

# WINNER



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## Intrepid Prince (Ire)

Royal Applause – Intrepid Queen (Theatrical)

1st Aug 2016, Naas, Palmerstown House Anne Brewster Handicap 7f

Owner: MDOC Intrepid Syndicate. Jockey: Leigh Roche

We got him out today under the mandatory 5lb penalty, just three days after his win at Galway, but he was in great spirits at home so we let him take his chance. The handicapper put him up 17lbs for his Galway win, so in theory he had 12lbs in hand today.

It's great to get two wins in three days and I'm delighted for the other owners, Turlough Blessing and John and Nancy Kehoe for whom I bought Intrepid Prince at the yearling sales in September 2014.

He was a backwards sort of 2yo last year, but he progressed nicely through the season with a 2nd in a Limerick Nursery and a good run in a Leopardstown Nursery.

He has turned inside out this year, both physically and as a racehorse, and I don't think he's finished yet. Even though the rise in the ratings will go a long way towards slowing him down, he could do well off a light weight in a big handicap, although there are no immediate plans for him.

Michael O'Callaghan

### Leigh Roche

*"We half-missed the break, so I switched him out to get up behind the leaders on the outside. He travelled well to the furlong pole, and once I eased him into the lead he was never in danger of being caught."*

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