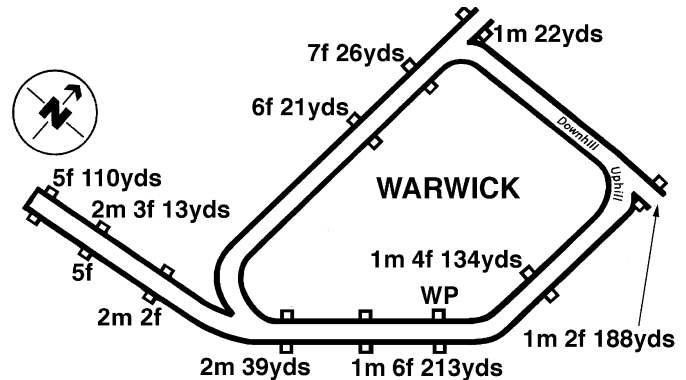
The Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk,  
N. Yorkshire YO7 1QL  
Telephone: (01845) 522276

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	27	294	9
M. Johnston	17	107	16
D. Nicholls	16	241	7
T. D. Barron	13	137	9
D. W. Barker	12	61	20
K. R. Burke	12	86	14
K. A. Ryan	12	148	8
J. L. Dunlop	11	20	55
M. R. Channon	10	81	12
W. G. M. Turner	9	32	28

## WARWICK

Warwick is a broad, left-handed oval track, just over a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of around two furlongs. Although one is planned for 2007, there is no straight course at present—the five-furlong course having a left-hand elbow at the junction with the round course. Mile races start on an extension from the round course, the first four and a half furlongs being perfectly straight. This is a sharp track, with the emphasis on speed and adaptability rather than stamina. The laboured galloper is at a disadvantage, especially in races at up to a mile, but to a lesser extent in races over longer distances. While the grandstand is being rebuilt the winning post has been moved approximately 60 yards and race distances on the round course have been shortened accordingly.



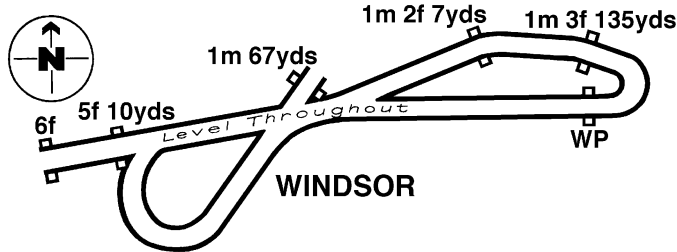
Warwick Racecourse, Hampton Street, Warwick CV34 6HN  
Telephone: (01926) 491553

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	15	85	18
B. W. Hills	13	85	15
Sir Michael Stoute	12	32	38
W. M. Brisbane	11	77	14
J. M. Bradley	11	159	7
J. L. Dunlop	10	47	21
P. D. Evans	9	61	15
Mrs A. J. Perrett	8	39	21
P. F. I. Cole	8	68	12
M. Johnston	7	40	18

## WINDSOR

Windsor racecourse, laid out in the form of a figure eight, is twelve and a half furlongs in extent. In races at around one and a half miles both left-handed and right-handed turns are encountered, but in races over a mile and a quarter only right-handed turns are met. The last five furlongs of the course is straight, except for a slight bend to the right three furlongs from the finish. The six-furlong start is on an extension of this straight. Although perfectly flat throughout, the track is rather sharp in character. However, as there is a nearly straight five-furlong run-in the relative sharpness of the track is of little consequence in the longer races. Big, long-striding horses which normally require a more galloping course are at little or no disadvantage over these trips.



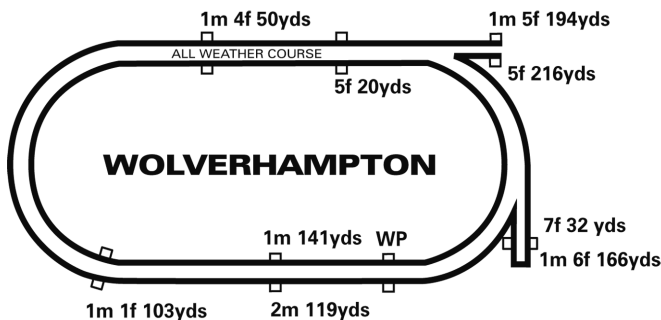
The Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5JJ  
Telephone: (01753) 498400

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	63	500	13
Sir Michael Stoute	37	133	28
R. Charlton	17	81	21
J. H. M. Gosden	16	89	18
B. W. Hills	15	103	15
M. L. W. Bell	15	105	14
Mrs A. J. Perrett	15	110	14
B. J. Meehan	14	186	8
P. F. I. Cole	13	116	11
P. D. Evans	13	139	9

## WOLVERHAMPTON

The all-weather course at Wolverhampton, which was changed from fibresand to polytrack in October 2004, is a flat, oval circuit of just under a mile in length. The bends are fairly sharp and with a narrow straight of under two furlongs it favours horses with the ability to hold a good position as opposed to those who need time to find full stride.



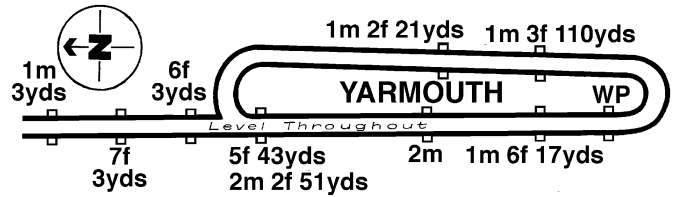
Wolverhampton Racecourse, Dunstall Park,  
Wolverhampton WV6 0PE  
Telephone: (01902) 421421

### AW - Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
N. P. Littmoden	86	618	14
W. M. Brisbourne	55	482	11
J. A. Osborne	50	325	15
Miss Gay Kelleway	50	370	14
Mrs N. Macauley	37	419	9
R. Hollinshead	37	532	7
Sir Mark Prescott	36	159	23
I. Semple	36	258	14
K. A. Ryan	36	284	13
K. R. Burke	36	332	11

## YARMOUTH

The Yarmouth round course is a narrow, left-handed, oval track, about thirteen furlongs in extent, with a run-in of five furlongs. There is a straight mile course. Apart from a slight fall just before the run-in, the track is perfectly flat, with sharpish bends.



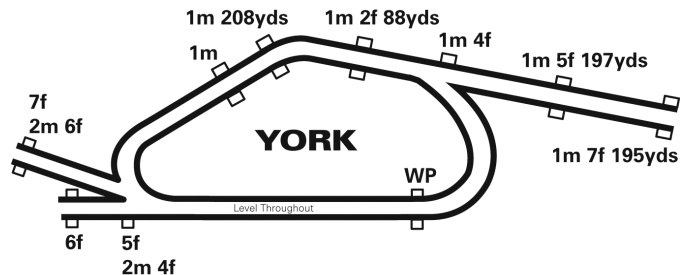
The Racecourse, Jellicoe Road,  
Great Yarmouth, NR30 4AU  
Telephone: (01493) 842527

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Sir Michael Stoute	23	71	32
M. R. Channon	17	124	14
W. J. Haggas	14	87	16
N. A. Callaghan	13	70	19
Mrs C. A. Dunnett	13	148	9
Sir Mark Prescott	11	44	25
J. R. Fanshawe	11	69	16
E. A. L. Dunlop	11	83	13
M. L. W. Bell	11	117	9
M. A. Jarvis	10	51	20

## YORK

York, which is left-handed and quite flat throughout, has a U-shaped course of two miles in extent, and a bend was added in 2005 to create a new round course of fifteen furlongs, on which races over longer distances can be run. There is also a perfectly flat straight course over which all five-furlong and six-furlong races are run. Races over seven furlongs, as well as those over two and three quarter miles, start on a spur which joins the round course after about two furlongs. The run-in from the turn is nearly five furlongs. This is one of the best courses in the country, of great width throughout and with a sweeping turn into the long straight. The entire absence of surface undulations make it ideal for a long-striding, resolute galloper, but it really is a splendid track, bestowing no great favours on any type of horse.



The Racecourse, York YO23 1EX  
Telephone: (01904) 620911

### Most Successful Trainers 2001 to 2005

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Sir Michael Stoute	31	147	21
M. Johnston	29	241	12
T. D. Easterby	23	298	8
Saeed bin Suroor	19	79	24
B. W. Hills	19	182	10
M. H. Tompkins	15	104	14
M. R. Channon	15	170	9
D. Nicholls	15	209	7
J. L. Dunlop	14	67	21
R. A. Fahey	14	172	8