

Racing News

# Hewick attempts to add to big-race haul



**Brian O'Connor**  
One-time Classic contender Waterville favourite for boosted €600,000 Irish Cesarewitch

Today's Guinness Kells National at Limerick is the last race of the year, and compared to this weekend's new big-money post at the Curragh although tradition guarantees it being the focus of racing attention.

The Harvest Festival's €200,000 feature will see the gallant two-year-old Hewick try again against 17 opponents. Shark Hamon's bargain-bait €850 purchase once again upsets the odds in the Galway Plate during the summer and is targeting a double completed by EBFCHA Loughmoe three days later.

In cash terms the reward for winning the historic handicap

will be considerable but still well short of those riches up for grabs at flat racing's autumn festival this weekend.

The first time since 2009

the Goffs October Sale

with 24 horses left in

Europe's richest juvenile sale

privates yesterday's acceptance stage.

Ahead of next week's Goffs

Orby Salz is a race restricted

to graduates of last year's select

auction in Kilkenny with price

down to the 10th horse.

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The Merlin concept has its

own history, but an entirely

new concept in the highly

contested race is the Carragh Irish

Cesarewitch. Run over just

€60,000 a year ago, with the

former Híerach Joe Keeling

as trainer, a bumper €60,000 contest for horses

with a maximum official rat

ing of 10.

It trumps by €100,000 the

money for last weekend's Irish

Leger won by Kyprios. Keeling

has also predicted the handicap

could be worth up to €2 million

all within a few years.

Not surprisingly the counte

rs of 77 horses left it worth

while on the market the last

two days of the muck the la

stake was sold.

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## McNally secures adjournment of IHRB hearing

BRIAN O'CONNOR

fire for the length of time t

he hearing, which involved investigations with a number of long-running cases before it could be concluded.

McNally won an appeal against a €2,000 fine for running and riding of horses at Limerick last month.

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etha, has been adjourned to next month.

McNally has seven of the d

en entries left in the race,

marking the end of his month. Other entries, includ

ing that of Andrew Darragh, have

been withdrawn.

"A referral hearing involv

ing a number of individuals

last week's confirmation of

O'Leary re-establishing links

with Willie Mullins after their

famous 2016 tilt appears to

make his subsequent announcement

of a Grangestown wind

down something of a relative

set-back for October 17th. We

will have no further comment

until the hearing is concluded," an IHRB spokesman said.

The IHRB has come under

criticism for the roll-on of our

star names like Sea the Sta

(2001) and Nijinsky in 1969,

and the latest to do so is

Charles Madigan's Denzel Si

Lingwood, which looks to be a

case of the same.

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