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## FOREWORD

by DR PETER FITZGERALD

**I**t is an honour to introduce this edition of Racing Post 'Legends', to mark the true legend that is two-time Randox Health Grand National winner Tiger Roll.

His fairytale story of determination and dedication will be forever etched in the history books of Aintree racecourse and steeplechase racing, and I am so pleased that the team and I at Randox Health were able to be a part of it, and to witness history in the making.

On that celebrated day – Saturday, April 6, 2019 – the atmosphere was electric and the cheers of the crowd deafening as Tiger Roll, steered by his jockey Davy Russell, stretched himself ahead of the competition to become the first consecutive winner of this most famous race since the days of Red Rum.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to say another hearty congratulations to the small but mighty Tiger Roll, Davy, trainer Gordon Elliott, and owner Michael O'Leary, whose tireless work and passion saw their much-loved horse storm to victory for a second time.

Tiger Roll's dual win at the Randox Health Grand National confirmed what we have all known for quite some time – that it is stories such as this one that transcend the sport of racing, make it so special, and give it its wide-reaching appeal.

Tiger Roll, racing's newest star, is rightfully loved by jockeys, grooms, trainers, and owners for his ability to defy the odds and deliver when it matters most, but he has just as important a place in the hearts of racing fans, families and even children, for his absolute fearlessness, his strength of character and his love of the cameras.



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Opposite page: Tiger Roll and Davy Russell clear the final fence in the Grand National at Aintree in April 2018

What Gordon Elliott said of him is completely true. He is ‘The People’s Horse’ and his back-to-back wins have forever secured the Radox Health Grand National’s place as ‘The People’s Race.’

For that reason we have for three years now been delighted to partner with the Jockey Club and Aintree to bring this race to the millions who avidly await the unfolding of the event.

Our partnership with the Radox Health Grand National is an opportunity for us to spread our message of preventative health, but it is also a chance to show our commitment, at a national level, to this wonderful sport. I have been a keen equestrian all my life and Radox, historically, has given its name to many local point-to-point and polo meetings near our headquarters in Northern Ireland.

It’s the perfect fit, therefore, to unite our company ethos, of helping people to extend and enjoy their lives, with the People’s Race. Together, we can encourage people to live healthier for longer, in order to enjoy events such as the Radox Health Grand National for as long as possible.

I would like to thank the millions who joined us in 2019 – whether in person at Aintree or tuned in to the screen or airwaves – and hope that you enjoy this book, which serves to recognise that memorable day for years to come.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming years as we deliver the world’s most famous steeplechase, share our preventative health message, and of course cheer on the talented horses and riders who take to the course to reach for the glory of being crowned winner of the Radox Health Grand National.

Each year holds the promise of creating another legend like Tiger Roll and I cannot wait to see into whose hands I will present the coveted Radox Health Grand National trophy in 2020.

*Dr Peter FitzGerald, Radox Health Founder and Managing Director,  
September 2019*



# INTRODUCTION

by ANDREW PENNINGTON

**T**iger Roll has achieved a standing that few racehorses attain – he has become a household name, a people’s horse. It is a place reserved for racehorses who accomplish extraordinary things. The names who occupy this unique position in the hearts of the public form a roll call of the most famous names to have graced the jumping game in the last 60 years – Arkle, Red Rum and Desert Orchid.

It is, of course, fitting that Red Rum is among that trio for he is the Aintree legend whom Tiger Roll emulated on that glorious afternoon in April 2019. Forty-five years after Ginger McCain’s titan of the sport landed what turned out to be the second of three Grand Nationals, Tiger Roll won back-to-back runnings of the world’s most famous steeplechase.

It’s not just the fact he won a second National, it was the manner of his victory for such a small horse that stood out, with the unique challenge of the iconic spruce fences sparking something special inside.

To reach that peak Tiger Roll has taken his connections on a scarcely believable journey and, while most of the names in this wonderful story are familiar, one is possibly not – Sheikh Mohammed.

Tiger Roll – like Red Rum – was bred to race on the Flat but he failed to see the racecourse in nearly three years with the sheikh’s Godolphin operation. It was West Country trainer Nigel Hawke, himself a Grand National winner on Seagram in 1991, who then guided Tiger Roll to his maiden success at Market Rasen in November 2013.



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Tiger Roll as a foal

The National theme continued when he was bought by Michael O'Leary's Gigginstown House Stud and was put into training with Gordon Elliott. The County Meath trainer famously won the Aintree showpiece in his first season as a licence holder with Silver Birch in 2007.

Tiger Roll has not just won two Grand Nationals, though, as he has also triumphed at four Cheltenham Festivals over different trips and in different disciplines. He has entered the hallowed winner's enclosure at Prestbury Park following victories in the Triumph Hurdle, the National Hunt Chase and twice after the Cross Country Chase.

Elliott has guided him to an unparalleled career and helped provide unforgettable moments in the careers of jockeys Lisa O'Neill and Keith Donoghue.

However, it is Davy Russell who will be remembered most as the rider who partnered Tiger Roll to those famous Grand National wins and ensured his name stands alongside the legends of the past. Those two victories will stand long in the memory.

This is a remarkable story about a remarkable horse.







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Winning  
start

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Previous spread: Davy Russell salutes the crowd as he returns to the Cheltenham winner's enclosure after the Triumph Hurdle in 2014

*Cheers at Cheltenham and adulation at Aintree were far from Jerry O'Brien's thoughts in 2009 when he arranged the mating of his mare Swiss Roll with Authorized, who two years earlier famously provided Frankie Dettori with his first victory in the Derby. Alan Sweetman takes up the story:*

Jerry O'Brien worked for nearly three decades as a veterinary surgeon at Coolmore Stud. His expertise was in the field of reproduction and it was natural he began to dabble in breeding. One of the mares he bought was On Air, who had won a couple of mile-and-a-quarter races and a novice hurdle in 1994 for Nick Gaselee.

On Air produced four winners, all trained by Tommy Stack. If that now looks like something of an omen for what Tiger Roll went on to achieve, it is worth mentioning that one of them, named Khachaturian, later won four races for Donald McCain. Stack, McCain – names indelibly linked with Red Rum, the greatest Grand National story of all.

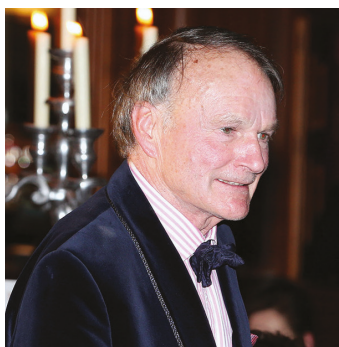
Yes, maybe the fates were already conspiring.

The best of On Air's foals was Berenson, a colt by Entrepreneur. He won a maiden first time out at the Curragh in August 2004. The following month he finished second to Dubawi in the Group 1 National Stakes and Godolphin bought him. He never ran again.

At that stage Berenson's sister Swiss Roll was still racing. She won a maiden at three and a conditions race at four at the 2004 Galway festival.

Continuing in training at five, she achieved black type when second in the Listed Vintage Crop Stakes at Navan in May 2005.

In 2009 Swiss Roll produced a colt foal by Dubawi called Ahzeemah who was bought for 60,000gns by John Ferguson. He went into training with Godolphin and ended up winning five



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Jerry O'Brien, the breeder of Tiger Roll



Tiger Roll's half-brother Ahzeemah (near side) wins the Lonsdale Cup at York in August 2013

races, including a narrow defeat of the Willie Mullins-trained Simonen in the Group 2 Lonsdale Cup at York in August 2013.

Her next mating was with Authorized, and the resultant foal was bought by Ferguson for 70,000gns at the Tattersalls foal sale in November 2010. He was registered in Sheikh Mohammed's ownership but was unraced when consigned by Darley, now named Tiger Roll, at Doncaster in August 2013.

Nigel Hawke bought Tiger Roll for £10,000 and introduced him in a juvenile hurdle at Market Rasen that November. Starting at 12-1 in a field of five, he took advantage of a poor display by 2-11 favourite Zamoyski to win in promising fashion despite looking a bit green.

### RACING POST ANALYSIS – Dave Orton

There was a right turn-up in this seemingly uncompetitive juvenile contest as long odds-on Zamoyski flopped and newcomer Tiger Roll got his career off to a perfect start.

The winner is not from a yard associated with debut scorers, but he was the unknown quantity in the race and took to his task really well. He's got a decent Flat pedigree as well as being a Darley cast-off and he obviously has the requisite stamina. There really should be some more to come as his rider later said he was idling late in the day.

### MARKET RASEN

November 10, 2013

1st security solutions Juvenile Hurdle

2m 1/2f

1	Tiger Roll	Mark Quinlan	12-1
2	Nonotnow	Harry Haynes	7-1
3	Zamoyski	Richard Johnson	2-11f

3¼ lengths, 8 lengths

5 ran



*One month after that debut success Tiger Roll was back at the sales. This time it was Brightwells at Cheltenham, where Mags O'Toole, the bloodstock agent and daughter of legendary Irish trainer Mick O'Toole, bought him for £80,000 on behalf of Gigginstown House Stud, bound for the yard of Gordon Elliott.*

*As Elliott got to know his new recruit, plans were formulated for the remainder of the season and in early February 2014 Tiger Roll was supplemented for the Grade 1 Gala Retail Spring Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown.*

*It was a huge step up from winning a juvenile hurdle, as Elliott explained before the race: 'We thought it was worth taking the chance in a Grade 1 as there are so few opportunities for four-year-olds to run in anything else once they have lost their maiden tags.'*

*Tiger Roll was sent off a relatively unconsidered 16-1 shot at Leopardstown and finished second to the more experienced Guitar Pete, who had already won a Grade 2 juvenile hurdle.*

*That performance gave Elliott plenty of encouragement and he said after the race: 'If Tiger Roll had jumped the last, he wouldn't have beaten the winner but he would have been right on top of him. He'll go for the Triumph and will take in a Grade 2 at Fairyhouse later this month before that.'*

*As it turned out, he went straight to the Triumph and Bryan Cooper, who rode Tiger Roll in the Spring Juvenile Hurdle and was Gigginstown's number-one jockey, said in the run-up to the Cheltenham Festival that his mount would have solid claims in the opening race on the final day of the meeting.*

*Cooper said: 'I'm convinced there is plenty of improvement to come from Tiger Roll. Don't forget he was having only his second run when chasing home Guitar Pete in the Spring Juvenile Hurdle and it was his debut for Gordon too. He's been in good form since then and I certainly wouldn't rule him out of what looks a typically open race.'*

*Both trainer and jockey were increasingly confident about Tiger Roll's chances in the 2m1f test.*

*That confidence was fully justified, but as Jessica Lamb reported, Cooper was not in the saddle:*

















Gordon Elliott ended up training him by accident and Davy Russell was in the saddle only because Bryan Cooper suffered a broken right leg after a fall on Wednesday, but Tiger Roll's victory was never in doubt.

Russell, replacing Gigginstown House Stud's retained rider, having himself been replaced by Cooper as the operation's

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Opposite page: Tiger Roll makes his debut for trainer Gordon Elliott in the Spring Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown in February 2014



1.30		JCB Triumph Hurdle (Grade 1)		CH4
RACE 1		(Class 1)		2m1f New
£120,000 guaranteed For 4yo Weights 11st Allowances fillies 7lb Entries 65 pay £150 1st Forfeit 45 pay £300 Confirmed 26 Penalty value 1st £68,340 2nd £25,644 3rd £12,840 4th £6,396 5th £3,216 6th £1,608				
	1	3111	<b>ABBYSSIAL</b> (IRE) <sup>20</sup> <i>ch g Beneficial-Mega d'Estruval</i> W P Mullins (IRE) Mrs Violet O'Leary	4 11-0 R Walsh <sup>(148)</sup>
	2	986	<b>ACHTUNG</b> <sup>13</sup> <i>b c Montjeu-Funsie</i> Luke Comer (IRE) Brian Comer	t 4 11-0 Chris Timmons <sup>(98)</sup>
	3	4	<b>AMORUCCIO</b> (FR) <sup>21</sup> <i>b g Le Fou-Mandchou</i> Paul Webber S A Helaissi	4 11-0 James Best <sup>(113)</sup>
	4	113314P	<b>BALLYGLASHEEN</b> (IRE) <sup>2</sup> <b>CD1</b> <i>ch g Galileo-Luas Line</i> Evan Williams R J Gambarini	4 11-0 Adam Wedge <sup>(138)</sup>
	5	21	<b>BROUGHTON</b> (GER) <sup>40</sup> <i>b g Teofilo-Boccassini</i> John Ferguson Bloomfields	4 11-0 Denis O'Regan <sup>(147)</sup>
	6	211	<b>CALIPTO</b> (FR) <sup>34</sup> <b>D2</b> <i>b g Califet-Peutiot</i> Paul Nicholls Ian Fogg & Chris Giles	4 11-0 Daryl Jacob <sup>(151)</sup>
	7	FO	<b>CHERRY TIGER</b> <sup>8</sup> <i>b g Tiger Hill-Lolla's Spirit</i> Graeme McPherson Ms S Howell	4 11-0 Wayne Kavanagh
	8	121211	<b>GUITAR PETE</b> (IRE) <sup>33</sup> <i>br g Dark Angel-Innishmore</i> D T Hughes (IRE) Mrs P Sloan	v 4 11-0 P Carberry <sup>(152)</sup>
	9	2-41222	<b>KENTUCKY HYDEN</b> (IRE) <sup>48</sup> <b>D1</b> <i>ch g Kentucky Dynamite-Cap Serena</i> Nicky Henderson Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	4 11-0 David Bass <sup>(149)</sup>
	10	2121	<b>LINDENHURST</b> (IRE) <sup>160</sup> <b>D1</b> <i>b g Captain Marvelous-Royal Jubilee</i> John C McConnell (IRE) Derek Kierans	t 4 11-0 Mark Bolger <sup>(139)</sup>
	11	311	<b>PEARL CASTLE</b> (IRE) <sup>23</sup> <b>D2</b> <i>b g Montjeu-Ghurra</i> John Quinn Mr & Mrs Paul Gaffney	4 11-0 Brian Hughes <sup>(146)</sup>
	12	13	<b>PLINTH</b> (IRE) <sup>33</sup> <i>b g Montjeu-Crazy Volume</i> A P O'Brien (IRE) John P McManus	p 4 11-0 A P McCoy <sup>(147)</sup>
	13	1113	<b>ROYAL IRISH HUSSAR</b> (IRE) <sup>90</sup> <b>BF D3</b> <b>C1</b> <i>b c Galileo-Adjalisa</i> Nicky Henderson Triermore Stud	4 11-0 Barry Geraghty <sup>(152)</sup>
	14	111	<b>RUTHERGLEN</b> <sup>72</sup> (29F) <b>D2</b> <i>b g Tiger Hill-Hanella</i> John Quinn The Beer Swigging Strangers	4 11-0 Noel Fehily <sup>(144)</sup>
	15	12	<b>TIGER ROLL</b> (IRE) <sup>33</sup> <b>D1</b> <i>b g Authorized-Swiss Roll</i> Gordon Elliott <sup>2</sup> (IRE) Gigginstown House Stud	4 11-0 Davy Russell <sup>(150)</sup>
	16	8-6312	<b>ADRIANA DES MOTTES</b> (FR) <sup>20</sup> <b>BF</b> <i>br f Network-Daisy Des Mottes</i> W P Mullins (IRE) Mrs S Ricci	4 10-7 Paul Townend <sup>(147)</sup>
2013 (17 ran) Our Conor D T Hughes 4 11-0 4/1 Bryan Cooper RPR164				
<b>BETTING FORECAST:</b> 7-2 Calipto, 6 Broughton, 8 Guitar Pete, Royal Irish Hussar, 9 Pearl Castle, Tiger Roll, 10 Rutherglen, 14 Abbyssial, Plinth, 16 Adriana Des Mottes, Lindenhurst, 25 Kentucky Hyden, 66 Ballyglasheen, 100 Amoruccio, 250 Achtung, Cherry Tiger.				



number-one jockey, was to enjoy a day of days, going on to win the Gold Cup two hours later on Lord Windermere and, for good measure and in the same Gigginstown colours, the Grand Annual on Savello.

For Elliott, Tiger Roll's success was a dream come true after a week full of near misses.

Explaining how he came to train the son of 2007 Derby winner Authorized, Elliott revealed: 'I got the horse by accident at the Brightwells sale here in November – there was another horse I wanted the day he was bought and there was a big row on the night.

'They [Gigginstown] told me I could have two other horses instead. These owners are brilliant; Michael and Eddie O'Leary, the whole outfit, are very good to me.'

Elliott's role in the team has changed significantly in the last two seasons. He now produces Gigginstown's point-to-pointers on the condition they then leave his yard.

Yesterday's Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle winner Very Wood is one such horse.

Elliott added: 'We've been hitting the crossbar all week and I feel sorry for Bryan Cooper, but I'm delighted for Davy as he's always very lucky when he rides for me.'

Russell sympathised with his successor and said: 'Bryan's young and has plenty of time on his side. He's a good rider and he's tough.'

He added: 'We went a reasonably good gallop over the first and it steadied up after Abbyssial fell, giving us a chance to get back on an even keel.

'Gordon had told me the horse would improve from Leopardstown to here and I had the one who beat him [Guitar Pete] in front of me. I had enough horse left coming off the hill and was confident I'd get there.'

The fall of Abbyssial resulted in a broken arm for Ruby Walsh.

'We don't want to see anybody getting injured,' Russell said. 'But it's only a stride away. That's the line we live on. That's our job, these are the risks we take.'

The winner, who was the first leg of a remarkable four-timer for Gigginstown, who were also on the mark with Don Poli in the Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle, is now bound for the Punchestown equivalent and Elliott said: 'This was only his third start over hurdles and I think there's still a bit more improvement.'





## RACING POST ANALYSIS – Richard Lowther

This championship event lacked leading juveniles Le Rocher, winner of the Finale Hurdle at Chepstow but ruled out through injury, and Adonis winner Activial, who is being kept for Aintree. It has to rate very much a lesser renewal.

There was drama early on as leader Abyssial stepped into the second flight and fell heavily, bringing down stablemate Adriana Des Mottes and hampering several others.

Ireland still emerged on top thanks to Tiger Roll, who travelled well into the lead heading down to the last before running on gutsily up the hill. He doesn't have the profile of a typical Triumph winner, having been unraced on the Flat before coming here on the back of just two runs over hurdles, the first of them a winning one for the Nigel Hawke stable at Market Rasen. He's tough and jumps well, and given his lack of experience there could well be more improvement in him. The Champion Four Year Old Hurdle seems a more likely option for him than Aintree's Anniversary Hurdle.

*Russell later reflected on his fantastic afternoon: 'I obviously would have been thrilled with one winner. I was looking forward to Friday. Gordon had given plenty of good vibes about Tiger Roll and every morning I met Jim Culloty he was giving me great confidence. He'd be coming up the chute with Lord Windermere and I'd be going down it on whatever I was riding and every morning he just said, 'I can't wait for Friday, I just can't wait for Friday.'*

*Nigel Hawke also looked back on Tiger Roll's Triumph Hurdle success and explained what it meant for his own training career.*

*'Of course there is always the one that got away and mine at the moment is Tiger Roll,' he said.*

*'But every cloud has a silver lining and the money we made out of the sale has gone towards buying more young horses, which is my way of investing in the future.'*

*Tiger Roll's season ended disappointingly after he could manage only seventh in the AES Champion Four Year Old Hurdle at the Punchestown festival when starting the 13-8 favourite. The race was won by the Willie Mullins-trained Abyssial.*

*Following a summer break Tiger Roll began his second season as a racehorse in the £30,000 Masterson Holdings Hurdle at Cheltenham's opening meeting of the 2014-15 season.*

## CHELTENHAM

March 14, 2014

JCB Triumph Hurdle

2m 1f

1	Tiger Roll	Davy Russell	10-1
2	Kentucky Hyden	David Bass	20-1
3	Guitar Pete	Paul Carberry	7-1

3¼ lengths, 1¾ lengths

15 ran

Previous spread: Tiger Roll and Davy Russell come home alone in the Triumph Hurdle

Opposite page, top: Tiger Roll with his jubilant connections after his Triumph Hurdle success

Opposite page, bottom: Eddie O'Leary's wife Wendy greets Tiger Roll in the Cheltenham winner's enclosure



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Tiger Roll parades at Fairyhouse's Easter festival in April 2014 three weeks after his Cheltenham triumph

*Elliott had high hopes for Tiger Roll, who was as short as 14-1 for that season's Stan James Champion Hurdle on the back of his Triumph Hurdle success, and he fully expected his charge to come on greatly for the run. He got off to a flying start as Andrew King reported:*

Tiger Roll made a victorious return to the course when getting the better of a tactical duel for the 2m½f conditions hurdle with Calipto.

The success will also be fondly remembered by jockey Bryan Cooper, as it proved to be a triumphant reappearance on his first ride in Britain since he suffered a broken right leg at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

Cooper said: 'I've had two winners from five rides in Ireland since I came back a couple of weeks ago, and it's good to be on the scoresheet over here again as well.

'I have plenty to look forward to over the coming months with good horses like this one and all the other Gigginstown horses.'





Trainer Gordon Elliott said: ‘Tiger Roll wasn’t mad about the tacky ground out there but coped with it. He should come on for the run.’

### RACING POST ANALYSIS – Ashley Rumney

A high-class contest for last season’s juvenile hurdlers and a good finish.

Tiger Roll, a good winner of the Triumph Hurdle here last season, had disappointed on his only subsequent outing. He tracked the leader from the start, but looked in trouble when coming under pressure at the penultimate flight. However, he responded and stuck his head down after the last to gain the advantage up the hill. He has a bit to find with the top hurdlers, but his liking for this track is an advantage.

Tiger Roll on his way to victory at Cheltenham in October 2014 with Bryan Cooper back on board

### CHELTENHAM

October 18, 2014

Masterson Holdings Hurdle

2m½f

1	Tiger Roll	Bryan Cooper	15-8
2	Calipto	Sam Twiston-Davies	4-5f
3	Ballyglasheen	Paul Moloney	7-1

½ length, 19 lengths

4 ran



*In a Stable Tour following his winning reappearance at Cheltenham, Elliott spoke about the possibility of aiming Tiger Roll at the Champion Hurdle in his first season out of juvenile company.*

*He said: 'I've never had a Champion Hurdle horse, so I don't know if he's one or not. To give weight to Calipto was a fair performance and he certainly seems to like Cheltenham, which is a great thing. We'll take it one step at a time with him.'*

*Tiger Roll's next step towards a return to the festival was the Grade 2 WKD Hurdle at Down Royal on October 31, where he faced old rival Guitar Pete as well as the Willie Mullins pair Arctic Fire and Wicklow Brave. However, it was Little King Robin who came out on top to complete a quickfire four-timer. Tiger Roll was pulled up and the vet reported him to be lame post-race.*

*Elliott hoped that Tiger Roll would have recovered in time to contest the Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse at the end of November, but that race came too soon and instead he returned in the Ryanair Hurdle at Leopardstown's Christmas festival.*

*A lack of options forced Elliott into running Tiger Roll in the Grade 1 and place money was his best hope against the likes of Hurricane Fly, Jezki and Arctic Fire.*

*In a thrilling finish dual Champion Hurdle winner Hurricane Fly got the better of Jezki in a no holds barred battle to the line by half a length. It was a 21st Grade 1 success for Hurricane Fly, who was unbeaten at Leopardstown, and the fourth time Willie Mullins' hurdling legend had got the better of the previous season's Champion Hurdle hero. Tiger Roll made a slight mistake at the third-last, after which he found no extra for pressure and was beaten 19 lengths into sixth. It was no disgrace on what was his first run against the best hurdlers in Ireland.*

*He met the same rivals in the BHP Insurances Irish Champion Hurdle at the end of January 2015 back at Leopardstown, where the outcome was the same as Hurricane Fly claimed yet another top-level victory. This time, though, he beat Arctic Fire by three and a half lengths with Jezki a further four lengths back in third and Tiger Roll in fourth another 11 lengths back.*

*Tiger Roll was unable to compete against the leading senior hurdlers, so for his next start Elliott tried a new approach. He dropped Tiger Roll into Grade 2 company for the Red Mills Trial Hurdle at Gowran Park in the middle of February and also applied blinkers for the first time. However, it didn't work out as he hoped as Tiger Roll was beaten 18 lengths into third by Kitten Rock.*

*It was all change again at the Cheltenham Festival as this time Elliott opted to put Tiger Roll up in trip for the Ladbrokes World Hurdle over three miles. He finished down the field, though, as Cole Harden took the honours for Warren Greatrex and Gavin Sheehan.*

*Tiger Roll ended his season with a tame effort in the Punchestown Champion Hurdle, trailing in last of four runners behind Faugheen, and he didn't reappear until the following spring. He ran on the Flat at Dundalk in March 2016, where he finished runner-up to Sir Raston in a maiden over two miles, before being switched back to hurdles for his final two starts of the season.*

*At Aintree Tiger Roll had his first taste of Grand National day, but was well beaten in the opening handicap hurdle, while at the Punchestown festival he was pulled up in a 2m4f handicap hurdle.*

*Although his hurdling career included success at the Cheltenham Festival, Tiger Roll failed to build on that early promise and it was now time for something different.*