140 entries for Derby

Wimbledon received just 140 entries, headed by defending champion Westmead Lord, for the £100,000 Blue Square Derby, a significant fall on last year's total of 192.

While the overall quality - boosted by18 Irish raiders - is perceived as extremely high, the lack of numbers both surprised and disappointed the GRA and the race sponsors.

Bob Rowe, the GRA chief racing manager, said: "It's certainly the lowest entry in recent years, and we're obviously disappointed not to have received more.

"The reasons are unclear, and I can't pinpoint them at present. Perhaps the fact that it is being staged earlier than usual is a contributory factor." Rowe, who is based at Belle Vue, added: "I haven't had the opportunity to review the overall quality just yet, but I understand it's extremely high. I'm sure some very exciting racing will ensue. "It's important to have a strong Irish entry, and I'm delighted the numbers there are so strong. We're all looking forward to watching the likes of Barnfield On Air and Ballymac Under taking on Ireland's big guns." Rodney Eales, odds compiler for Blue Square, was surprised at the low entry. The firm had been betting on the number of entries received and made 190-199 their 7-4 favourite. Punters who guessed there were going to be less than 179 entries could have availed themselves to 7-2.

The entries

A MILLION MAID WIDE L.TUFFIN ADVANTAGE JOHNNY WIDE O.McKENNA (I) ANNUAL SCHOLES WIDE C.DUGGAN ATTYKITT ADMIRAL MID M.DARTNALL AVON SCHOLES MID M.COLLINS BABY BLAZE WIDE N.McELLISTRIM BALLYGARRON ASH WIDE R.REES BALLYGARRON HOPE RLS M.COLLINS BALLYMAC RUSO MID M.DARTNALL BALLYMAC UNDER MID M.DARTNALL BARAN PEDRO RLS S.BAGGS BARNFIELD LEO WIDE C.DUGGAN BARNFIELD MIKE RLS G.HUTT BARNFIELD ON AIR MID S.POOTS **BARNFIELD SLIPPY WIDE S.POOTS** BARNFIELD WOODY RLS G.HUTT BENS COURT WIDE C.LUND BLACK ICE BOSS RLS J.REYNOLDS BLACKSTONE CHAMP RLS B.CLEMENSON **BLAZEAWAY MAJOR MID M.WHITE BLITZ WIDE D.STEVENSON BLONDE BUSTER RLS J.MULLINS** BLONDE DINO MID J.MULLINS **BLONDE JEANIE RLS J.MULLINS** BLUE JOCKEY RLS F.BLACK (I) BLUE SCHMU WIDE B.O'SULLIVAN **BOHERASH PATRIOT MID G.HUTT** BOHERNA ON AIR RLS B.DRAPER BRICKFIELD CLASS RLS R.GILLING **BROADWAY SPARK RLS S.WHITE BUBBLY TOTTI WIDE T.SOPPITT** CALZAGHE TED RLS M.HARRIS CAPTAIN SOLO RLS K.BILLINGHAM CARLSBERG FLASH MID B.SILKMAN CASINO VALENTINE WIDE M.COLLINS CASTLEMARY PODGE WIDE M.WALLIS CATS WHISKERS MID B.DRAPER CATUNDA HARRY MID O.McKENNA (I) **CLOUNTS FELIX RLS A.BEALE** COMMANDER CHIEF RLS M.WALLIS CYCLERS LARK MID B.DOYLE DILEMMAS FLIGHT WIDE N.SAVVA DROOPYS BILLY MID B.DRAPER DROOPYS CURBS MID D.CHILDS DROOPYS KIOWA WIDE A.PEACOCK DROOPYS MAESTRO MID P.BUCKLEY (I) DROOPYS NORMANWIDE F.BLACK (I) DROOPYS OBEFEMI RLS T.SOPPITT DROOPYS TOBEY WIDE G.HUTT

DROOPYS WELLS WIDE E.MCNAIR EDWARDS SOLID WIDE P.GREEN EXPRESS EGO RLS O.McKENNA (I)

EYE ONTHE FORCE WIDE M.WALLIS EYE ONTHE VETO WIDE M.WALLIS FABULOUS AZURE MID D.FIRMAGER FARLEY LEGEND RLS B.DOYLE **FARLOE BATMAN MID A.GARDINER** FARLOE BLACK RLS F.BLACK (I) FARLOE NIALL MID B.DRAPER FARLOE REASON MID C.LISTER FARLOE SUPERMAN RLS B.DRAPER FINE MOMENT RLS J.FOSTER FOREST GUMP RLS P.BUCKLEY (I) FOREST SCHOLES RLS F.BLACK (I) **GETMEADOCTOR RLS M.HARRIS GRANITE HILL WIDE T.COLLET** HACKNEY CARRIAGE RLS J.MULLINS HOLYROMANEMPORER MID D.PRUHS **HULK HOGAN WIDE M.GRADY** HYPATIA BLUE RLS P.GARLAND KILKENNY LONJACK MID S.CAHILL KNOCKANE LARK RLS S.BAKER KRYPTONITE RLS C.LISTER LENSON EXPRESS RLS T.COLLET LENSON JOKER MID T.COLLET LETHAL FRANKIE WIDE S.CAHILL LETHAL FREDDIE WIDE S.CAHILL LISLABIN RAMBO MID M.GRADY LOCKDALE DIAMOND RLS M.WALLIS LOVE MAC RLS M.LOCKE LOVE TIGER RLS M.LOCKE LOWGATE THEO WIDE P.LIDDLE LOYAL HONCHO WIDE S.GRAHAM (I) MACHU PICCHU MID P.CRONIN (I) MADGES MILLIONS WIDE J.FOSTER MALBAY RONALDO RLS J.LUCKHURST MANCINI RLS P.BUCKLEY (I) MARSHMAN MID M.MAVRIAS MELODYS PAT MID P.FITZGERALD (I) MILLIONS GIRL RLS N.MEAD MISSED A TRAIN WIDE M.WALLIS MONIS PET MID R.REES MOVE ON KEWELL WIDE B.DOYLE MUSICAL JACK RLS M.CUMNER MUSTANG GARCIA MID S.POOTS MYSTICAL HAKA MID P.GARLAND NINJA JAMIE MID C.LISTER NOIRS WILD MID O.KUERES PEA BALL WIDE E.MCNAIR PENNYS FLEETFOOT WIDE J.WALTON PIGALLE LADY RLS R.REES PLOUGH LANE MID S.GRAHAM (I) PODGES DILEMMA MID M.PUZEY RIO QUANDO MID D.RIORDAN **ROCKBURST MASON RLS M.WALLIS ROCKY ROCKET MID G.ANDREAS** ROMEO MALDINI WIDE D.FIRMAGER ROMEO PRIMO WIDE D.FIRMAGER ROMEO TURBO WIDE D.FIRMAGER RONALDOS MERIT RLS S.CAHILL RONNIES HUSTLE RLS K.MARLOW ROQUEFORT ADDSON WIDE T.TAYLOR ROSSACREDIBILTY WIDE C.LISTER SCINTILLAS RUBY WIDE M.WALLIS SEANIS LAD RLS M.WALLIS SEANIS STRIKE RLS M.WALLIS SHANACASHEL LAD WIDEO.McKENNA (I) SHEEPWALK BANN MID E.MCNAIR SIDE LEG WIDE R.REES SPEARS TARQUYNN RLS C.GARDINER SPLANC MID B.TREANOR

SWIFT N SMART WIDE N.MEAD TALKING MAN MID P.DONOVAN TEMPLE LAD RLS B.CLEMENSON TOOSEY BLUE WIDE J.MULLINS TOOSEY TOPS RLS K.MULLINS TRAINED ASSASSIN RLS G.ANDREAS TYRUR JAY RLS P.HENNESSEY (I) TYRUR KIERAN RLS P.HENNESSÉY (I) TYRUR LAUREL WIDE P.HENNESSEY (I) TYRUR RHINO WIDE C.LISTER TYRUR ROCKY RLS S.BAKER ULLID CONOR RLS P.HENNESSEY (I) UNIQUE OPTION MID D.PRUHS UNIQUE PICTURE WIDE K.MULLINS VANGELIS RLS N.McELLISTRIM WESTMEAD KEAWN WIDE N.SAVVA WESTMEAD LORD WIDE N.SAVVA YAHOO COMMANDER RLS M.GRADY YOULLHAVETOGO RLS S.BAKER