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An unusual sixth lot for these riders...

Front cover: *DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT leads the string home on a misty morning*

Back cover: *Heading out up Christmas Tree Avenue*

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INTRODUCTION

With the sights and sounds of the glorious British summer just a distant memory, the not so glorious winter we have recently endured was a challenging time for everyone working at Park House.

At the end of last season we committed to embark on a pair of projects simultaneously that will greatly enhance the training and stabling facilities at Kingsclere. The first was the construction of a new barn, similar in design to the barns added in 2012 and 2014 either side of the covered ride. The open nature of these buildings maximises natural light and gives excellent ventilation, and they have proved hugely successful over the last few racing seasons. The latest barn has recently been completed and is already inhabited by 24 very happy looking horses. Work is ongoing to finish the adjoining staff flat and another six-horse mechanical horse walker. Once fully completed this will be a fantastic addition to the stabling at Park House as it will enable us to have a constant human presence at that end of the yard which will provide peace of mind from a horse-care and a security point of view.

Our second project was to carry out a £240,000 refurbishment of both the Lochsong gallop and the round gallops in the Starting Gate Field. Refurbishing the near five furlong stretch that we use for our everyday exercise required the replacement of the underlying tarmacadam base before adding six inches of new Martin Collins Polytrack (a high spec waxed sand and rubber surface). The early results have been really encouraging and if this investment can help us reduce any injury rate whilst at the same time enabling us to continue to train as many winners as possible then it is certainly an investment worth making.

The disruption caused by these two projects running simultaneously provided some serious challenges of their own and I am pleased to say that through the hard work and excellent planning of our management team we have been able to carry on as normal through the winter months. Currently the new season has seen the team already on the 14 winner mark and the yard is running at an almost 24% win to run ratio which is an encouraging start.



With so many nice older horses remaining in training in 2018 and the addition of what on paper look the most exciting group of two year olds assembled during my time at Kingsclere, we have every reason to be genuinely excited for the arrival of the coming turf season and I am sure that everyone connected with the yard will be working harder than ever before to surpass the achievements of 2017. If we can do this it should be a year to remember! ■

THE SEASON AHEAD

Tessa Hetherington

Now that we are finally emerging from the clutches of winter, which seemed at times rather reluctant to release their grip, we can really begin to look forward to the season ahead. With our biggest ever team of horses this year there are many exciting prospects, not only within the bumper crop of juveniles who have arrived in the yard but also amongst the more familiar faces.

OLDER HORSES

Whilst the older horse division will be missing the likes of Tullius and Blond Me this year, it remains a strong squad. This is particularly the case at the staying end of the spectrum, where we have three proven Group performers on the yard. **Montaly** was a real star last year, with victories in the Chester Cup and the Group 2 Lonsdale Cup at York the highlights of a great season for Sir Charles Hobhouse's feisty son of Yeats. Montaly has done well for his holiday in the paddocks and work is underway to get him back in shape for an exciting season which is likely to kick off in either the Group 3 Sagaro Stakes at Ascot or the Group 3 Henry II Stakes at Sandown.

Duretto was an easy winner at Listed level over twelve furlongs last year and ran very well when stepped up to two miles in testing conditions in the Group 2 Long Distance Cup on British Champions Day. He definitely showed enough to merit another attempt at the longer trip on better ground and could be a Cup race contender this season. He will probably begin his campaign at a mile and five furlongs in the Group 3 Ormonde Stakes at Chester, the race in which he was third last year.

Re-joining the staying ranks after a prolonged absence due to injury is **Scotland**. Twice Group placed as a three year old, he ran a blinder in the Ascot Gold Cup as a four year old when sixth and beaten just over three lengths by winner Trip To Paris, staying on in eye-catching fashion from the rear of the field. His five year old season got off



SCOTLAND seems better than ever on return from injury

to a good start when he was just beaten by the classy Elite Army in the Listed Buckhounds Stakes at Ascot but after that he was plagued by niggles and missed all of last year. Thanks to the characteristic patience of his owners Jim and Fitri Hay and the efforts of pre-trainer Jane Allison, Scotland is back in the yard and moving as well as ever on the gallops. He has retained all his enthusiasm for his work and if we can keep him sound he is very much one to look forward to this year.

Haines needed his first run of his winter All-Weather campaign but has run well twice since, in Class 2 handicaps over two miles at Kempton and Wolverhampton. He will



HAINES will head to the All-Weather Championships

head to Lingfield on Good Friday in search of a slice of the excellent prize-money on offer at the All-Weather Championships. His main target for the year ahead will be the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle, having finished runner up in the consolation race there two years ago.

St Mary's has had a busy winter and has continued to run with creditable consistency, bar one start at Southwell where she hated the fibresand surface. She was unlucky on her latest start and will now have a break before

returning on the turf at Chester in May. During her break she is due to be covered by Intello and will run in foal for the first part of the summer before retiring to the paddocks of Kingsclere Stud.

Cleonte has returned from a break in good order and will target handicaps over fourteen furlongs this year. Now a gelding, we hope he can take advantage of what is a handy mark on his best form. **Sir Pass I Am** looks phenomenal after a winter holiday with his owners David and Sandie Newton and pre-training with Chris and Claire Bonner. He should be one to follow in staying handicaps when the ground is genuinely soft.

The older middle-distance team has an established star in regular globe-trotter **Elbereth**, who began 2018 with a good run in the Winter Derby Trial at Lingfield as a fast-finishing fourth. She then headed to Qatar for the Emir's Trophy over twelve furlongs on the turf at Doha, a local Group 1 but a very valuable race. As ever Elbie put her best foot forward and, despite being a little keen in the early stages, finished fifth and paid for her trip in the process. Now seven, she will stay in training this season and may well have another tilt at the Group 1 Coronation Cup at Epsom. She was fourth in a particularly strong renewal of the race last year and would be unlucky to meet that calibre of opposition again.



ELBERETH in Qatar for the Emir's Trophy

Brorocco has gone from strength to strength in the past two seasons and we believe he can still be classed as a rising star. Winner of two big handicaps at Epsom and Newbury last year before an excellent run in the Cambridgeshire, he will begin this season in handicaps but a Listed or Group 3 win should be within the grasp of Kingsclere Racing Club's progressive son of Shirocco. Another with good Epsom form is **Lorelina**, who ran the best race of her career when beaten a head in a good fillies' handicap at Newbury in October. For her seasonal debut she is likely to head back to Epsom for the Great Metropolitan Handicap and her form at the track reads 11432. She has also never been out of the first two in five starts on Good to Soft or softer, so connections will be hoping for plenty of April showers.

New to the yard for this season is **Morando**, who won the Listed Midsummer Stakes at Windsor over a mile last



MORANDO is an exciting new recruit

year before placing in a strong renewal of the Group 3 Superior Mile at Haydock when conditions were unsuitably testing. He ran well when second in a French Group 3 over nine and a half furlongs in October, and was then bought out of Roger Varian's yard by King Power Racing at the Tattersalls October Horses In Training Sale. We will obviously be feeling our way with him this Spring but may well try him at ten furlongs, with the Wolferton Stakes at Royal Ascot an obvious target if he performs at that distance. An imposing son of Kendargent, he is a lovely horse to have in the yard.

The older milers will as ever be spearheaded by the wonderful **Here Comes When**, who remains in training as an eight year old and has lost none of his verve despite his advancing years. He will undoubtedly find life tougher this year with a Group 1 penalty for last season's Sussex Stakes victory, but will likely kick off his campaign in the Group 2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown in April before targeting the major mile races through the season, if necessary heading across the Channel to find his favoured softer ground.

Like Morando, **Zwayyan** was purchased by King Power Racing at the October Horses In Training Sale. He was admirably consistent for William Haggas last year, netting two Class 3 contests and only finishing out of the first four once in seven starts. Campaigned over eight to ten furlongs and rated 96, he may be a Royal Hunt Cup horse this year but his early faster work will be instructive in that regard.

Lady Perignon had a busy winter, running six times on the All-Weather and only finishing out of the first four once. Having won at Lingfield in January under apprentice Jason Watson, who has made a stellar start to his year, she has now retired to stud for her owners Jim and Fitri Hay. Athletic but with plenty of substance, she will make a lovely broodmare. **Hairdryer** was too buzzy on his return from a break at Chelmsford in January but can do better in time, having been very consistent on the All-Weather last year.

The older sprint division includes four black type performers. **Donjuan Triumphant** was Group 1 placed as a three year old for Richard Fahey and was third in the Listed Richard III Stakes at Leicester last April, before winning the Ayr Gold Cup (at Haydock!). His run at

Kempton in January seemed to confirm suspicions that polytrack is not really his thing, but we may try him on the deeper fibresand surface at Southwell as a prep race for another crack at the Richard III Stakes, before potentially looking to France or Germany for a Group contest with his preferred give in the ground.



COUNT OCTAVE should be a Cup horse this year

Now eight, the Smith family's **Absolutely So** is a real yard favourite who richly deserved his win in the Group 3 John O'Gaunt Stakes at Haydock last year. Rated 107, he will target both handicaps and stakes races this year, but his main aim will be the Lennox Stakes at the Goodwood Festival, a race which is made for him but which he has missed through injury in each of the last three years. **Dancing Star** gained black type last year when second in the Listed Leisure Stakes at Windsor but then needed a long break after almost being brought down in the Group 1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot. She has returned this year looking better than ever and should be capable of adding winning black type to her page. **Intransigent** has two Listed wins to his name and has continued to be a marvellous servant to the yard and the Kingsclere Racing Club. Unlucky with the draw on his first two runs this year, he ran rather flat at Kempton on his latest start and may be due a break. **Make Music** has run well without winning on the All-Weather this winter, and plans are for her to be covered by Passing Glance this Spring. A very attractive mare with a great attitude, it would be wonderful if she can gain some black type before retiring to the stud paddocks in midsummer.

FOUR YEAR OLDS

Last year King Power Racing's **Beat The Bank** topped the three year olds, showing a near-perfect line of progression from a conditions race win to Listed, Group 3 and Group 2 victories. His final start, in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on British Champions Day, came at the end of a long first season for a horse who was still not the finished article and the very testing conditions made it a bigger question than it might otherwise have been. Refreshed by a long break in the paddocks here at Park House, Beat The Bank has developed into a bigger, stronger

horse this year and is going well in his early training. He is likely to head straight for the Group 1 Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in May and will have all the major mile contests on his agenda, including the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Another to show great progression last year was Qatar Racing's **Count Octave**, who began his season winning a maiden at Wolverhampton and ended it having been runner up in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot and a very creditable sixth in one of the strongest renewals of the Group 1 St Leger in recent years. He has returned from a break at Longholes Stud looking magnificent and we are all very excited to see what he can achieve this season. Having only the one win to his name, he may take advantage of the introduction of Novice races for older horses for a confidence-boosting seasonal debut before potentially heading to the Yorkshire Cup. He looks a candidate for all the big Cup races this year, and could make up into a Melbourne Cup horse in due course.

In the same ownership, **South Seas** had a more frustrating season last year but has made tremendous physical progress for his extended break. A Group 3 winner at two, he has a high level of ability and, now a gelding and moving better than ever, should be able to realise his significant potential this season. Another good juvenile looking to bounce back from a disappointing three year old season is **Isomer**, who ran to within half a length of Churchill when runner-up in the 2016 Chesham Stakes. He is another who might start off in a Novice race before graduating to better contests over a mile.



ISOMER has excellent juvenile form

Horseplay's season got off to a great start with a win in the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket but did not end as we hoped when she found the testing conditions after a long break too much on British Champions Day. She was turned out over the winter, has strengthened up and looks very well, her coat gleaming despite the recent cold spell. She may well aim for the Group 3 Bronte Cup over fourteen furlongs at York in May as her early season target. **Wingingit** placed at Listed level over fourteen furlongs last year for Noel Meade, but she has a tendency to be keen in her races and so we will probably start her off over twelve furlongs where a better pace should help her settle. A very scopey filly with an enormous stride, she should be well capable of winning black type this year. **Perfect Angel** certainly deserves winning black type, having been Group-placed at both two and three. She is currently at Mildmay Stud and will return to the yard once she is in foal in the hope of augmenting her already attractive page before retiring to stud. **Belle Meade** shares connections with Perfect Angel and will also be seeking winning black type this year, although she is likely to start her season in a Fillies Handicap at Ascot in April. From a family that improves with age (her dam is a half-sister to Prohibit, who won the Group 1 Kings Stand as a five year old), her physical development from three to four has been particularly eye-catching.

Poet's Vanity is another talented filly for whom things did not really work out last year, although her performances in the Group 3 Nell Gwyn Stakes and Group 2 Sandy Lane Stakes in the first half of the season were encouraging. She has ability in spades and there are good races to be won with her if we can keep her right throughout the season. **Munstead Star** was very progressive last year, following up her maiden win with a taking success in handicap company on her first attempt at two miles. She is bred to be better this year and she certainly looks to



FAIR COP is smart and speedy

have filled out into her scopey frame over the winter. Jeff Smith's **Fair Cop** also looks a stronger filly this year and has continued to move well throughout her early training. This augurs well for a good season as niggles have held her back in the past. A winner at Windsor last year, she is a smart filly over the minimum trip and is one to watch this

year. The KRC pair **Highland Pass** and **Hidden Steps** are flighty fillies who are not the easiest to train, but both are likely to show more on the turf than they did on the All-Weather this autumn and are currently being freshened up at Kingsclere Stud. **Queen Moon** has also headed to Kingsclere Stud but on a permanent basis, having retired from racing. A phenomenally tough mare, she had plenty of bites at the cherry but sadly retires as a maiden. She will visit Elm Park and we hope her offspring can do her winning for her! **Know The Truth** is also booked to Elm Park, having been a good servant to the apprentices during last year, providing Will Carver with a win at Southwell on his racecourse debut.

We have a smart set of middle-distance four year olds this year. **Contango** was a winner of three of his four starts last year, finishing runner-up in the Shergar Cup Classic off a mark of 92 on his latest run. He is an exciting



PIVOINE could be a Royal Ascot runner

horse who will start off in handicaps but should make up into a Stakes performer in time. With a similar profile is newcomer **Pivoine**, bought by King Power Racing from Sir Michael Stoute's yard at the October Horses In Training Sale. Winner of his last two starts, he could be a horse for the Duke Of Edinburgh Handicap at Royal Ascot but he will need to boost his rating with another win before then. A gorgeous horse with plenty of substance, we hope he can pick up where he left off. King Power Racing have another middle distance type in **Twin Star**, who is working his way down to a handy mark and should be a Saturday horse this season. Chelsea Thoroughbreds' **Max Zorin** had a frustrating setback last year following his excellent third in the Listed Dee Stakes at Chester but he has done valuable rehabilitation work on the treadmill and has made very pleasing progress. He is ready for some more testing work now and if all goes well he is one to look forward to this season.

Genetics' pedigree suggests he should be a middle distance horse but he struggled over ten furlongs last season, his best run of the year coming over a mile at Lingfield in December. His juvenile form marks him out

as a serious horse and we hope that a recent gelding operation will help him return to that level of performance in the coming months. Milers **Ancient Foe** and **Intimate Art** have been terribly unlucky with injuries but Ancient Foe is back on track and is a winner in waiting. Dual winner Intimate Art will, we hope, return to his best in time.

The style of **Straight Right's** recent victory in a seven furlong Class 2 Handicap at Newcastle was incredibly impressive. Running off top weight, he showed a turn of foot accurately described by the Racing Post as 'astonishing' to swoop past his rivals in a competitive contest. We have always thought he was a talented horse and he showed glimpses of this at Goodwood and Kempton last year, so it was very pleasing to see him show his true colours in such a decisive fashion. Unfortunately he picked up an injury in the race which will delay the start of his turf campaign a little, but his prognosis is good and he should be back to his best before long. Fellow sprinter **Scorching Heat** had an excellent season for owners Qatar Racing, recording two wins and never finishing out of the first three. He has done well for gelding and a holiday over the winter and his main aim this year will be the Stewards Cup, having won the consolation race at the Goodwood Festival last year. **Berkshire Boy** has really grown up (mentally, if not physically) and now that we have learnt that he needs time between his races he should have a profitable campaign this year. This may start in the Apprentice Handicap over seven furlongs at the All-Weather Championships. **Leontes** had another frustrating setback after indicating that he was back on track when finishing runner up over seven furlongs at Kempton to Accidental Agent, who has risen some twenty four pounds in the handicap since they met. He remains a talented sprinter and has done well on the treadmill through the winter.

The final word in the four year old section is reserved for the wonderful **Night Of Glory** who, having cruised to an easy Novice victory on the flat at Kempton in January, repeated the feat in a juvenile hurdle at Fontwell the following month, providing Park House with its first win over obstacles since Chiberta King won at Newbury some four years ago. Blessed with an amazing temperament, Night Of Glory is very laid back at home but comes to life when faced with a flight of hurdles. He just missed the cut for the Fred Winter Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham but he will have other options and once the jumps season is over he will revert to the flat and probably aim for the Chester Cup. One of the most likeable horses on the yard, he will be cheered on by his many fans at home wherever he goes.

THREE YEAR OLDS

Danzan was one of our best juveniles last year, winning his maiden impressively before running well in Group company at York and Newmarket and finishing runner-up in the big sales race at Doncaster's Leger meeting. This year he has already added two further wins to his tally,

both in six furlong Novice races at Chelmsford under first Oisin Murphy and then Jason Watson (whose claim helped reduce what would otherwise have been a double penalty). Danzan heads to the All Weather Championships on Good Friday and should be one of the leading fancies in the three year old sprint. At least as good on turf, he has an exciting season ahead.

Fortune's Pearl was another who held his own in Group company last year, finishing fifth in the Group 3 Tattersalls Stakes at Newmarket after Novice wins at Chepstow (on his debut) and Newmarket. The Newmarket win has worked out extremely well, with five of the horses behind him having won since, three of them twice. A bigger, more scopey model than Danzan, Fortune's Pearl has taken a little longer to come to hand this year but made a very encouraging seasonal debut when third in a Class 2 Conditions Stakes over a mile at Kempton this month. He will be one for stakes races on the turf this summer. Also owned by Qatar Racing, **King And Empire** was impressive in winning his sole start, over a mile at Kempton in October. We will feel our way with him this Spring – he is a lovely horse who has done nothing wrong but is still developing and should not be over-faced.



PERFECT ILLUSION has won twice already this year

Perfect Illusion was another to win on debut, but as a three year old, running away with a twelve furlong maiden at Lingfield in January under Oisin Murphy despite obvious greenness. He has always looked like a decent horse at home and duly followed up the following month in a better novice contest over the same course and distance, this time in the hands of Rob Hornby. He still has a lot to learn, which is exciting as it suggests there will be plenty more to come in time. By promising young sire Nathaniel and out of a half-sister to Park House's Dante winner Bonfire, Perfect Illusion has an entry in the Derby and may head for the Lingfield Derby Trial given his proven form at the track.

Crossing The Line won on her debut at Newmarket and ran well in the Group 3 Dick Poole Stakes at Salisbury before being caught flat-footed in the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket. She has done well for her winter holiday and is bred to be a better three year old, so should



AIYA won at Southwell in January before following up at Lingfield in February

be one to follow this year. We will aim for black type with her. **Foxtrot Lady** already has black type courtesy of her third in the Listed Two Year Old Trophy at Redcar. Still a maiden, Jeff Smith's burly daughter of Australian sprinter Foxwedge should have no trouble shedding that status before targeting the big three year old sprint handicaps, following a similar path to that taken by her half-sister Dancing Star. **Golden Salute** notched up two victories last year, both over the minimum trip. She had a set-back early this year, but Hot To Trot Racing's lovely daughter of Acclamation is on the mend and should add to her tally on the turf this summer.

Whitefountainfairy was a winner for Jessica Harrington in June before being sold to King Power Racing at the Goffs London Sale. She ran the best race of her career on her latest start when just pipped in the Group 3 Prestige Stakes at the Goodwood Festival and, having made great physical progress over the winter, she is a tremendously exciting prospect for this year. She may well begin her season in the Group 3 Dubai Duty Free Stakes (better known as the Fred Darling) over seven furlongs at Newbury in April and holds an entry in the French 1,000 Guineas.

Aiya did not win last year but has won twice this year already, scoring in a handicap over a mile at Southwell and then repeating the feat over a mile and a half at Lingfield a month later, both times in the hands of Oisín Murphy. The upturn in his form has been something of a relief as he had always looked a lovely horse but failed to show anything in his first two starts. Like many from the breeze-up sales, however, he needed a decent break to strengthen up

physically and mentally and his form since having five months off the track has been significantly improved. He will probably head to Bath for a valuable handicap at the end of March and if he continues to progress as he has in the past few months he will be one to watch this year. **Carouse** also recorded two wins in the first two months of the year, winning a maiden at Lingfield over seven furlongs in January and following up at the same track the following month in a claimer over a mile. He was claimed by Jamie Osborne that day.

Bought from the Ascot breeze-up sale, **Chai Chai's** form last year was a little patchy and he was at times unlucky in running, but when things finally went his way at Chester in September he proved that he is a handy little

horse, winning over seven furlongs in handicap company. His last run of the year came at the end of a busy season and, gelded since and turned out for a holiday at Clanville Stud, his mark of 76 looks very workable and he should be a fun horse this year.

Luna Eclipse had looked a smart horse in his early work last Spring and on debut at Salisbury, but then rather fell apart physically and needed a patient approach. He is a different horse this year, having really grown and filled out, and he fulfilled his early promise when winning on handicap debut at Kempton over a mile in February under Oisín Murphy. Made to come between horses when making his winning run, he showed a great attitude and will have learnt a lot in the process. With plenty of improvement to come, his mark of 75 looks very reasonable.



LUNA ECLIPSE fulfilled early promise when scoring at Kempton in February



PAPA STOUR is a son of the late Scat Daddy

The same is true of **Great Shot Sam**, who won well at Newcastle over seven furlongs in November and was given an opening mark of 72. By American sire Shackelford and out of a Sunday Silence mare who won at three in Japan, she is bred to do even better this year. **Papa Stour** is also by an American sire in the late great Scat Daddy. He was hampered by strong crosswinds at Newcastle on his first start for the yard, but replicated his excellent homework when running out the easy winner of a seven furlong handicap at Wolverhampton on his next outing. The following run came too quick and he was then disappointing at Kempton, but he has since had a wind operation which should help him return to form.

Macaque recorded the longest winning distance for Park House last year, winning by twenty four lengths at Brighton, although admittedly only facing one rival on that occasion! He has some good juvenile form in defeat including in the Haynes Hanson & Clark Conditions Stakes at Newbury and, now a gelding, should be a classy handicapper over a mile this year. The Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot could be

on the radar if his early work suggests he is ready for that level of test. **Seasearch** laid down an early marker for longest winning distance this year when winning over a mile and a half at Southwell by twenty three lengths under Martin Dwyer. He faced more than one rival, although the calibre of his opposition in a terrible Class 7 handicap was hardly stellar.... He will undoubtedly have his current mark of 49 increased significantly but there should be plenty of improvement in him – his half-sister Chesil Beach rose some 28 pounds in the handicap during her three year old season. Something of a slow learner, Seasearch spent most of his time as a foal refusing to come out of his stable, and most of his time as a yearling and young two year old trying to unseat regular rider Jamie Neild. Despite his quirks we are all rather fond of him, although to call him a lovable rogue would credit him with more guile than he possesses. He is a lovable twit, and we will be delighted if he can follow in his sister's footsteps.

At least as lovable but without the quirks is Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's **Pak Choi**, who has progressed significantly with each of his three runs and was very unlucky to bump into a good one at Newcastle on his latest start. Shedding his maiden tag should be a formality and, blessed with a brilliant attitude, he should give his owners plenty of good days out this year. The same is true of Another Bottle's **Master Of Wine**, a talented son of young sire Maxios who became rather wayward in the preliminaries at the races last year having shown good form at home and in his debut run. Gelding should help him channel his energy in more appropriate directions and he is a lovely prospect. Jeff Smith's **Rebel Streak** was very unlucky to finish last year as a maiden and, as his rating of 91 suggests, he is a classy individual. He should have little trouble winning this year before hopefully going on to better things.



SEASEARCH makes his winning move at Southwell before going twenty three lengths clear



PAK CHOI and his rider, groom, and number one fan Louise

Soldier To Follow and **Zatorius** were both bought by Andrew in Baden-Baden and both did well last year. Soldier To Follow finished runner-up on both his starts with the form of each working out nicely, whilst Zatorius was a long-priced runner-up at Chester on debut before running rather green in decent company at York. Bred to be later developers, anything they did as juveniles was a bonus and we look forward to seeing what they can produce this year. **Dawn Dancer** has now been runner-up on his last three starts, all at Southwell. A well-bred son of Dawn Approach, he has been unlucky to bump into some progressive horses and his time will surely come soon. **Ocala** was second to a subsequent Listed winner on her debut at Nottingham and, although she could not justify favouritism at Kempton on her next start, she is a big rangy filly who will have benefitted from her winter holiday and could be anything this year, with the standard of her work last year giving much encouragement.

Bacacarat showed much improved form on his second start when fourth in a decent-looking novice over a mile at Newbury, and the half-brother to Donjuan Triumphant could be a horse for the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot if he continues to progress. Another who looks destined

for better things is Richard Wilmot-Smith's **Diocletian**, a gorgeous horse who was still learning throughout last year. He should leave his opening mark of 76 well behind in due course. Also well-handicapped are Paul Spickett's pair, **Berkshire Royal** and **Berkshire Spirit**. The latter is a son of Mastercraftsman who bears more than a passing resemblance to former Park House winner The Graduate, who is by the same sire and who also started his three year old season on a mark of 65. The Graduate went on to win four times that year, his mark rising to 90, and we hope that Berkshire Spirit can do likewise this season.

A daughter of Yeats bred by her owner Roger Buckley, **Pilgrim Soul** is another late developer but looked a winner in waiting, having improved with each of her first three starts this winter. The market agreed but she could not justify short-priced favouritism at Wolverhampton last month. We have learnt that she needs plenty of time between her races and she is currently enjoying a break at Kingsclere Stud before returning for a turf campaign. The Wates' **Face Like Thunder** was much more savvy on his second start and, as a big scopey horse by Passing Glance, should continue to progress this year. The same is true of the Hitchins' **Unbridled Spirit**, who is by the same sire and was rather unfurnished last year. He has done well for a winter break in the paddocks. **Consultant** is an enormous but very attractive horse who has also filled out over the winter. He can be lazy at home but showed enough in his three starts last year to suggest that he will have little trouble losing his maiden status off his current mark.

Angel Islington picked up an injury last year when ready to win and has had another frustrating setback more



BERKSHIRE SPIRIT looks to be on a handy mark

recently. She should recover fully from this with time and she too is on a handy mark when she returns to the track. **Rux Ruxx** is a lovely type but failed to improve on her second start when rather keen in the early stages at Kempton. She will be one for handicaps on the turf after another run and is certainly settling better at home these days. **Lord Vetinari** also has two runs to his name but as a heavy-topped horse rather struggled with soundness last year. He looks much stronger and more balanced this year and has shown enough at home to suggest that he will leave his juvenile form well behind in time. **Maggie Jonks** and **Maid Up** both ran better than the bare result on their second starts and should win for owner-breeders the Hobby family this year. Kingsclere Racing Club's **Essendon** spent all of last year in the slow-learners group with Seasearch and beat only one rival in three starts. None of his brothers managed to run at all at two, however, so there is some hope that he might be inspired by Seasearch and turn a corner in the coming year!



MUST BE MAGIC is an exciting filly for this season

Moving to those who have just the one run under their belts so far, both the Hays' **Dixieland Diva** and Michael Tabor's **Must Be Magic** made eye-catching debuts at Newmarket, Dixieland Diva second to subsequent Group 3 placed Quivery and Must Be Magic just a short head behind subsequent Listed winner Hadith. The standard of their work at home has always been high and we are very excited about them this season. **Minute Mile** did not make her debut until this year but she too showed great promise when runner-up in a Lingfield novice event in January, the first two well clear of the rest. She has since been sold to race in America. **Natural History** was an encouraging third on his debut at Leicester in October. He has unfortunately suffered a setback whilst away on his winter break but we hope that he will be back in the yard before long, as HM The Queen's son of Nathaniel



BALLYQUIN ran encouragingly on debut at Newbury

has always looked talented and is bred to be better this year.

The very likeable **Ballyquin** had two subsequent winners behind him when fourth at Newbury on debut, staying on well over six and a half furlongs. By exceptional sire Acclamation and from a lovely family, he should be one to follow this year. **Mercury Rising** also finished fourth on debut, despite running very green over six furlongs at Pontefract. Although not a big horse in stature, he has done exceptionally well over the winter and is currently advertising his rude health by throwing some impressive shapes out at exercise. Also owned by Qatar Racing but in partnership with Barbara Keller, **Change Maker** is a lovely sort whose inexperience prevented him doing himself justice on debut at Nottingham. He does not do a tap in routine exercise at home but is a grand horse when he wakes up. **Kabrit** is also a gentleman at home and the big Mastercraftsman with the huge stride will no doubt progress significantly for his debut run, when he was the epitome of clueless. The same is true of Thurloe Thoroughbreds' **Lopito**, who has shown plenty at home. **Silver Swift** and **Sweet Lady Rose** should also make up into nice fillies this year, having had one run for valuable experience last season. The same goes for **Annie Mae** but we will be very patient with her. A half-sister to classy Park House stayers Haines and Ballinderry Boy, all of her family have been late developers and she is very far from the finished article at this stage.

One of the many benefits of Andrew's patient approach with his horses is that we start every season with some lovely three year olds who have not yet set foot on a racecourse and could really be anything this year. Guy Brook's **Flintrock** is an athletic son of Derby and Arc winner Sinndar and should make up into a good stayer. He has fully tested the athleticism of regular rider Josh Bryan this winter but appears to be settling down now his work levels are increasing! The saintly **Dream Catching** is likely to run at the other end of the trip spectrum, being by Dream Ahead and out of a five furlong winner. He has done amazingly well for his winter break and could be



FLINTROCK is a son of Derby and Arc winner Sinndar

a dark horse this year. **Exeat** is also bred for speed and although she is half the height of her half-sister Brief Visit she is a strong, muscular filly who moves well and looked good in her work last year before picking up an injury. She is fully recovered and could be out fairly early in the Spring. Mick and Janice Mariscotti's **King Lud** was another eye-catcher on the gallops last summer who then picked up a knock, but he is already doing fast work and seems to have lost none of his ability. He too should be out on the turf in the early part of the season. In the same ownership, **Sovrano** is a gorgeous big horse who needed time to grow and strengthen up last year. A half-brother to Listed winner Gold Land, his pedigree is full of later developers.

George Strawbridge has a lovely pair of unraced fillies in **Shailene** and **Until Again**, who have flourished physically over the winter. His three year old colt **Colenso** also has plenty of quality but is still a little weak. A half-brother to Park House Britannia winner Born In Bombay, we know the family well and they often require patience. Paul Spickett's gorgeous son of Champs Elysees **Berkshire Blue** certainly falls into that category but if we can keep him right this year he has the makings of a classy horse.



EXEAT looks to have plenty of speed

Jim and Fitri Hay's **Ensign Ewart** looked like one of our nicest two year olds early last Spring but he could not really handle the pressure when his work was stepped up. Given plenty of time to develop into his sizeable frame, he is looking great and should fulfil his early promise this year.

Private Cashier is another who showed exciting speed on the gallops last year but wasn't mentally and physically ready to run. By Leroidesanimaux, she is the first foal of Park House winner Vicksburg and is a lovely prospect for this year. **Havana Jane** is also from a family we know well, being a half-sister to Montaly. She was very backward last year and will require plenty of time. **Oenophile** is a full-sister to Park House stakes horse Ormito. She has made great progress over the winter and should be out on the turf early in the season, whilst Kennet Valley Thoroughbred's **White Turf** is a half-brother to Blond Me and is coming along nicely having required plenty of patience last year.

Qatar Racing's **Deliverance** struggled last year but is cruising through his early training this Spring. The son of Havana Gold is a half-brother to six winners and will aim to add to his dam's record this year. Field-mates on their



PRIVATE CASHIER is the first foal of Park House winner Vicksburg

winter holiday, **Young Bernie** and **Duration** are both solid, likeable types who should do well, whilst Jeff Smith's daughter of Cape Cross **Iconic Girl** and Neil Werrett's Street Cry filly are shaping up nicely.

Kingsclere Racing Club have a lovely type in **Urban Aspect**, a rangy son of Cityscape who floats up the gallops and has impressed his regular riders this year. The Club will have to wait a little longer to see what **Crescent Canyon** can do on the racecourse, as he picked up a nasty injury last summer which requires a long rehabilitation period. He is currently in the field at the bottom of my garden, babysitting two yearlings and forming a firm friendship with my new puppy! **Fox Mafia** was also injured last year but King Power's son of Dawn Approach is back in work and is a fine looking horse with plenty of scope. The Slades' **Reculver** is another to have benefitted from our equine treadmill over the winter, having been plagued by niggles. He did enough on the gallops last year to show us that he has a serious engine so we hope we can keep him sound this time around. ■

THE 2018 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

This year the competition will start on **Sunday April 1st** and will run until **Saturday December 1st** both dates inclusive.

Please make sure you put your name and address on your lists and fill in the list of substitutes with at least one two year old on it. The list of horses was correct at time of going to press but many things change in three weeks and we will make substitutions for you if we know that we need to. The order at half way will be published in the Summer Magazine, and there will be more regular updates on the website, together with a downloadable version of this entry form.

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Each list must include at least **FIVE two-year-olds**. All runners from **April 1st until December 1st** count for scoring while they are trained by Andrew Balding this means **all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners**. Entries are £10.00 each and you may submit as many lists as you like.

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LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2018 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

ABSOLUTELY SO 8 B g
Acclamation Week End
BROROCO 5 B g
Shirocco Lady Brora
CLEONTE 5 Ch g
Sir Percy Key Figure
DANCING STAR 5 B f
Aqlaam Strictly Dancing
DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT 5 B c
Dream Ahead Mathuna
DURETTO 6 Ch g
Manduro Landinium
EMPEROR NAPOLEON 5 B g
Champs Elysees Amarullah
ELBERETH 7 B m
Mount Nelson Masandra
HAINES 7 Ch g
Shirocco Spring Dream
HAIRDRYER 5 B g
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HERE COMES WHEN 8 B g
Danehill Dancer Quad's Melody
INTRANSIGENT 9 B g
Trans Island Mara River
LORELINA 5 B f
Passing Glance Diktalina
MAKE MUSIC 5 B f
Acclamation Come What May
MONTALY 7 B g
Yeats Le Badie
MORANDO 5 B g
Kendargent Moranda
SCOTLAND 7 B g
Monsun Squillo
SIR PASS I AM 5 B g
Passing Glance Orbital Orchid
ST MARY'S 5 B f
Siyouni Once Over
ZWAYYAN 5 Ch g
Pivotal Mail the Desert

FOUR YEAR OLDS

ANCIENT FOE B g
Shamardal Pearl Dance
BEAT THE BANK B g
Paco Boy Tiana
BELLE MEADE Ch f
Roderic O'Connor Hazardous
BERKSHIRE BOY B g
Elzaam Circuit City
CONTANGO Ch g
Casamento Call Later
COUNT OCTAVE B c
Frankel Honorine
FAIR COP B f
Exceed and Excel Speed Cop
GENETICS B g
Manduro Garmerita
HIDDEN STEPS B f
Footstepsinthesand Hidden Valley

HIGHLAND PASS B f

Passing Glance Lady Brora
HORSEPLAY B f
Cape Cross Mischief Making
INTIMATE ART Ch g
Dutch Art Intimacy
ISOMER Ch g
Cape Blanco Nimue
LEONTES Ch g
Paco Boy Robema
MAX ZORIN B g
Cape Cross My
MUNSTEAD STAR Ch f
Sir Percy Royal Patron
NIGHT OF GLORY B g
Sea The Stars Kesara
PERFECT ANGEL Br f
Dark Angel The Hermitage
PIVOINE B g
Redoute's Choice Fleur de Cactus
POET'S VANITY B f
Poet's Voice Vanity
SCORCHING HEAT B g
Acclamation Pink Flames
SOUTH SEAS Ch g
Lope De Vega Let It Be Me
STRAIGHT RIGHT B c
Siyouni Sailor Moon
TWIN STAR Ch g
Tagula Chronicle
WINGINGIT Ch f
Helmet Chirkova

THREE YEAR OLDS

AIYA Ch c
Declaration Of War Flamingo Sea
ANGEL ISLINGTON Gr f
Dark Angel Doregan
ANNIE MAE B f
Yeats Spring Dream
BACACARAT B c
Raven's Pass Mathuna
BALLYQUIN B c
Acclamation Something Mon
BERKSHIRE BLUE B c
Champs Elysees Lemon Rock
BERKSHIRE ROYAL B g
Sir Percy Forest Express
BERKSHIRE SPIRIT Gr c
Mastercraftsman Rebecca Rolfe
CHAI CHAI B g
Zoffany Flamenco Red
CHANGE MAKER Ch c
Havana Gold Belle Allemande
COLENSO B c
New Approach Pearl Dance
CONSULTANT B g
Kodiac Mary Goodnight
CRESCENT CANYON B g
Archipenko Hidden Valley
CROSSING THE LINE Br f
Cape Cross Terentia

DANZAN B c	Greenwood/Homburg	PILGRIM SOUL B f	Sir R Buckley
Lawman Charanga		Yeats Sabah	
DAWN DANCER B c		PRIVATE CASHIER B f	
Dawn Approach Ballet Ballon	Castle Down Racing	Leroidesanimaux Vicksburg	Mr R Wilmot Smith
DELIVERANCE B c		REBEL STREAK B g	
Havana Gold Tentpole	Qatar Racing Ltd	Dark Angel Siren's Gift	Mr J C Smith
DIOCLETIAN B c		RECULVER B g	
Camelot Saturday Girl	Mr R Wilmot-Smith	Tagula Lady Kildare	Martin & Valerie Slade
DIXIELAND DIVA B f		RUX RUX B f	
Cape Blanco Winnie Dixie	Mrs F Hay	Dark Angel Lady Duxyana	King Power Racing
DREAM CATCHING B g		SEASEARCH B g	
Dream Ahead Selfara	Mr M Payton	Passing Glance Seaflower Reef	KRC
DURATION B g		SHAILENE Ch f	
Champs Elysees Fringe	Mr I A Balding	Rip Van Winkle Snow Key	Mr G Strawbridge
ENSIGN EWART Ch g		SILVER SWIFT B f	
Lope De Vega Caerlonore	Mrs F Hay	Dutch Art Silver Kestrel	Susanne & Jeffrey Nedas
ESSENDON B g		SOLDIER TO FOLLOW B c	
Aussie Rules Inhibition	KRC	Soldier Hollow Nota Bene	Michaelson/James/Greenwood
EXEAT B f		SOVRANO Ch c	
Oasis Dream Brevity	Cliveden Stud	Leroidesanimaux Alchemilla	Mick & Janice Mariscotti
FACE LIKE THUNDER B g		SWEET LADY ROSE Ch f	
Passing Glance Violet's Walk	Mrs M E Wates	Shamardal Sweet Rose Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
FLINTROCK Br c		UNBRIDLED SPIRIT B g	
Sinndar Four Roses	Mr G Brook	Passing Glance Sweet Mandolin	Mr J & Mr S Hitchins
FORTUNE'S PEARL Ch c		UNTIL AGAIN B f	
Harbour Watch Princess Mood	Qatar Racing Ltd	Iffraaj Sara Lucille	Mr G Strawbridge
FOX MAFIA B c		URBAN ASPECT B c	
Dawn Approach Zibilene	King Power Racing	Cityscape Casual Glance	KRC
FOXTROT LADY Ch f		WHITEFOUNTAINFAIRY Ch f	
Foxwedge Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith	Casamento Groupetime	King Power Racing
GOLDEN SALUTE B f		WHITE TURF Gr g	
Acclamation Golden Shadow	Hot to Trot Racing	Clodovil Holda	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds IV
GREAT SHOT SAM Ch f		YOUNG BERNIE B g	
Shackleford Universal Peace	Mr L Register	Sixties Icon Hot Pursuits	Mr B McGuire
HAVANA JANE B f		ZATORIUS B g	
Havana Gold Le Badie	Farleigh Racing	Pastorius Zarah Top	Gerry & April Rafferty
ICONIC GIRL B f		XXX B f	
Cape Cross Snoqualmie Star	Mr J C Smith	Sea The Stars Bright Snow	Mr Shapoor Mistry
KABRIT Ch c		XXX B f	
Mastercraftsman Twinkling Ice	Mrs F Hay	Street Cry Trickski	Mr Neil Werrett
KING AND EMPIRE B c			
Intello Fraloga	Qatar Racing Ltd	TWO YEAR OLDS	
KING LUD B c		AGENT BASTERFIELD B c	
Cape Cross Natural Flair	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	Raven's Pass Maridiyna	Mr P Fox
LOPITO B c		ALDENTE Gr f	
Lope De Vega Stellar Brilliant	Thurloe T/Breds XLII	Archipenko Albacocca	Ms K Rausing
LORD VETINARI B g		BANGKOK B c	
Lethal Force Princess Luna	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	Australia Tanaghum	King Power Racing
LUNA ECLIPSE B c		BAROSSA RED Ch c	
Bahamian Bounty Luna Forest	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	Tamayuz I Hear You Knocking	Another Bottle Racing
MACAQUE B g		BELL ROCK B c	
Rock of Gibraltar Spiliada	Pink Hat Racing P/ship	Kingman Liberally	Mrs F Hay
MAGGIE JONKS Ch f		BLOOD EAGLE B c	
Sixties Icon Lighted Way	Dr J Hobby	Sea The Stars Directa Princess	Mrs F Hay
MAID UP Gr f		CALEDONIAN BELLE Ch f	
Mastercraftsman Complexion	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd	Mastercraftsman Impressionist Art	Mrs F Hay
MASTER OF WINE B g		CHIL CHIL B f	
Maxios Magma	Another Bottle Racing	Exceed & Excel Tiana	King Power Racing
MERCURY RISING B c		COMPASS B g	
Henrythenavigator Millistar	Qatar Racing Ltd/Mr M Offenstadt	Henrythenavigator Medley	H M The Queen
MUST BE MAGIC B f		CONSTRAINT B f	
Camelot Saturn Girl	Mr M Tabor	Sinndar Inhibition	KRC
NATURAL HISTORY B c		DASHING WILLOUGHBY B c	
Nathaniel Film Script	HM The Queen	Nathaniel Miss Dashwood	Mick & Janice Mariscotti
OCALA Ch f		DISCO DORIS B f	
Nathaniel Night Carnation	Mr G Strawbridge	Poet's Voice Discophilia	Mrs P Veenbaas
OENOPHILE B f		DOUNE CASTLE B c	
Mamool Ormita	Another Bottle Racing	Camelot Ape Attack	Mick & Janice Mariscotti
PAK CHOI Ch c		DUDLEY'S BOY B c	
Paco Boy Spring Green	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing	Passing Glance Lizzie Tudor	Mrs K Gough
PAPA STOUR B c		DUTCH TREAT Ch f	
Scat Daddy Illaunglass	Chasemore Farm	Dutch Art Syann	Mildmay Racing/D H Caslon
PERFECT ILLUSION B c		EAGLE QUEEN Ch f	
Nathaniel Chicita Banana	Mr & Mrs R Gorell/ Mr N Botica	Dubawi Opera Gal	Mr J C Smith
		EDINBURGH CASTLE B c	
		Sea The Stars Evensong	Mrs F Hay

FIRELIGHT B f			
Oasis Dream	Freedom's Light	Mr G Strawbridge	
FLASHCARD Ch c			
Fast Company	Portico	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds	
FORSETI B c			
Charm Spirit	Ravensburg	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
FOX CHAIRMAN B c			
Kingman	Starfish	King Power Racing	
FOX LEICESTER Gr c			
Dark Angel	Pop Art	King Power Racing	
FOX MORGAN B g			
Paco Boy	Alovera	King Power Racing	
FOX PREMIER B c			
Frankel	Fann	King Power Racing	
FOX SHINJI B c			
Iffraaj	Keene Dancer	King Power Racing	
FOX TAL B c			
Sea The Stars	Maskunah	King Power Racing	
FOX WIN WIN Ch c			
Lope de Vega	What A Picture	King Power Racing	
GALLATIN B f			
Kingman	Fantasia	Mr G Strawbridge	
GOOD BIRTHDAY B c			
Dabirsim	Chica Loca	King Power Racing	
HAPPY POWER Gr c			
Dark Angel	Tamarisk	King Power Racing	
HAT YAI B c			
Garswood	Takizada	King Power Racing	
HAVANA ROCKET B c			
Havana Gold	Mawaakeb	Rocket Racing	
HERO HERO Br c			
No Nay Never	Fancy	King Power Racing	
I'M AVAILABLE B f			
Nathaniel	Night Carnation	Mr G Strawbridge	
INCLYNE Ch f			
Intello	Lady Brora	KRC	
INDOMITABLE B c			
Invincible Spirit	Mousse au Chocolat	Mr J C Smith	
JOHNNY KIDD Ch c			
Australia	Sabreon	Chelsea Thoroughbreds	
KING POWER Ch f			
Frankel	Prowess	King Power Racing	
LANDA BEACH B c			
Teofilo	Jameela's Dream	Mr P Fox	
LARIAT Ch c			
Poet's Voice	Lasso	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
LAURA'S LEGACY B f			
Passing Glance	Rebecca Romero	KRC	
LE DON DE VIE B c			
Leroidesanimaux	Leaderene	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
LOOK AROUND B f			
Kingman	Magic America	Mr G Strawbridge	
MAYNE Br c			
Dansili	Pink Damsel	Mrs F Hay	
MUCHO TALENTO B c			
Intello	Moiava	Transatlantic Racing	
MUNSTEAD MOONSHINE Ch f			
Sir Percy	Royal Patron	Lady Gillian Brunton	
NEVER DO NOTHING B c			
Casamento	Purple Tigress	A Brooke Rankin/M Sommer	
OLOROSO Ch c			
Fast Company	Convidada	R Hetherington/ J Carey	
PARADISE BOY B c			
Mamool	Palace Secret	Gerry & April Rafferty	
PASS THE GIN Br f			
Passing Glance	Oasis Spirit	KRC	
PATTAYA B f			
Poet's Voice	Talampaya	King Power Racing	
POT LUCK B f			
Phoenix Reach	Marajuana	KRC	
QUEEN OF JUMEIRAH Ch f			
Casamento	Money Spider	Park House Partnership	
QUEEN'S SOLDIER B c			
Soldier Hollow	Queen Mum	Martin & Valerie Slade	
RANCH HAND B c			
Dunaden	Victoria Montoya	KRC	
RECTORY ROAD B c			
Paco Boy	Caerlonore	Park House Partnership	
RIVERFRONT Gr c			
Reliable Man	Why Worry	L Register/M Sommer	
RUX POWER B f			
Kingman	Cut Short	King Power Racing	
SAWASDEE Br c			
Shamardal	Beneventa	King Power Racing	
SEA SCULPTURE B c			
Archipenko	Seafflower Reef	KRC	
SEEUSOON B c			
Sea The Moon	Village Fete	Mr P Betts	
SNEAKY PEEK B f			
Nayef	Casual Glance	KRC	
SPIRIT OF NICOBAR B f			
Dunaden	Sweet Mandolin	J C & S R Hitchins	
SPIRIT WARNING B c			
Charm Spirit	Averami	KRC	
STARRY B f			
Lope de Vega	Aurore	HM The Queen	
STRICT TEMPO Ch f			
Norse Dancer	Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith	
SWAN STREET Ch c			
Compton Place	Private Equity	Park House Partnership	
TIPPY TIPPY B f			
Sea The Stars	Peinture Rose	King Power Racing	
TOP FOX B c			
Frankel	Lady Linda	King Power Racing	
TOP POWER Ch c			
Le Havre	Altamira	King Power Racing	
TRIBAL CRAFT Ch f			
Mastercraftsman	Snoqualmie Star	Mr J C Smith	
TUK POWER B f			
Dubawi	Soon	King Power Racing	
UNPLUGGED B c			
Alhebayeb	Crown Light	Mr R Gorell	
WEDDING BLUE B c			
Kingman	Wedding Morn	Mr G Strawbridge	
YELLOW LABEL Br g			
Hat Trick	Kazam	Mr L L Register	
XXX B c			
War Command	Zeyran	Mr D Brownlow	
XXX B f			
Teofilo	Opinionated	Mr N Watts/Mr D Powell	
XXX Br c			
Mastercraftsman	Madonna Dell'Orto	Mr D Brownlow	
XXX Br f			
Kodiac	Ventura Mist	Sheikh Juma	
XXX B c			
Camelot	Saphira's Fire	Sheikh Juma	
XXX B f			
Havana Gold	Dark Reckoning	Qatar Racing Ltd	
XXX B f			
Iffraaj	Pink Flames	Qatar Racing Ltd	
XXX B f			
Charm Spirit	Valonia	Qatar Racing Ltd	
XXX B c			
Lope de Vega	Victrix Ludorum	Qatar Racing Ltd	
XXX Ch f			
Dunaden	Volkovkha	Pearl Bloodstock Ltd	
XXX Ch f			
Lope de Vega	Penelope Star	Thurloe T/breds XLV	
XXX B f			
Iffraaj	Vakiyla	Mrs M E Wates	
XXX B f			
Shamardal	Pearl Dance	Mr G Strawbridge	
XXX B f			
Havana Gold	Charlecote	Mr C Buckley	
XXX Ch c			
Lope de Vega	Hikari	Mr J Palmer-Brown	

12 TO FOLLOW 2-y-o POINTERS

Tessa Hetherington

With our largest ever squad of juveniles this year, picking just a handful to highlight at this early stage has been a tough task, particularly as this crop seems to top recent years in quality as well as in quantity. Below are some of the horses that to my eye look destined to be both talented and precocious, on the basis of pedigree and physical impression.

BAROSSA RED Ch c
Tamayuz – I Hearyou Knocking



This racy colt is by Tamayuz, who was unbeaten in two starts as a juvenile before excelling as an older horse. He is a good sire of sprinters and milers and, although many of his horses improve with age, he can sire a good two year old. His more precocious progeny include G2 Flying Childers winner Sir Prancealot, dual G3 winning two year old Brown Sugar, and G2 Rockfel runner-up Fadhayil, who is bred on the same Danehill Dancer cross as this colt. Barossa Red's dam did not make waves on the racecourse but she is a half-sister to King Sound, who was placed in the G1 Grand Criterium at two, and to the dam of Landseer, who was runner-up in the Dewhurst. She has already produced four winners, two of these winning as juveniles. Buzzy and active, this colt fetched £36,000 at the Doncaster yearling sale and looks an early runner.

BELL ROCK B c
Kingman – Liberally
Bought for €240,000 from Goffs Orby sale, this colt is out of a black-type filly who is a half-sister to Speciosa, who won the G2 Rockfel Stakes at two before taking the G1 1,000 Guineas at three, and Major Rhythm, who won twice at two before winning a



Grade 3 in the United States as an older horse. Kingman is a first-season sire this year, having been a good two year old (winning on debut in June and taking the G3 Solario Stakes) before becoming a top miler at three. His yearlings were well received at the sales as they were an attractive bunch and this handsome colt is no exception. He has shown plenty of speed and relishes his work.

DASHING WILLOUGHBY B c
Nathaniel – Miss Dashwood



Bought from Tattersalls Book 1 for 70,000 guineas, this colt's pedigree suggests he should be a later developer. His sire is King George and Eclipse winner Nathaniel, who has made an excellent start at stud (his first crop spearheaded by Oaks and Arc heroine Enable) but whose progeny to date have seemed to be better as three year olds. His dam was a decent handicapper from the wonderful Meon Valley Stud family of Speedy Boarding (dual G1 winner in France over 1m2f), Dash To The Top (second in

the G1 Yorkshire Oaks) and Milligram (won G1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes, G1 Coronation Stakes), most of whom have improved with age. This colt, however, is neat and agile and has shown a real turn of foot in his early work. His pedigree is not without juvenile performers – Nathaniel ran to within half a length of Frankel on his debut at two, and his half-sister Playful Act won the G1 Fillies' Mile, a race in which Dash To The Top was third. Dashing Willoughby looks to have inherited those elements of precocity and should run well this year.

FOX PREMIER B c
Frankel – Fann



By superstar racehorse and dominant young sire Frankel and out of a black-type mare who has already produced two stakes horses, this colt was bound to command a high price at the sales and was purchased for 700,000 guineas from Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. His sire needs little introduction but already has an excellent record with his juveniles, siring seven European Group winning juveniles in his first two crops in addition to Japanese champion juvenile Soul Stirring. Fann ran at two but did not win until her three year old year (placing at Listed level at four), but all three of her winning offspring won as juveniles and this compact, racy colt is already showing plenty of speed and looks every inch a two year old winner.

GOOD BIRTHDAY B c
Dabirsim – Chica Loca
This attractive and free-moving colt is by the exciting new sire Dabirsim, who was unbeaten in five starts as a juvenile, winning the G1 Prix Morny and the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagadere. He was champion first season

sire in France last year and also hit the headlines on these shores thanks to the filly Different League, winner of the G3 Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot and placed in the G1 Cheveley Park Stakes before realising 1.5m guineas at the December Mare Sale. Chica Loca was herself a classy juvenile, winning at Listed level and twice placing at Group 3 level, including when third in the G3 Prix de Cabourg to none other than future mate Dabirsim! Wonderfully straightforward, this colt was purchased for €500,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale and is taking everything in his stride so far.

HAVANA ROCKET B c

Havana Gold – Mawaakeb

This racy colt is by one of last year's new sire sensations in Havana Gold, whose first crop yielded 24 juvenile winners including Havana Grey (winner of G3 Molecomb Stakes, runner up in G1 Prix Morny and G2 Flying Childers), Headway (second in G2 Coventry Stakes) and Treasuring (winner of G3 Curragh Stakes). Mawaakeb was unraced and not all of her progeny have raced, but the two that have run both won as two year olds. She is a daughter of Muwakleh, who was second in the 1,000 Guineas, and from the family of Almutawakel, who won at two before taking the G1 Prix Jean Prat and the G1 Dubai World Cup. An athletic individual, this colt was bought at the Goffs Orby sale for €40,000 and finds everything pretty easy at this stage.

HERO HERO B c

No Nay Never – Fancy



Bought for €325,000 at Goffs Orby Sale, this imposing colt is from the first crop of No Nay Never, winner of the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot and the G1 Prix Morny as a two year old. No Nay Never is a son of the late Scat Daddy. Scat Daddy holds the North American record for juvenile stakes winners in a season and boasts an incredible record at Royal Ascot, having sired the winner of the G2

Norfolk Stakes twice (No Nay Never and Sioux Nation), the G2 Queen Mary Stakes twice (Acapulco and Lady Aurelia) and the G2 Coventry Stakes (Caravaggio). No Nay Never's yearlings were an eye-catching bunch at the sales and Hero Hero was no exception, bearing a resemblance to his sire and grand-sire. His dam was unraced but his grand-dam won at two before winning at Group 3 level as a three year old, and he shows every sign of being one of the earlier runners this year.

INDOMITABLE B c

Invincible Spirit – Mousse Au Chocolat

Bought as a foal by Jeff Smith's Hursley Bloodstock for 170,000 guineas, this colt is by the excellent sire Invincible Spirit, a well-established source of precocious sprinters and milers whose progeny include G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park winner Shalaa, G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner National Defence, G1 Cheveley Park winner Hooray and G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Vale Of York. Mousse Au Chocolat won on her debut in June of her two year old year before winning a French Listed contest in the same season. She is a half-sister to Listed winning juvenile Ronan's Bay, Group 2 placed juvenile Bala, and Chinotto, who won as a two year old from Park House for Mick and Janice Mariscotti. Whilst Mousse Au Chocolat is yet to breed a two year old winner she is a young broodmare and this attractive, sprightly colt should change that.

KING POWER Ch f

Frankel – Prowess

Unsurprisingly given her 2.5 million guineas price tag as a yearling, this filly is bred in the purple. By the exceptional Frankel, she is out of the black-type filly Prowess, whose mother Yawl won the G2 Rockfel Stakes at two. Prowess has produced four winners from five previous foals including



the marvellous Talent, winner of the G1 Oaks and second in the G1 St Leger. Three of Prowess' offspring have won at two, including Talent. This filly has attitude in spades but when this is channelled in an appropriate direction she looks to have the ability to match and is an exciting prospect for this season and beyond.

LOOK AROUND B f

Kingman – Magic America

Bred by owner George Strawbridge, this filly is from the first crop of superstar miler Kingman, who won on his racecourse debut in June of his two year old year before taking the G3 Solario Stakes the same season. Kingman's dam is a half-sister to Oasis Dream, who won the G1 Middle Park as a juvenile before going on to be a top class older sprinter and sire. Magic America was also precocious, first winning in May of her two year old season before finishing second to Dutch Art in the Prix Morny and winning the G3 Prix Miesque that same year. Her record as a broodmare is not flawless but her second foal, Sara Lucille, won and was Group 3 placed as a two year old. This filly is light framed and very athletic, catching the eye on the gallops in her early work.

OLOROSO Ch c

Fast Company - Convidada



Sent to the sales with a brief to buy my father a late-developing staying sort, preferably dark bay, I returned with a precocious-looking chestnut sprinter/miler.... His sire, Fast Company, won the G3 Acomb Stakes and was second to New Approach in the G1 Dewhurst at two. Fast Company has already established himself as a good young sire, his progeny including G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Jet Setting, G2 Lanwades Stud Stakes winner Devonshire (also a winner at two, and bred on the same cross as this colt), and Baitha Alga, winner of the G2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot as a two year old. Convidada has produced one winner from three foals to date, and is a half sister to 9 winners, three of them black-type horses. Most of her family are

later developers but physically this colt looks very strong and he has impressed in his early work. He was bought from Book 3 at Tattersalls for 27,000 guineas.

POT LUCK B f

Phoenix Reach – Marajuana

Bred at Kingsclere Stud, this pretty filly is the sixth foal of Marajuana, who won on her debut as a two year old in mid-June. Her intended debut was in fact a week earlier but she was withdrawn on that occasion, having thrown her rider in the paddock and injured him. She was withdrawn twice more as a juvenile for unruly behaviour in the stalls, and never fulfilled her early promise the following year. She clearly had ability, however, and has produced three winners, with one (Hidden Stash) winning as a juvenile. Whilst she undoubtedly possesses her mother's quirky temperament, Pot Luck is the spitting image of her sire, Phoenix Reach. Phoenix Reach's juvenile season was cut short when he split a pastern but he was no slouch as a two year old, finishing within a head of Norse Dancer on his only start, before going on to become a top-class middle distance performer. He is capable of siring a good two year old, with his best offspring being G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Elm Park. She may not be the most obvious choice for inclusion in this shortlist but Pot Luck really catches the eye on the gallops and I hope she can emulate her father in more than just looks.

SPIRIT WARNING B c

Charm Spirit – Averami



This colt is the eighth son of Averami, Kingsclere Stud's super broodmare, and a half brother to Kingsclere's G1 Mackinnon Stakes winner Side Glance and the talented Rawaki, Spectator and Taglietelle. Whilst most of the family are later developers, Side Glance won on his debut at two (in September) and Averami's first foal Advertise was also a winner at two. This colt is a strong, sturdy type who moves well and has found his early training very easy, suggesting he may be towards the more

precocious end of the family spectrum. He is from the first crop of Charm Spirit, who won and was Group 1 placed as a juvenile before winning three Group 1s over a mile as a three year old.

SWAN STREET Ch c

Compton Place – Private Equity



Bought by Emma from the new Ascot yearling sale for £18,000, this colt is by the speedy Compton Place, who won on his debut in June of his juvenile year before being runner-up in both the Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes and the Group 2 Flying Childers as a two year old. He went on to win the Group 1 July Cup and is an established sire of mostly sprinters and milers. This colt's dam only ran once at two, in December, but she is a half sister to dual Listed winner and Group 1 placed Shifting Power (also by Compton Place) who was unbeaten in both his starts at two. Powerful, stocky, and blessed with a wonderful attitude, this colt bears a strong resemblance to Shifting Power and we hope he can follow in his footsteps.

UNNAMED B f

Iffraaj – Pink Flames



This likeable filly was bought in France by Qatar Racing, fetching €120,000. Her sire won in the September of his two-year-old season but did not flourish until he was four. Despite this he has proven to be an exceptional source of good juveniles, including Wootton Bassett (winner of G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere), Chriselliam (G1

Fillies' Mile), Rizeena (G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes) and Ribchester (G2 Mill Reef Stakes). Pink Flames ran once at two but is a full sister to Lahaleeb, winner of the G2 Rockfel Stakes as a two year old, and a half sister to Precious Star, who won and was Listed and Group 3 placed as a juvenile. From three previous foals Pink Flames has already produced a good horse in the Kingsclere-trained Scorching Heat, who won at two before scooping the Stewards' Sprint at Glorious Goodwood last year. Balanced and easy-moving, this filly looks the type to do well this year.

UNNAMED B f

Kodiac – Ventura Mist

This diminutive filly is a little ball of muscle and very typical of her sire, Kodiac. Although he himself did not shine until he was an older horse, Kodiac is a prolific source of speedy juveniles, his progeny including G1 Cheveley Park winner Tiggy Wiggy (who first won in March of her two year old season), G2 Lowther Stakes winner Besharah (first won in May) and G3 Autumn Stakes winner Gifted Master (first won in April). This filly's dam first ran in April of her juvenile season, winning three times at two including the Listed Two Year Old Trophy at Redcar. She is a half-sister to the useful Maljaa, who also won at two. This filly is a first foal, and fetched 120,000 guineas in Book 1 of the Tattersalls October yearling sale.

UNNAMED B f

Teofilo – Opinionated

Bought at Goffs Orby sale for €60,000, this lovely filly is by Teofilo and out of a Dubai Destination mare. Teofilo is known for his older staying types but was himself an unbeaten two year old, winning the G1 National Stakes and the G1 Dewhurst. He is also more than capable of siring a precocious horse, his offspring including the juvenile stakes performers Loch Garman (winner of G1 Criterium International), Parish Hall (winner of G1 Dewhurst), Havana Gold (winner of G3 Tattersalls Stakes) and Roz (runner up in G1 Fillies' Mile). Opinionated only ran once (in October of her juvenile year) but she is out of G3 winning two year old Theoretically and is a half-sister to the dam of G2 winning juvenile Moohajim. Her first foal was unraced but the next won his maiden on debut by seven lengths before sadly dying as a three year old, whilst her 2015 foal was second to a hot favourite on his debut last month. Strong but light on her feet and blessed with a great attitude, this filly looks the type to do well as a later two year old before progressing next year. ■

RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES

EMMA BALDING

The welfare of our animals is an essential component of responsible ownership and an emotive subject. I think it fair to say that owners of animals have different viewpoints on what constitutes quality of life and we act within the parameters of our own experience with the various creatures we have been lucky enough to have had in our care.

In relation to our horses it is a wide-ranging topic. In this piece I am talking about the thoroughbred, a wonderfully sensitive, multi-talented and beautiful creature, and concentrating on those bred to be raced.



Royal Ascot winner *CHIBERTA KING*

Generally speaking, racehorses are bred and raised with care. They do not all reach the dizzy heights for which they are aimed but providing they are mentally adaptable and physically sound there are many alternative careers to which they can be turned and in which they can thrive. As with everything there are always exceptions and horror stories, and many charities can really only raise funds by highlighting these.

The Retraining Of Racehorses charity (known as ROR) was set up in 2000 following a documentary on television called 'They Don't Shoot Horses Do They?' It highlighted a horse that had been found in the meat markets of Belgium having retired from racing some time before. There was an appropriate reaction to this and the charity was set up firstly to explore the depth of the problem but more importantly to see where horses that retired from racing ended up.

Despite the introduction of microchipping in the passports, figures have to date been impossible to verify and renewed attempts are being made to improve this information. We know that about 4,000 horses registered as 'in training' leave racing annually. Of these some go to stud, some are sold and exported, some go to non-racing homes, but the



Talented stayer *COMMUNICATOR*

numbers are only to be guessed at. Previously, many horses were owned by breeders who had their own properties to retire them to. The owner base has changed as dramatically as anything in racing, and this has contributed to a greater need for rehoming options for ex-racehorses.

There is no concrete evidence, however, that there is a huge mystery about where many horses go when they have finished racing, and it would be fair to say that the vast majority of them end up in caring homes adapting well to a new life. The transition is not without its problems – the thoroughbred needs understanding and the passage to a safe riding horse involves getting to grips with changing his diet, his daily routine, and getting him used to possibly a three star hotel after a five star one etc.

The ROR charity took the pragmatic view that the biggest assistance they could give to the breed was



Group 1 winner *SIDE GLANCE*



Royal Ascot and Shergar Cup winner PENTECOST

to create opportunities for them to shine in a new career and to educate prospective new owners about the needs of these wonderful animals. By sponsoring and organizing clinics and avenues for the new riders to explore, there are now hugely popular showing, dressage, show jumping and eventing classes for ex-racehorses, together with polo, horseball, and endurance riding competitions and even grown-up 'pony club camp' to help riders work through any problems they might have. Some of the best hunters have always been ex-racehorses and this continues to be the case. Owners and trainers have their own network of people looking for retired horses, and many of the horses are bought out of the smaller sales by good knowledgeable horse people looking to transform a slow racehorse into a wonderful eventer or polo pony.

All good positive news. However, life changes just as much for people as it does for horses and whilst the first post-racing home may have been great, circumstances may alter and the owner may find themselves unable to carry on with the horse. The subsequent rehoming of it may be hurried and not suitable. This is where we need the chain of responsibility to be strong and for there to be a safety net if things do go wrong. Horses in this situation that need charitable support are helped by ROR's vulnerable horse scheme and placed at one of the fifteen centres nationwide that have been recommended by the charity's welfare officer for retraining and rehoming. There are also funds available for the rare occasions that a former racehorse is found needing emergency care.

There is a fine balance between charitable intervention and interference and one of the vital messages that had to be transmitted was that of

euthanasia. To my mind it is one of the major responsibilities of animal ownership but not all agree with this and their views are to be respected as long as the welfare of the animal is guaranteed. It is, however, an option that should be considered and discussed in some circumstances.

Happily those circumstances are relatively rare and many ex-racehorses live long and contented lives in their new homes. No one can pretend that keeping a horse is a cheap hobby but for those up to the challenge a thoroughbred is the

ultimate. Anyone who has sat on a thoroughbred knows the unique feeling they give the rider. Even loose in the field they love competing with each other but they, like us, can make some silly mistakes and that is when they need to rely on us to come up with the right answers. Like a fast car they are an acquired taste, and not all drivers should drive a sports car! All involved with the rehoming and retraining process should be aware of both the needs of the particular animal and the capabilities of the prospective new owner. Professional advice sought early enough greatly enhances the chance of success and there is plenty of information on the ROR website (www.ror.org.co.uk) on how to attain help. The success stories featured there give comfort and inspiration.

There is no room for complacency in monitoring what is happening to our retired racehorses and I am afraid there will always be some bad stories, but there are some great people out there doing wonderful jobs and long may they continue to do so. ■



RACE AND STATUS was a speedy juvenile

STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome Maddy O'Meara back to Kingsclere as one of our team of Head Lads. Maddy worked at Park House for several years as a work rider and groom before heading to Australia, where she worked for Gai Waterhouse. She came back to the UK last year and, after a stint helping run a barn for Ed Walker, returned to Kingsclere shortly before Christmas. Maddy is responsible for the Casual Look and Tagula barns and has them running like clockwork. She is also an excellent rider



Maddy O'Meara

and rides out every morning, including schooling Night Of Glory over hurdles on occasion!

In other staff news, Nathan Cheshire has joined our team of travelling Head Lads. Kingsclere born and bred, Nathan is a talented rider and dedicated groom and has significant experience travelling horses to the races both in the UK and abroad. He will be a familiar face to many already, but will no doubt meet many more Park House owners at the races this season. ■



Nathan Cheshire

Kingsclere Racing Club 2018

The KRC reached a significant milestone in 2017, passing the £1,000,000 prize-money mark in the decade since the Club was launched. This year we will hopefully close in further on 100 winners in the famous black and gold colours – just 15 left to go!

Our team this year has a youthful look to it, with a particularly exciting group of nine two year olds to look forward to from midsummer onwards. However, the early-season focus will be on the likes of Chester specialist St Mary's and, in particular, last season's Club flagbearer Brorocco. He could bid for a repeat win in the City and Suburban at Epsom before being targeted at some valuable handicaps this summer. The half-brother to Elm Park remains a well-handicapped individual and we retain hope that he could yet develop into a Pattern-class performer this year.

The Club will once again launch at Park House on Cheltenham Gold Cup day and there will already be a winner for us to celebrate, with Seasearch laying down an early marker for longest winning distance of the season when bolting up by 23 lengths at Southwell. Looking further ahead, our busy Social Diary features



SPIRIT WARNING doing some early work upsides

regular gallop mornings, racedays at Ascot and Newbury, a summer picnic and our now-traditional end of term party on the eve of the Ladbroke Trophy at Newbury.

The Kingsclere Racing Club is full this year. We are currently accepting applications to join the waiting list for 2019, so for further information please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435 or by email, krc@kingsclere.com.



HUNTSWOOD Apprentices

With the generous sponsorship of local company Huntswood, Kingsclere's apprentice jockeys have continued to flourish over the past year, riding a total of 58 winners in 2017.

With Rob Hornby having turned professional early in the year, Joshua Bryan and William Cox became the senior apprentices at Kingsclere and both had good years in the saddle. Josh rode an impressive 30 winners, with 96 further placed efforts, his rides winning over £200,000 in prizemoney. Josh struck up an excellent partnership with Park House hero Dungannon, winning on him twice early in the year. He also rode winners on a further six Kingsclere horses, notching up an impressive 20% strike rate for the yard. He rode the progressive stayer Rolling Maul to victory on three occasions for his uncle Peter Bowen, and also placed in several big handicaps on Go Far for Alan Bailey, a trainer for whom Josh rode six winners last year. Josh's efficient riding style and strength in a finish meant that he caught the eye of many and he rode for no less than 61 different trainers in 2017. Josh spent the bulk of the winter in Australia where he was based with Danny O'Brien and rode a winner at Geelong. He will return to race-riding in the UK with invaluable experience from the Australian tracks and with his 3lb claim preserved. He should be a contender for the Apprentice Championship this year.

William Cox's season was delayed by injuries sustained in a nasty fall at Wolverhampton in February, but he quickly made up for lost time, riding 19 winners and 48 placed horses for over £110,000 in prizemoney. A sympathetic rider with great hands, Will is particularly good on fillies and rode a hat-trick of winners on St Mary's for the Kingsclere Racing Club, also scoring on Golden Salute at Bath and Lorelina at Ffos Las. Will also rode three wins on John Flint's filly Love And Be Loved, and in total rode for 67 different trainers last year. He has made an excellent start to 2018, already riding six winners, including two in the famous Godolphin blue on the well-bred Beautiful Memory for Saeed Bin Suoor.

Jason Watson made an eye-catching race-riding debut

when piloting Breakheart to finish second at Kempton in February, and although he rode just two winners last year he worked hard and impressed many observers with his diligent approach and cool head. His dedication is already being rewarded as he has had an incredible start to 2018, riding 9 winners in the first two months of the year and adding a further one already this month. In addition to scoring for the boss on Lady Perignon and Danzan, he has notched up a brace of wins on Miss Minuty for Jeremy Scott and on Mercers for Paddy Butler and has ridden for 21 different trainers already in 2018. Stylish in the saddle and tactically astute, Jason is now race-riding most afternoons and this experience and exposure should ensure that he continues to thrive as a young jockey.

Kayleigh Stephens went one better than Jason on her racecourse debut, winning on Breakheart at Sandown to the delight of all at Park House – the victory being just reward for Breakheart's many years of service as an apprentice horse and for Kayleigh's excellent contribution to the yard since she started helping out here at weekends as a young teenager. An intelligent and intuitive rider, Kayleigh should add to her tally before long.

William Carver also made the perfect start to his career as a jockey, winning on Know The Truth at Southwell in November. This was another fitting result, Will having looked after the diminutive Lawman filly since he started at Kingsclere. An exceptional horseman, Will copes with the trickiest horses with ease and is invaluable at home. He will no doubt prove to be equally useful on the racecourse, as he has all the necessary attributes to be a first-rate jockey.

In addition to their sponsorship of the Kingsclere apprentices, Huntswood have also generously continued their sponsorship of the yard as a whole. This support helps fund a range of essential kit from racing and exercise tack to staff uniforms and grooming kits, all of which make a major contribution to the smooth running of the yard and the health and wellbeing of horses and staff alike. We are extremely grateful to Huntswood for their continued support. ■



Jason Watson winning on DANZAN at Chelmsford

