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Park House star BLOND ME has had a strapping colt by Dubawi

Front cover: Talented homebred BROROCO, who sadly died in January this year, at Newbury in 2017

Back cover: Our Huntswood Apprentices for 2019: Kayleigh Stephens, William Carver, William Cox and Joshua Bryan

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INTRODUCTION

I am fully aware that the winter months are fairly standard in terms of length from one year to the next but this Winter seems to have lasted for longer than in previous years. This is almost certainly due to my own personal impatience in waiting and willing the Spring to come so that we can get cracking with the new turf season.

Working in a racing yard in the winter months is a labour of love. The dark mornings combined with the wind and rain would test the character of anyone, so it is a testament to the dedication of the staff at Kingsclere that we have stuck to the task so well and are in such good shape to start the season.

A new barn completed in February has provided us with another 24 boxes of the highest quality stabling available and a new outdoor walking ring and further staff accommodation adjacent to the new barn is close to completion. Once finished and landscaped this area below the covered ride will further enhance the facilities at Park House and an extensive refurbishment of the Side Glance gallop and a one furlong extension of the Phoenix Reach gallop have also been carried out in the 'off season'.

Having enjoyed a record breaking season in 2018 it is very much our intention to better these results yet again in 2019. We are blessed with a strong team of older horses for the coming year and the most exciting group of three year olds assembled at Park House for many years. Obviously hopes are high for a season to remember. One thing is for certain – it will take a record number of points to win this year's Twelve-To-Follow competition and I for one am struggling like mad to reduce my list to anywhere near twelve horses! ■



No business like snow business – ISOMER leaving for the races in February

THE SEASON AHEAD

Tessa Hetherington

Whilst the weather has been significantly kinder this winter than last, it is nevertheless a relief to get back to the lighter mornings and warmer temperatures of springtime! With the first few major work mornings of the year now under our belts the excitement is building for the turf season ahead, and with some familiar faces looking better than ever and a three year old squad full of quality, there is much to look forward to over the coming months.

OLDER HORSES

King Power Racing's **Donjuan Triumphant** was twice placed at Group 1 level last year before winning the Listed Wentworth Stakes at Doncaster and as with many sprinters he seems to be improving with age and is working better than ever at home. A confirmed mud-lark, we hope that the rain that has been absent during February comes with a vengeance in March as he could well make his reappearance in the Listed Cammidge Trophy at Doncaster on Lincoln day. His campaign will be largely dictated by the underfoot conditions but he has shown that when these are in his favour he is competitive at the highest level.

Fellow six year old sprinter **Dancing Star** has returned from her annual holiday at Littleton Stud in great condition and, with her victory in the Group 3 Sceptre Stakes at Doncaster proving she is just as effective at seven furlongs as at six, she will have plenty of options this year. Her season could start in something like the Chartwell Fillies'

Stakes at Lingfield in May. Now the eldest of four sisters in training at Park House, she has improved each year and we hope that she will continue to fly the flag for her owner-breeder Jeff Smith.

Whilst both **Straight Right**'s wins last year came over seven furlongs, he had won over a mile as a three year old and looked to stay the trip well in outings at Kempton and Lingfield this winter. A good run off top weight at Newcastle in January, back over seven furlongs and beaten only by a well handicapped rival, qualifies him for the All-Weather Championships at Lingfield on Good Friday and he will aim for the mile race there.

Intransigent has previously been a regular at the All Weather Championships and ran respectably at Lingfield in January following a series of good efforts at Chester in the summer. An infection in a leg delayed his progress over the past month but he is fully recovered and back cantering now. He should be back on the track before long and, now the oldest horse in training at Park House, continues to be an excellent ambassador for the yard and the Kingsclere Racing Club.

Now nine, **Here Comes When** is the second oldest horse in training but firmly believes himself to be one of the youngest, attacking the gallops with great gusto every morning. He has nothing to prove but continues to love his work and remains capable of competing at the top level. We will go where the ground is right for him but the Group 2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown could be his early season target.



DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT winning the Listed Wentworth Stakes at Doncaster in November

Fellow miler **Zwayyan** came in from his winter holiday resembling a ginger woolly mammoth but soon shaped up once in full work and is looking great. His main Spring target is the Lincoln handicap at Doncaster, and he made an emphatic statement of intent when winning the Lincoln Trial at Wolverhampton in great style under David Probert.

Beat The Bank added a further two Group 2 wins to his impressive resume last year but, desperately unlucky in the Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot, he is still missing that elusive top class win. Towards the latter part of last season he began to look as though he might appreciate a step up in trip and, whilst he is likely to start out in the Group 1 Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in May, he may target some of the top ten furlong races later in the season.

Belle Meade had a good season last year, winning over seven furlongs at Sandown and at San Siro, the latter a Listed contest which will significantly upgrade her as a broodmare. A possible tilt at the All Weather Championships was ruled out after she ran rather disappointingly at Lingfield in December and instead she was given a well deserved holiday at owner Dr Bridget Drew's Mildmay Stud. Back cantering and looking great, she will visit Oasis Dream this Spring and hopefully race on in foal. **Genetics** also had an excellent 2018, notching up three wins including a memorable trouncing of his rivals in the Shergar Cup Challenge. Having failed to stay the extended two miles at York in August, he will stick to middle distances this term but could go on a European jaunt, having been entered in the Gran Premio de Madrid in June (a Listed contest over one mile four furlongs).

A step up in trip seemed to unlock additional ability from the already talented **Morando**, who finished his season with a win in the Group 3 British Legion Stakes at Newbury over a mile and a half, having gone close in the Group 3 Gordon Richards Stakes and Listed Doonside Cup over ten furlongs earlier in the year. He could head back to Sandown for the Gordon Richards to kick off his campaign, but also has twelve furlong options in the Group 3 John Porter Stakes at Newbury and the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket.

Cleonte had struggled to find his form during his first year with us but benefitted considerably from a gelding



Early Spring work for **CLEONTE** (nearside) and **SHAILENE**

operation last winter and flourished in 2018, winning the Shergar Cup Stayers at Ascot before running a blinder to finish third in the Cesarewitch. The son of Sir Percy looks in excellent fettle on the gallops this Spring and should be a major contender in the top staying handicaps this term, with the Chester Cup his first major assignment. He will likely be joined in those races by former Chester Cup victor **Montaly**. The ever popular veteran has returned for his seventh year in training at Park House and has dropped to a workable mark following his Group 2 Lonsdale Cup victory back in 2017. **Wingingit** is another stayer with a handy rating, having had a rather patchy year with good performances at Pontefract and Ffos Las but some disappointing runs in between. She is being covered by Lightning Spear this Spring and will race on in foal for owner Barbara Keller.

The imposing **Pivoine** scored twice last term, running away with a Class 3 Handicap over ten furlongs at Sandown in May and repeating the feat at Class 2 level at York in August in equally commanding fashion. The handicapper has raised him a hefty eight pounds for that last win, but King Power Racing's son of star Australian stallion Redoute's Choice is a progressive type who could well make his mark at Pattern level this year. He is back in fast work (much to the relief of his regular riders as he has a fiendish whip-round in him when fresh) and should be out early in the turf season. Pivoine will be re-joined in the



LORELINA winning at Salisbury in August

middle distance division by the wonderful mare **Lorelina**, who won three times last year, winning at Chester in May before scooping Class 2 Handicaps at Salisbury in August and Haydock in September. Now six, she has won in every year she has been in training and is a great credit to owner-breeders Tony Anderson and Tim Wixted and to her groom and regular rider Kayleigh Stephens. I must also confess that some hasty editing of the last edition of this magazine led to both Pivoine and Lorelina being left out of the final version of the season review. Many apologies to their connections for this scandalous omission!

Isomer has been kept on the go over the winter and very nearly won at Lingfield in February under Joshua Bryan. Kindly leased to Andrew by his owners Jim and Fitri Hay,

he will give our apprentice riders invaluable experience this season and has also recently been carrying actor Patrick Kennedy up the gallops as part of his preparation for a charity race. Another familiar face on the gallops of late has been **Simoon**, who has re-joined the yard having been in training here as a two and three year old. He has plenty of ability and should return to winning ways this term. The super-speedy **Fair Cop** missed all of last year through injury but, now five, is hopefully a more robust horse. She has plenty of ability and will come on plenty for her reappearance run at Newcastle. Chelsea Thoroughbred's talented **Max Zorin** also missed last year and has not been seen on the track since his third in the Listed Dee Stakes at Chester in May 2017. The very strong form of that race supports his owners' considerable patience with him and we hope he can reward their faith this year.

Sadly, the older horses' section must end on a low note. We were devastated to lose star home-bred **Brorocco** on New Years' Day this year, after he succumbed to a highly unusual and extremely debilitating internal illness. A half-brother to Group 1 winner Elm Park, Brorocco had continued to improve throughout his career and, having won two major handicaps in 2017, last year made the leap into Group company with aplomb, placing in the Group 2 York Stakes and Group 3 Rose Of Lancaster Stakes. He was a lovely horse to deal with in all respects and a hugely exciting prospect for 2019. We miss him very much.

FOUR YEAR OLDS

We are all eager to see what Brightwalton Stud's lovely filly **Maid Up** can achieve this season. Hugely progressive last year, the form of her second in the Group 2 Lillie Langtry Stakes (ahead of subsequent Group 1 winner God Given) and her win in the Group 3 March Stakes (ahead of subsequent Group 3 winner Cypress Creek) looks solid and she has returned from her winter holiday looking twice the filly she was last year. She has plenty of options but could start out in the Group 2 Yorkshire Cup or Newmarket's Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes and is a tremendously exciting prospect for all the top staying races this year.

Foxtrot Lady is another who has made significant physical progress from three to four, looking really strong and powerful on the gallops this Spring. She had an excellent season last year, winning four races and narrowly missing out on a Listed success at Pontefract, and if she can build on that this year her owner-breeder Jeff Smith is in for another good year. She should be well up to winning at Pattern level. The same is true of King Power's **Whitefountainfairy**. Lightly raced, she was tricky to get right last year but has had a very smooth preparation so far this term and is a filly of considerable ability, having run to within a length of subsequent Guineas winner Billesdon Brook as a juvenile. Currently on a handy mark, she may take in the Victoria Cup at Ascot before returning to Stakes company. The trio of classy sprint fillies is completed by **Crossing The Line**, who cemented her impressive win at York in August with another Class 2 win in December,



MAID UP looks fantastic after her winter break

this time on the All-Weather at Chelmsford. She faded out of contention at Wolverhampton in January having been hassled for the lead from an early stage, but has been given a break since. She is likely to return to the track in late March in a conditions event at Kempton, and this will qualify her for a tilt at the Fillies and Mares' Sprint at the All-Weather Championships on Good Friday.

The small but mighty **Danzan** was originally slated for the All-Weather Championships but, after commendable efforts this winter at Kempton and Wolverhampton, he hated the fibresand surface at Southwell and then seemed to have rather lost confidence at Newcastle on his latest start. He has had a busy winter so is now enjoying a mini-break with some paddock turnout and will return on the turf later in the Spring. Fellow sprinter **Stone Of Destiny** ran well at Newcastle in January before a solid third in the Listed Cleves Stakes at Lingfield behind Kachy (who broke the course record) and Gorgeous Noora (who scored at Listed level on her next start). He then travelled to Doha for the Al Dukhan Sprint, a valuable local Group 3, but was slow out and then very keen, blowing the first bend before again hitting trouble in the straight. A fast-finishing second, he would surely have won if things had gone his way. He needs one more run on the All-Weather to qualify for Good Friday and is likely to take that route.

At the other end of the distance spectrum, **Diocletian** failed to shine in three starts on the All-Weather this winter and so will have a break and return on the turf. The easy winner of a Class 2 Handicap at Doncaster in June, he relishes soft ground and remains very well handicapped. He has recently been gelded which should help him settle and finish his races. Also now a gelding, fellow stayer **Natural History** has returned from his winter holiday in great shape and has impressed in his early work. Lightly raced, he was an impressive winner at Chepstow in August (beating two now smart hurdlers) before finding only



NATURAL HISTORY's form has worked out very well

the highly progressive Mekong too good at Haydock in September. The form of that last run is very strong, and Natural History looks an exciting horse for 2019.

Paul Spickett's **Berkshire Blue** was only a head behind Mekong in a typically strong renewal of the Melrose Handicap at York, following an impressive victory in the Shergar Cup Classic at Ascot. Still rather green and gawky last year, he has been given plenty of time to mature and, also now a gelding, looks magnificent. We hope he will develop into a Cup horse in time and his programme will be chosen with this in mind. A son of the late great Sinnar,

Flintrock has escaped gelding and is fully recovered from an injury picked up at Haydock on just his third career start. He is working well at home and should add to his Bath novice win before long. He is joined in training this year by the winner of that Haydock race, **Caliburn**, an attractive son of Camelot who has a rating of 92 and remains unexposed over middle distances.

Perfect Illusion failed to build on two impressive victories in the early part of last year, but has been gelded and given a long holiday at Redenham Park Stud. Out of a half-sister to Park House's Dante winner and renowned nutcase Bonfire, Perfect Illusion's buzzy temperament has at times got the better of him, and we hope that gelding and a change of scene will have helped him to mature mentally and realise his considerable potential. **Lissitzky** is, conversely, one of life's more laid back characters at home, but he impressed last year in winning his maiden at Windsor and placing at Kempton and looks tremendous after his winter break. A naturally heavy horse, gelding will have helped him stay lighter and more athletic and he is one to look forward to this term. George Strawbridge's homebred filly **Shailene** is another who has done well over the winter, having won twice last year and placed in the Cheshire Oaks and Listed Glasgow Stakes. Occasionally prone to stubbornness at home, she has struck up a great partnership with regular rider William Cox (who rode her to win at Chelmsford last year) and seems to be relishing her



The mighty SEASEARCH after his win at Southwell in February

work this Spring. She will aim for winning black type this year but is on an attractive mark and may start out in the twelve furlong handicap at Newmarket's Guineas meeting.

Seasearch is unlikely to be winning any black type races but he has been running with credit this winter, winning over a mile and a half at Southwell in February under Joshua Bryan and placing twice at the same track. A softer surface is the key to him and he should be able to capitalise on any give in the ground early in the turf season off his current mark. **Ballyquin** was our first winner of the year, getting off the mark in a six furlong Novice at Lingfield, again under Joshua Bryan who has made a great start to 2019. Ballyquin went in again in handicap company at Chelmsford in March and should continue to be a fun horse this year. The same is true of the delightful **Dream Catching**, who won twice last year and made the frame in seven of his ten starts. He is not a big horse but he has really strengthened and broadened for his winter in the paddocks and he should be back in the winner's enclosure this term.

Neil Werrett's **Falls Creek** is a big horse, and she has needed plenty of time to grow into her sizeable frame. She came agonisingly close to a first win at Wolverhampton in January, finding just one progressive rival too good. Whilst she is no superstar, she should be capable of shedding her maiden tag and, as a daughter of Street Cry and a half-sister to a US Grade 1 winner, will make up into a lovely broodmare. **Imperial Act** is another filly whose rating does no justice to her pedigree, being by Frankel and out of a Listed placed mare. Bought by the trainer from Qatar Racing with a view to winning a race or two before joining the stud, the shrewdness of that particular strategy is yet to be proven(!) but her work at home suggests she should be well capable of getting off the mark this year. The same is true of **Consultant**, who narrowly missed at Thirsk in the Spring and ran very respectably at Newmarket in November after an extended break. A gentle giant, we hope he can get his head in front before too long. **Papa Stour** won at Wolverhampton early last year and was placed at Newmarket and Chelmsford in the summer but failed to replicate his excellent homework on the track. Now gelded, we hope he can do better as a four year old.

Bacacarat got off the mark last year when dead heating over a mile at Newmarket after a series of placed efforts. A half-brother to Donjuan Triumphant, he has some decent form in the book and should make up into a smart handicapper this season. George Strawbridge's **Ocala** is also from a family we know well, being out of Park House Group 3 winner Night Carnation. She has been difficult to train but has talent to burn, having split Sheikh Reikha (now a Grade 1 winner and rated 113) and Maid Up (now a Group 3 winner and rated 105) on her only start of 2018. She is currently in full work and looks great, and if we can keep her sound she could be very exciting. **Must Be Magic** was also limited to one start in 2018 and she needed the run on her reappearance at Kempton in February. Like Ocala, the form of her one run last year and



BACACARAT and DREAM CATCHING enjoying their winter holiday

her work at home suggests that she too could be a lovely racemare if she is now sufficiently robust to stand training.

Iconic Girl had shown plenty at home but also required patience last year. She ran very well to be second over a mile at Lingfield in February on her second start, and one can probably put a line through her latest run which was a rather tactical four-runner affair. She has been given an attractive mark and should win before long. **Havana Jane**, a half-sister to Montaly, was also a late developer but she showed promise on her debut in December having been very slow out of the stalls and should be capable of winning races. The same is true of **Angel Islington**, who ran an encouraging race at Lingfield in December on her second start back after over a year off and looks well handicapped off her current mark of 70. The best should also be yet to come from the lightly raced **Peggy McKay**, who showed great promise on debut at Windsor in June before picking up a knock at Nottingham. Currently enjoying a long break with Rebecca Curtis she is said to have made great physical progress over the winter and we look forward to her return. Both **Young Bernie** and **Fox Mafia** had just one start last year before picking up injuries, but they are both fully recovered and should make up for lost time this year.

THREE YEAR OLDS

It is no exaggeration to say that this year's crop of three year olds is the strongest we have at Park House for many years, with strength and depth in colts, geldings and fillies. The pressure is on, but we all believe they are up to the challenge!

King Power Racing's **Fox Tal** has always been an eye-catcher but was very green and gawky last year and this was evident in his win at Ffos Las and when fourth in the Listed Stonehenge Stakes at Salisbury. He looked a much straighter and stronger horse when finishing third in the Group 1 Criterium de Saint Cloud on his final start of the year and he has continued to make pleasing physical



FOX TAL is an exciting prospect for 2019

progress over the winter. Blessed with enormous scope, he seems to skip up the Lochsong in about three strides and we are very excited to see what he can achieve this year. He will go for one of the Derby trials with the Listed Feilden Stakes at Newmarket's Craven meeting perhaps his most likely option.

In the same ownership, **Bye Bye Hong Kong** and **Shine So Bright** were both Group placed last year, the former in the Group 3 Tattersalls Stakes over seven furlongs, the latter in the Group 2 Richmond Stakes and Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes over six furlongs. They have both done well over the winter and have nice low weights in the European Free Handicap at Newmarket, so could start out there or in the Group 3 Greenham Stakes at Newbury. After that their paths will probably diverge, with Bye Bye Hong Kong stepping up to a mile.

We hope that Jim and Fitri Hay's lovely **Bell Rock** will join Bye Bye Hong Kong in the top mile races this year. A son of the exciting young sire Kingman and out of a half-sister to 1,000 Guineas winner Speciosa, he was an impressive winner of his only start at two and has done very well over the winter. He holds a Guineas entry and we will probably aim for the Group 3 Craven Stakes at Newmarket as his Guineas trial. Also by Kingman, **Look Around** was our first juvenile to secure black type last year, taking the Listed Star Stakes over seven furlongs at Sandown in good style. A slight and leggy filly last year, she has almost doubled in bulk over the winter but has retained all of her athleticism. She has the scope to step up to a mile and is entered in the 1,000 Guineas, with the Group 3 Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket her likely starting point. Plans for Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds' **Flashcard** will be firmed up once he has started serious work but he too is an exciting prospect in the mile division. The winner of his first two starts, he went close in the big sales race on the Curragh in August, splitting two subsequent Listed winners. Gelded and turned out over the winter, he looks very strong and is moving well on the gallops.

Landa Beach was another to win well on debut, flying home at Newbury despite obvious inexperience, but he

will want further than a mile this year. He has definitely come on for that initial run and holds a Derby entry but once again his early work will give us a better indication of his calibre. In any event he is a handy horse and is bred to handle most ground so owner Phil Fox should have a good season ahead. **Raise You** almost won on debut at Newbury, beaten a nose by a horse whose next outing was at Group 1 level, the pair over three lengths clear of the rest of the field (a group which has already yielded three subsequent winners). A very active and athletic horse, he has done well for a winter break in Ireland and will not take much getting ready. He holds an entry in the French Derby but will start out in novice company, probably at the Craven meeting.

Dashing Willoughby has always impressed at home and, having won on debut, ran well in the Haynes, Hanson & Clark Conditions Stakes at Newbury. He was not disgraced in the Group 1 Futurity Trophy on his final start of 2018 and, being by Nathaniel and from a lovely but late developing family, it is likely that his best is yet to come. He should stay twelve furlongs and his main early-season aim could well be the Chester Vase. **Bangkok** is also bred to be a later developer and to excel over middle distances. His good form as a juvenile, which earned him a Timeform rating of 91p, marks him out as a nice prospect. He has sparkled in his early work and is likely to start out in a maiden at Doncaster's Lincoln meeting.

Happy Power is at the speedier end of the spectrum and won twice last year, also notching up some good form in defeat. By super-sire Dark Angel, whose progeny usually progress well, he stayed on well when bolting up in a seven furlong nursery at Hamilton on his latest start and could well end up as a high-class miler. He needs give in the ground so we will try and make hay whilst the sun doesn't shine with him. Although her dam won over twelve furlongs, George Strawbridge's Oasis Dream filly **Firelight** looks every inch a sprinter like her father. Placed in the Group 2 Lowther Stakes last year, she seems to handle



FIRELIGHT looks every inch a sprinter

most ground and has really matured during the winter. She is likely to start out in handicaps before returning to Stakes company. Firelight may have in-house competition in the three year old sprint division from **Strict Tempo**, who won over six furlongs at Nottingham before looking unlucky in the big nursery handicap at York and the Listed Two Year Old Trophy at Redcar. Both of her sisters (Dancing Star and Foxtrot Lady) made huge strides from two to three and we hope she will follow in their footsteps this year. **Dutch Treat** is by a sprint sire but has stamina on her dam-side and, a respectable fifth in the Group 2 May Hill Stakes over a mile last year, looks the type to progress over that trip or further this season. Second in the Listed Denford Stakes at Newbury last term, we will be seeking winning black type for her this year and she could start in the Group 3 Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury's Greenham meeting.

Grace And Danger always looked to have heaps of quality at home and she duly won impressively on debut at Nottingham over the extended mile, handling the soft ground well. A leggy, scopey filly, she has done well for a winter in the paddocks with super-nanny Here Comes When and is one to watch this year. Her optimum trip and conditions would not be obvious from her pedigree and we will learn much from her early work but she could be one for the Cheshire Oaks after a prep run in novice company.



PARADISE BOY was our first three year old to win in 2019

Paradise Boy was our first three year old winner of the year, building on an encouraging third on debut at Chelmsford to score decisively over twelve furlongs at Lingfield under Rob Hornby. He narrowly missed out on the double when beaten a neck at Wolverhampton on his next start, dropping back to the extended nine furlongs, but has been given a very workable mark by the handicapper and should be back in the winner's enclosure before long for owners Gerry and April Rafferty. Kingsclere Racing Club's **Spirit Warning** has already notched up two wins this year, winning over a mile at Kempton before following up over seven furlongs at Lingfield, both times in the hands of Joshua Bryan. He ran rather flat at Wolverhampton last time out but this son of Charm Spirit, a half-brother to Park House hero Side Glance, should have more to offer back on the turf. Charm Spirit provided another early three year old



FORSETI showed great tenacity to win at Lingfield on reappearance

winner for us in the shape of **Forseti**, who showed great tenacity to win a Class 3 Handicap over seven furlongs at Lingfield in January – a competitive contest despite its small field. A winner at Salisbury in June, Forseti lost his way in the latter part of last year but gelding and an early winter break has definitely helped him mature. He is much more settled at home now and should be able to build on his recent victory in the coming months for owners Mick and Janice Mariscotti.

Havana Rocket also fulfilled early promise when getting off the mark over seven furlongs at Newcastle in January under PJ MacDonald. His juvenile form had worked out well and he made short work of his opposition on his reappearance at three. He seems to have come on for that run and we will now save him for the turf where he should do well in some of the better mile handicaps. **Rectory Road** did not manage to get on the track until December of his juvenile year but he has made up for lost time, winning on debut over a mile at Kempton in December and notching up a second victory over seven furlongs at the same track in January on his third career start. Unfortunately he has picked up a knock in training which will put him on the sidelines for a short period but he should be back on track before long. **Never Do Nothing**, a fellow graduate of the Tattersalls Ireland yearling sale at Fairyhouse, also won twice within his first three starts but did this in the summer and has since had a good break in the paddocks. A narrow, rangy youngster, he has developed into a substantial horse and should do even better this year. Gelding does not appear to have entirely cured his penchant for trying to dump his riders, but they are all wise to his tricks now!

The Mariscottis' **Lariat** is a half-brother to Goldoni, who won the Epsom Derby Trial in heavy ground for the same owners but could not take advantage of its 'win and you're in' ticket for the Derby as he had already been gelded. Lariat is thankfully a much more tractable character and so has escaped gelding this winter, but shares his brother's liking for give in the ground, having won on soft at Ayr in September. His opening mark is only a pound below that on which Goldoni began his three year old season and he has the scope to follow a similar path. The Mariscottis have



HAVANA ROCKET built on his good juvenile form to score at Newcastle

another nice three year old in **Le Don De Vie**, who made a very encouraging debut at Newmarket before running well in a typically competitive renewal of the Peter Willett maiden at Goodwood despite being keen. He was again keen at Chelmsford on his third start but by this stage his behaviour in the stable had already cemented his position at the top of the gelding list. He is a much happier individual now and should get off the mark easily this Spring.

Indomitable has always been a sweetheart and won on his third start, having filled the runner up spot twice previously. He is from a family of good juveniles but his dam was equally good at three and his sire Invincible Spirit won his Group 1 as a five year old, so there is every hope that he will continue to progress this year. **Good Birthday** also has a precocious pedigree and he too duly won as a juvenile, taking a mile Newbury novice in October in good style. He has the size and scope to suggest that he will improve this year and also stay a bit further. With an opening mark of 82 he is likely to start out in ten furlong handicaps. The frustrating **Fox Premier** may follow a similar route, having failed to replicate his excellent homework on the track last year. He is virtually unrecognisable now and we hope that his increased strength and maturity will see him leave his current mark of 77 well behind this season.

Barossa Red had good form in the book from last year and went agonisingly close at Southwell in January, beaten a nose over seven furlongs. He was disappointing at Chelmsford last time but that track was probably not ideal for him. He has at least been dropped to a more attractive mark as a result, making handicaps an option

going forward. **Top Power** also just missed in January, going down by a head to a Godolphin blueblood at Newcastle. The form of that race looks solid (the third has won twice since) and a line can be put through his latest run which hit him hard, suggesting he was not quite right. A rangy, scopey horse with a huge stride, he will only improve with time.

Sea Sculpture is the last offspring of Seaflower Reef and was raised as an orphan. He showed real promise on his only start at two when a fast-finishing third at Ffos Las and he is bred to improve with age. Bigger and stronger than all of his dam's previous produce, he should do well this year for the Kingsclere Racing Club. The Club also have a highly promising filly in **Inclyne**, a half-sister to Elm Park and Brorocco, who improved second time out to be fourth in a fillies' maiden at Newmarket and has done well over the winter. Fellow homebred **Pass The Gin** will always be diminutive but she has strengthened up for her time in the paddocks. She is not on an easy mark but she was tough and consistent last year and that will see her in good stead. Tough and consistent are not too adjectives that one would readily apply to **Pot Luck**, a tricky filly who has struggled on the All-Weather this winter. She is easily intimidated and her best run came when racing out wide on her own at Wolverhampton in February. We will aim to keep her to small fields and hopefully she can pick up a race on the turf as she has ability. The Club have acquired another filly in **Stay Forever**, bought by Andrew to stay in the yard for the apprentices after securing some respectable form as a juvenile. She failed to shine on her first two starts this year but ran with much more promise when runner-up at Southwell last time and hopefully she can build on that now.

Dudley's Boy was raised on the stud but is owned by Karen Gough, the first foal of her Park House winner Lizzie Tudor. He was second to a subsequent Listed winner on debut at Newbury in August, the pair well clear of the rest, but was not physically ready for a fuller juvenile campaign. Gelded and given a long winter break, he is back in the yard and looks in good shape to build on his exciting debut



EDINBURGH CASTLE ran very encouragingly on debut in October

this Spring. **Edinburgh Castle** also needed time to mature last year but shaped very encouragingly on debut at Bath in October when second to a smart horse despite obvious greenness. Still a bit of a playboy at home, he should continue to mature mentally and physically this year and has always caught the eye on the gallops. **Hero Hero** was also runner-up on debut, beaten a neck at Doncaster in November despite being keen early and then green when asked to quicken. Doing everything the wrong way round has also been his issue at home, but he is definitely more settled this term and has the makings of a smart horse.

Hello Bangkok also showed great promise on debut when beaten a neck at Newmarket in August (the winner since placed in the Fillies' Mile and now rated 100) but she failed to build on that in three further starts. We have given her a long holiday at Hillwood Stud and hope that this patient approach will enable her to fulfil her considerable potential. In contrast **Fox Leicester** has improved with each of his three starts, beating a subsequent Listed winner when second at Redcar in October, and we will aim to capitalise on any softer Spring ground with this likeable son of Dark Angel. **Wedding Blue** is also on an upward curve, having improved to be runner-up on his second start, at Nottingham in October. An imposing son of Kingman and from the family of six-time Group 1 winner Moonlight Cloud, he should shed his maiden tag with little difficulty this Spring. **Rux Power**, a daughter of Kingman, also showed much improved form on her second start when runner up in the big fillies' maiden at the Goodwood Festival. She had a few immaturity niggles after that but has made impressive physical progress over the winter and looks a nice prospect.

Boutonniere joined us midway through last year from the USA and quickly settled in to the yard routine. He is a lovely stamp and very straightforward and has been steadily progressive in two runs, finishing third over ten furlongs at Lingfield in January. He has shown good ability at home and should continue to improve on the track. **I'm Available** has also been out over the winter and was an encouraging fourth at Kempton on debut in January before finishing second at Lingfield last month despite continuing to show signs of inexperience. She was very professional back at Kempton next time, making all to win comfortably over a mile under Oisín Murphy. **Seeusoon** also looked like he had more to learn when fourth at Kempton on his second start, but put that experience to good use when winning at Newcastle earlier this month.



SEEUSOON after winning at Newcastle under Duran Fentiman

Oloroso impressed on the gallops early last year and was an encouraging second at Windsor on his second start, but then went off the boil at home and on the track. He has been gelded and, although this has not entirely curbed his sometimes excessive enthusiasm at home, he is now much more settled and looks great. His form has worked out quite well and he should be well handicapped off his opening mark of 70. Also on a handy mark is **Queen's Soldier**, who is bred to be a later developer but will have learnt valuable lessons in three runs last year, and **Mister Fawkes**, a big burly horse who always looked like he would do better at three. Both were gelded over the winter and look set to leave their juvenile form well behind this year. The same is true of **Agent Basterfield**, who showed ability in three runs at the backend of last year and whose work has improved for that experience. The filly **Munstead Moonshine** was too backward to run until December of last year and is still far from the finished article physically, but she is a full sister to Park House winners Royal Warranty and Munstead Star who both improved with age and she should get off the mark now she is eligible for handicaps.

Thurloe Thoroughbreds' **Pempie**, a daughter of the excellent Lope De Vega, is a big scopey filly who has shown plenty at home. She has filled out into her frame over the winter and looks ready to build on her two runs last year. The same is true of **Purdey's Gift**, an imposing son of Camelot whose dam was unraced at two but a Listed winner at three. **Fox Shinji** looked sharp at times last year but was insufficiently robust to capitalise on his obvious ability in his two runs. His family have improved with age and he is a stronger model now. The petite and pretty **Watch And Learn** has needed plenty of time and was rather at sea in her two runs this winter,



DOUNE CASTLE (nearside) and SAWASDEE learning their craft on the Lochsong gallop this Spring

but her half-brothers Man Look and Eolian improved with age and she should do likewise. There is not much petite about **Admiral's Bay**, who towered above most of the string even as a two year old, but he made it to the track for a valuable educational run in December and should progress from that this year. **Vakilita** was very green on debut at Newmarket in November but is from the excellent Aga Khan family of Vazira and Vadawina and is bred to improve with age. The same is true of **Luck Of Clover**, the half-sister to Park House star Lorelina, who made an encouraging debut at Kempton in October and has done well over the winter.

King Power made a good start at Newbury in October, travelling well into the race but looking a bit clueless when asked to quicken. Bred in the purple and blessed with a huge stride, she should come into her own over longer trips and as she matures physically. She also has a huge personality – if she is as good as she thinks she is, she will do very well indeed! **Be More** is a much more straightforward character but she too is beautifully bred and showed plenty on debut at Newmarket when fourth in a typically strong fillies' maiden over seven furlongs. She looks sure to improve for the step up to a mile and is a lovely prospect. **Blood Eagle** had no luck on debut at Kempton in January but ran on late and shaped with real promise. By Sea The Stars and out of a half-sister to German Derby winner Dai Jin, he should flourish over middle distances. **Sawasdee** is a full brother to Group 2 winner Bow Creek and, whilst very green on debut at Newmarket in October, he has really strengthened up over the winter and should do well this year. **Laura's Legacy** was rather shell-shocked in her only run last year and still has some maturing to do mentally, but her dam also took a while to get the hang of things before going on to win five times. **Disco Doris** was rather fragile last year and only ran once but has shown plenty in her work and should justify the patience of her owner-breeder Peter Veenbaas this year. **Fox Morgan** has also required plenty of time and picked up a knock on his only start in December, but

he is fully recovered and will hopefully soon show on the track the speed he has shown at home.

As ever we go into the turf season with a group of unraced three year olds, and there are some really nice prospects amongst them. **Chil Chil** is the half-sister to Beat The Bank and has really impressed at home, as has **Bye Bye Lady**, who is by Sea The Stars and out of a half-sister to Arc winner Peintre Celebre. The Kingsclere Racing Club have a trio of promising three year olds who are yet to see the track in **Sneaky Peek** (a half-sister to Urban Aspect), **Ranch Hand** (a half-sister to Victoria Pollard) and **Constraint** (a half-sister to Swashbuckle). We have two more Kingman progeny to unleash in **Fox Chairman** (a half-brother to Group 1 winner La Collina) and **Gallatin** (out of Group 3 winner Fantasia), whilst **Aldente** is by Archipenko and from the family of Aussie Rules and Alborada.

Doune Castle is a gorgeous son of Camelot and a relentless galloper who should do well over a trip, whilst **Geomatrixian** has also taken time to grow into his sizeable frame but is bred to be very good, being a half-brother to Park House Listed winner Viscount Barfield and the classy Coolmore filly I Can Fly, who was only beaten a neck by Roaring Lion in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on Champions Day last year. Chelsea Thoroughbreds' **Johnny Kidd** did quite a good impression of a teenage yob for much of last year but gelding has done wonders for this attractive son of Australia who has shown plenty at home. In contrast **Hat Yai** has always been an absolute gentleman but needed time to mature physically and fulfil his obvious promise. Both **Fox Win Win** and **Mayne** struggled with the classic juvenile complaint of sore shins last term but they are both bred to excel as older horses and should soon make up for lost time. **Tribal Craft** and **Caledonian Belle** are both sizeable daughters of Mastercraftsman who have been given plenty of time, whilst **Pattaya** is more precociously bred but is also a very big filly who has needed some patience. We have two fillies by Dubawi in **Tuk Power** and **Eagle Queen** who will both aim to capitalise on softer ground in the Spring, whilst **Spirit Of Nicobar** and the unnamed half-sister to Montaly are both by Dunaden, who excelled as an older horse.

Fire Island is a half-sister to Scorching Heat, who won the Stewards' Sprint for us in 2017, and she showed plenty at home last year, whilst **Mucho Talento**, a son of Intello, has really flourished in recent months and should be one for early turf maidens. Both of **Riverfront's** parents were unraced at two so it has been no surprise that he has been a later developer, but he is an attractive and good-moving horse with clear ability. **Unplugged** and **Yellow Label** are burly, heavy-set types who have needed time to strengthen up but are well-bred (Unplugged is out of a half-sister to Bateel, whilst Yellow Label is out of a half-sister to Oratorio) and should do well this year. **Piper Arrow** is a similar stamp and has also benefitted from a patient approach. He now looks ready to add to the tally of his young sire War Command this term. ■

THE 2019 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

This year the competition will start on **Monday April 1st** and will run until **Sunday 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.

THE RULES

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.

The pool will be divided 55% to the winner, 25% to the second, 15% to the third and 5% to the fourth and the person finishing last will have their £10 refunded.

Last year's pool was £2060.00.

Scoring is as follows:-

12 POINTS TO THE WINNER OF A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

10 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER WINNER

8 POINTS FOR THE SECOND IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

6 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER SECOND

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LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2019 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

BEAT THE BANK 5 B g	
Paco Boy Tiana	King Power Racing
BELLE MEADE 5 Ch f	
Roderic O'Connor Hazardous	Dr B Drew & Mr R Farmiloe
CLEONTE 6 Ch g	
Sir Percy Key Figure	King Power Racing
DANCING STAR 6 B f	
Aqlaam Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith
DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT 6 B c	
Dream Ahead Mathuna	King Power Racing
FAIR COP 5 B f	
Exceed and Excel Speed Cop	Mr J C Smith
GENETICS 5 B g	
Manduro Garmerita	DJT
HERE COMES WHEN 9 B g	
Danehill Dancer Quad's Melody	Mrs F Hay
INTRANSIGENT 10 B g	
Trans Island Mara River	KRC
ISOMER 5 Ch g	
Cape Blanco Nimue	Mr A Balding
LORELINA 6 B f	
Passing Glance Diktalina	Lisahully Investments Ltd
MAX ZORIN 5 B g	
Cape Cross My	Chelsea Thoroughbreds
MONTALY 8 B g	
Yeats Le Badie	Farleigh Racing
MORANDO 6 B g	
Kendargent Moranda	King Power Racing
PIVOINE 5 B g	
Redoute's Choice Fleur de Cactus	King Power Racing
SIMOON 5 B g	
Sixties Icon Astragal	Lord Blyth
STRAIGHT RIGHT 5 B g	
Siyouni Sailor Moon	King Power Racing
WINGINGIT 5 Ch f	
Helmet Chirkova	Mrs B Keller
ZWAYYAN 6 Ch g	
Pivotal Mail the Desert	King Power Racing

FOUR YEAR OLDS

ANGEL ISLINGTON Gr f	
Dark Angel Doregan	Mr A Gemmell
BACACARAT B g	
Raven's Pass Mathuna	King Power Racing
BALLYQUIN B c	
Acclamation Something Mon	Mr J Palmer-Brown
BERKSHIRE BLUE B g	
Champs Elysees Lemon Rock	Berkshire Parts & Panels
CALIBURN B c	
Camelot Enchanted Evening	M M Stables
CONSULTANT B g	
Kodiac Mary Goodnight	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing
CROSSING THE LINE Br f	
Cape Cross Terentia	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum
DANZAN B g	
Lawman Charanga	Greenwood/Homburg
DIOCLETIAN B g	
Camelot Saturday Girl	Mr R Wilmot-Smith
DREAM CATCHING B g	
Dream Ahead Selfara	Mr M Payton
FALLS CREEK B f	
Street Cry Trickski	Mr Neil Werrett
FLINTROCK Br c	
Sinndar Four Roses	Mr G Brook

FOX MAFIA B c

Dawn Approach Zibilene	King Power Racing
FOXTROT LADY Ch f	
Foxwedge Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith
HAVANA JANE B f	
Havana Gold Le Badie	Farleigh Racing
ICONIC GIRL B f	
Cape Cross Snoqualmie Star	Mr J C Smith
IMPERIAL ACT B f	
Frankel Victrix Ludorum	Mr A Balding
LISSITZKY B g	
Declaration of War Tarfshi	Mr N Morris
MAID UP Gr f	
Mastercraftsman Complexion	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd
MIZUKI B f	
Sea The Stars Bright Snow	Mr Shapoor Mistry
NATURAL HISTORY B g	
Nathaniel Film Script	HM The Queen
OCALA Ch f	
Nathaniel Night Carnation	Mr G Strawbridge
PAPA STOUR B g	
Scat Daddy Illaunglass	Chasemore Farm
PEGGY MCKAY B f	
Iffraaj Miss Lacey	Mr N Morris
PERFECT ILLUSION B g	
Nathaniel Chicita Banana	Mr & Mrs R Gorell/Mr N Botica
SEASEARCH B g	
Passing Glance Seaflower Reef	KRC
SHAILENE Ch f	
Rip Van Winkle Snow Key	Mr G Strawbridge
STONE OF DESTINY B g	
Acclamation Irishstone	King Power Racing
WHITEFOUNTAINFAIRY Ch f	
Casamento Grouptime	King Power Racing
YOUNG BERNIE B g	
Sixties Icon Hot Pursuits	Mr B McGuire

THREE YEAR OLDS

ADMIRALS BAY B g	
Mount Nelson Astragal	Lord Blyth
AGENT BASTERFIELD B c	
Raven's Pass Maridiyna	Mr P Fox
ALDENTE Gr f	
Archipenko Albococca	Ms K Rausing
BANGKOK B c	
Australia Tanaghum	King Power Racing
BAROSSA RED Ch g	
Tamayuz I Hear You Knocking	Another Bottle Racing
BE MORE B f	
Shamardal Pearl Dance	Mr G Strawbridge
BELL ROCK B c	
Kingman Liberally	Mrs F Hay
BLOOD EAGLE B c	
Sea The Stars Directa Princess	Mrs F Hay
BOUTONNIERE B g	
Istan Asscher Rose	Miss A Nesser
BYE BYE HONG KONG B c	
Street Sense Light and Variable	King Power Racing
BYE BYE LADY B f	
Sea The Stars Peinture Rose	King Power Racing
CALEDONIAN BELLE Ch f	
Mastercraftsman Impressionist Art	Mrs F Hay
CHIL CHIL B f	
Exceed & Excel Tiana	King Power Racing

CONSTRAINT B f		
Sinndar Inhibition	KRC	
DASHING WILLOUGHBY B c		
Nathaniel Miss Dashwood	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
DISCO DORIS B f		
Poet's Voice Discophila	Mrs P Veenbaas	
DOUNE CASTLE B c		
Camelot Ape Attack	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
DUDLEY'S BOY B g		
Passing Glance Lizzie Tudor	Mrs K Gough	
DUTCH TREAT Ch f		
Dutch Art Syann	Mildmay Racing/D H Caslon	
EAGLE QUEEN Ch f		
Dubawi Opera Gal	Mr J C Smith	
EDINBURGH CASTLE B c		
Sea The Stars Evensong	Mrs F Hay	
FIRE ISLAND B f		
Iffraaj Pink Flames	Qatar Racing Ltd	
FIRELIGHT B f		
Oasis Dream Freedom's Light	Mr G Strawbridge	
FLASHCARD Ch g		
Fast Company Portico	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds	
FORSETI B g		
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	
GEOMATRICIAN Br c		
Mastercraftsman Madonna Dell'Orto	Mr D Brownlow	
GOOD BIRTHDAY B c		
Dabirsim Chica Loca	King Power Racing	
GRACE AND DANGER B f		
Teofilo Opinionated	Mr N Watts/Mr D Powell	
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	
HELLO BANGKOK B f		
Tamayuz Ziria	King Power 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 g		
Invincible Spirit Mousse au Chocolat	Mr J C Smith	
JOHNNY KIDD Ch g		
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 g		
Leroidesanimaux Leaderene	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
LOOK AROUND B f		
Kingman Magic America	Mr G Strawbridge	
LUCK OF CLOVER B f		
Phoenix Reach Diktalina	Tony Anderson	
MAYNE Br c		
Dansili Pink Damsel	Mrs F Hay	
MISTER FAWKES B g		
Phoenix Reach Sister Moonshine	Mr M J Caddy	
MUCHO TALENTO B c		
Intello Moiava	Transatlantic Racing	
MUNSTEAD MOONSHINE Ch f		
Sir Percy Royal Patron	Mr I A Balding	
NEVER DO NOTHING B g		
Casamento Purple Tigress	A Brooke Rankin & Partner	
OLOROSO Ch g		
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	
PEMPIE Ch f		
Lope de Vega Penelope Star	Thurloe T/breds XLV	
PIPER ARROW B g		
War Command Zeyran	Mr D Brownlow	
POT LUCK B f		
Phoenix Reach Marajuana	KRC	
PURDEY'S GIFT B c		
Camelot Saphira's Fire	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
QUEEN'S SOLDIER B g		
Soldier Hollow Queen Mum	Martin & Valerie Slade &Ptr	
RAISE YOU Ch c		
Lope de Vega Hikari	Mr J Palmer-Brown	
RANCH HAND B g		
Dunaden Victoria Montoya	KRC	
RECTORY ROAD B g		
Paco Boy Caerlonore	Park House Partnership	
RIVERFRONT Gr c		
Reliable Man Why Worry	L Register & Partner	
RUX POWER B f		
Kingman Cut Short	King Power Racing	
SAWASDEE Br c		
Shamardal Beneventa	King Power Racing	
SEA SCULPTURE B g		
Archipenko Seaflower Reef	KRC	
SEUSOON B c		
Sea The Moon Village Fete	Mr P Betts	
SHINE SO BRIGHT Gr c		
Oasis Dream Alla Speranza	King Power Racing	
SNEAKY PEEK B f		
Nayef Casual Glance	KRC	
SPIRIT OF NICOBAR B f		
Dunaden Sweet Mandolin	J C & S R Hitchins	
SPIRIT WARNING B g		
Charm Spirit Averami	KRC	
STAY FOREVER B f		
Harbour Watch Stybba	KRC	
STRICT B c		
Slade Power Thawrah	M M Stables	
STRICT TEMPO Ch f		
Norse Dancer Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith	
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	
VAKILITA B f		
Iffraaj Vakiyla	Mrs M E Wates	
WATCH AND LEARN B f		
Havana Gold Charlecote	Mr C Buckley	
WEDDING BLUE B c		
Kingman Wedding Morn	Mr G Strawbridge	
YELLOW LABEL Br g		
Hat Trick Kazam	Mr L L Register	
XXX B f		
Dunaden Le Badie	Farleigh Racing	
XXX B c		
Bated Breath Three Ducks	M M Stables	

TWO YEAR OLDS

ANGEL GREY Gr f
Gutaifan Violet's Gift Mr J Maldonado

BERKSHIRE MIELE Br f
Swiss Spirit Berkshire Honey Berkshire Parts & Panels

BERKSHIRE PHILLY Ch f
Roderic O'Connor Berkshire Beauty Berkshire Parts & Panels

BERKSHIRE ROCCO B c
Sir Percy Sunny Again Berkshire Parts & Panels

BERKSHIRE SAVVY B c
Mukhadram Zubova Berkshire Parts & Panels

BERLIN TANGO B c
Dansili Fantasia Mr G Strawbridge

CADEAU D'OR Ch c
Le Havre Hill of Grace John & Anne Soul

CASTLEINTHESAND Ch f
Footstepsinthesand Portico KVT

COLTRANE B c
Mastercraftsman Promise Me Mick & Janice Mariscotti

COMPENSATE B c
Sixties Icon Hala Madrid Mr N Watts & Mrs I A Balding

DAMAGE CONTROL Ch c
Zoffany One So Marvellous Mick & Janice Mariscotti

DREAM ROUND B f
Gleneagles Mythie Thurloe T/breds XLVIII

DUBAI STATION B c
Brazen Beau Princess Guest Ahmad Al Shaikh

ELHAM VALLEY Gr c
Tin Horse Dame Du Floe Martin & Valerie Slade & Ptr

FOX DUTY FREE B c
Kingman Bugie d'Amore King Power Racing

GAME AND SET B f
Zoffany Grace and Favour Coln Valley Stud

GROUP ONE POWER B c
Lope De Vega Lady Aquitaine King Power Racing

GROVE FERRY B c
Excelebration Rebeline Martin & Valerie Slade & Ptr

HERODOTOS B c
Iffraaj Merry Me Mrs F Hay

HOLD FAST B f
Fastnet Rock Rohain Mildmay Racing & D H Caslon

IRISH TWEED B f
Roderic O'Connor Lady Brora KRC

ISAAC MURPHY B c
Makfi Compose Mr R Wilmot-Smith

KALSARA B f
Muhaarar Kalsa Mr J Oldham

KHALIFA SAT B c
Free Eagle Thermopylae Ahmad Al Shaikh

KING'S LYNN B c
Cable Bay Kinematic HM The Queen

LARKSPEED B f
Al Kazeem Perfect Delight Dr B Drew & Partners

LA HULOTTE Ch f
Lope De Vega Vakiyla Mrs M E Wates

LILY LIKE Gr f
Kodiac Lixirova Mr G Strawbridge

MACHIOS Br c
Maxios Astragal Lord Blyth

MON CHOIX B c
Pivotal Privacy Order Mr Al Thani

MONTANARI Ch c
Sea the Moon Pax Aeterna Mick & Janice Mariscotti

NEVER DARK B c
No Nay Never Dark Missile Mr J C Smith

NURSE FINCH B f
Camelot Nyanza Hunscombe Stud

OPERA GIFT B c
Nathaniel Opera Glass Mr J C Smith

PAPA POWER B c
Nathaniel Mosqueras Romance King Power Racing

PEDAL POWER B g
Nayef Rebecca Romero KRC

PUNCTUATION B c
Dansili Key Point HM The Queen

QUICKSTEP LADY B f
Australia Strictly Dancing Mr J C Smith

REALITY OF DREAMS Ch f

Gio Ponti Escape to Victory Mrs Barbara Keller

REGAL RIDGE B c
Kingman Lochridge Mr J C Smith

RICK BLAINE B c
Ruler of the World Saturday Girl Chelsea Thoroughbreds

RODIN B c
Mayson Moon Goddess Pink Hat Partnership

SHADN B f
No Nay Never Amethyst Al Rabban Racing

SPANISH ANGEL Br c
Gutaifan City Dazzler Mr J Maldonado

STONY LOOK B f
Passing Glance Chesil Beach KRC

STRATACASTER B c
Oasis Dream Deuce Again Castle Down Racing

TABLE MOUNTAIN B f
Phoenix Reach Cape Victoria KRC

TAMAO B f
Tamayuz Starflower Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd

THAI POWER B c
Kingman Roscoff King Power Racing

TOP DROP Ch c
Tamayuz Solandia Another Bottle Racing

UGANDA HEIGHTS Ch c
Free Eagle Uvinza Mrs A Ruggles

WHEN COMES HERE Br c
Lawman Quads Mrs F Hay

XXX Ch c
Zoffany Almost Always Mr M Blencowe

XXX Ch c
Lope De Vega Party PDR Properties

XXX Ch c
Lope De Vega Childa PDR Properties

XXX Ch c
Starspangledbanner French Flirt Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum

XXX Ch c
New Approach Gainful Mr Al Thani

XXX Ch c
Lope De Vega Via Milano PDR Properties

XXX B c
Holy Roman Emperor Entre Nous Greenwood/Michaelson

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Manduro La Ville Lumiere Greenwood/Dodds-Smith/Homburg

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Invincible Spirit Sweepstake Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum

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Showcasing Tiana Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum

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Acclamation Bahati Biddestone Racing

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Kittens Joy Sweeter Still Qatar Racing Ltd

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Charm Spirit Stybba Qatar Racing Ltd

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Muhaarar Kiyoshi Qatar Racing Ltd

XXX B c
Archipenko Avon Lady Mr I A Balding

XXX Ch c
Bated Breath Masandra KTS

XXX B f
Golden Horn Gaze Mildmay Racing

XXX B f
Mount Nelson Sweet Mandolin J C & S R Hitchins

XXX B c
Zoffany Thought Is Free Mrs F Hay

XXX B f
Australia Weeping Wind Rifa Mustang Ltd

XXX B c
Kingston Hill Waha Paul & Clare Rooney

XXX B c
Tamayuz Laftah Paul & Clare Rooney

XXX B f
Cityscape Tindomiel Mr D Taylor

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Showcasing Moment Of Time M M Stables

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Tessa Hetherington

This year's juveniles arrived in the yard rather later than last year and are in any event a less precocious bunch, so identifying the likely stars at this stage is more difficult than ever! There are some lovely individuals amongst the crop and I have selected those that, on the basis of pedigree, physical type and early indicators on the gallops, look likely to be amongst the earlier runners.

ANGEL GREY Gr f

Gutaifan – Violet's Gift

This neat little filly is from the first crop of Gutaifan, a son of sire-of-sires Dark Angel. Gutaifan won the Prix Robert Papin and the Flying Childers at two before finishing runner up to Shalaa in the Group 1 Prix Morny later the same year. His yearlings were an attractive bunch and well received at the sales. This filly is out of a mare who did not achieve much on the track but is a half-sister to five winners including the good two year old Good Luck Fox. She has already produced a black type filly in Kodiak West, who won and was Group 3 and Listed placed in France last year having placed at two. Bought for 38,000 guineas from Book 3 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this filly is very athletic and light on her feet.

BERKSHIRE ROCCO Ch c

Sir Percy – Sunny Again



Sir Percy's name is synonymous with older stayers but he was himself a very good two year old, winning on debut in May before taking the Vintage Stakes and the Dewhurst in his juvenile year. He can produce good youngsters, his progeny including Nafaqa (Listed winner at two and runner-up to Elm Park in the Racing Post Trophy), Newsletter (third in the

Queen Mary) and Sir Jack Layden (third in the Royal Lodge). This colt's dam only ran once but is a half-sister to juvenile winner Projection and out of juvenile Listed winner Spotlight. This colt is her second foal and was bought for €50,000 from the Goffs Orby Sale. Neat and strong, he looks a racy type who should do well this year.

FOX DUTY FREE B c

Kingman – Bugie d'Amour



A son of multiple Group 1 winner Kingman, who was also a Group 3 winner at two, this colt oozes quality. His dam won four races as a juvenile in Italy including a Group 3 and is a half-sister to two other juvenile winners. Her two previous runners are both winners – George Of Hearts was placed at two and won at three and is currently rated 91, whilst Dubai Hero won on debut as a two year old. Kingman did very well with his first two year olds in 2018 and looks set to be an outstanding sire. This colt is balanced, moves well, and finds everything very easy at this stage. He fetched 280,000 guineas in Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

GROVE FERRY B c

Excelebration – Rebelline

This likeable colt was bought for £30,000 at the Goffs UK Yearling Sale. He is by the top miler Excelebration, who won in June as a two year old before going on to win three Group 1s at three and four. He has made a reasonable start at stud and is best known as the father of St James' Palace winner Barney Roy. Rebelline won and was Listed placed as a two year old before going on to be Champion older mare in Ireland, winning the Tattersalls Gold Cup at four. She

has already produced seven winners, including Group 3 winner Recharge and Listed winner I'm Yours, both of whom also won at two, and Redoubtable, who did not win at two but had a very handy rating of 99 at the end of his juvenile season. Sturdy and straightforward, Grove Ferry has an excellent attitude and looks a forward type at this stage.

MON CHOIX B c

Pivotal – Privacy Order

Bought for 90,000 guineas from Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this gorgeous colt is by Pivotal, who won as a two year old before winning the Nunthorpe as an older horse. Now in his twilight years, he is an excellent sire of mostly sprinters and milers and is well capable of getting a good two year old (his progeny include Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Siyouni, Group 2 Criterium de Maisons-Lafitte winner Captain Rio, and Group 2 Mill Reef Stakes winner Excellent Art). Privacy Order did not set the world alight as a racehorse but did run at two and is out of Prix Diane winner Confidential Lady (a Group 3 winner at two) and a half-sister to dual Listed winner Red Box. Privacy Order has already produced a good juvenile in Private Matter, who won the Listed Prix Zeddaan at two, and although this colt is a big rangy horse he looks strong and is coping well with his early work.



NEVER DARK B c

No Nay Never – Dark Missile

This colt is the fourth foal from Park House Wokingham winner Dark Missile, who won three times as a two year old and was rated 95 by the end of that

year before winning at Royal Ascot and being beaten a short head in the Diadem Stakes as a three year old. Her first two offspring both ran at two (Dark Shot being placed on three of his juvenile starts) and improved at three, but this colt's sire should give a major injection of precocity, having been a Group 1 winner at two and Champion First Season Sire with his first crop of juveniles last year. Although not yet in the yard this colt has impressed in pre-training, and is a nephew of the legendary Breakheart which is reason enough to select him!

QUICKSTEP LADY B f

Australia – Strictly Dancing

Quickstep Lady will be the fifth offspring of Strictly Dancing to be trained at Park House. Strictly Dancing was placed at two before winning at three and is a daughter of Nunthorpe winner Lochangel (a half-sister to Lochsong). Whilst the family improve with age, three of Strictly Dancing's previous foals have won at two (Dance Of Fire, Dancing Star and Strict Tempo) and the other, Foxtrot Lady, was Listed placed as a juvenile. Australia first won in July of his two year old season and was a Group 3 winner at two before taking the Derby, Irish Derby and Juddmonte International at three. He had a slow start with his first runners last year but they blossomed as later two year olds. He finished the year with a flourish courtesy of Broome (second in Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere), Sydney Opera House (second in Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud), Western Australia (third in Group 1 Futurity Trophy) and Beyond Reason (winner of Group 2 Prix du Calvados). We hope that Quickstep Lady will continue the excellent record of her family for owner-breeder Jeff Smith.

RODIN B c

Mayson – Moon Goddess

This attractive colt is by Mayson, who won and was Listed placed as a juvenile before going on to with the Group 1 July Cup as an older horse. He has made a solid start at stud, producing mostly sprinters who are often precocious (including Group placed juveniles True Mason and Global Applause and Park House Listed winning two year old Rosie Briar). Whilst this colt's dam did not race at two she was a good race-mare (rated 92), is out of the Listed winning juvenile Mystic Goddess and is a half-sister to the multiple Group 1 winner Medicean. She has already produced five winners including the very talented

Starscope, who won at two before placing in the 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes. Bought for 40,000 guineas from Book 3 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this colt is strong and active and has the makings of a two year old runner.

SHADN B f

No Nay Never – Amethyst



This burly filly is by last year's Champion First Season Sire No Nay Never. A son of Scat Daddy, No Nay Never was himself a Group 1 winner at two, and made an excellent start with his first two year olds in 2018, his first crop including Richmond Stakes winner Land Force, Phoenix Stakes third The Irish Rover, and Listed winner No Needs Never. Amethyst won on debut in May of her juvenile year before finishing fourth in the Group 1 Moyglare Stud Stakes. She went on to be a Listed winner and runner-up in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at three. She is a full sister to King Of Kings, who won the Group 1 National Stakes at two and the 2,000 Guineas at three, and to General Monash, who won the Group 2 Prix Robert Papin at two. Amethyst has already produced six winners, the best the 98-rated Sydney Harbour who was a winner at two. Bought at the Ascot Yearling Sale for €42,000, Shadn is strong and racy and the most forward of our juvenile fillies at this stage.

THAI POWER B c

Kingman – Roscoff



This imposing colt commanded 425,000 guineas in Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, and it is easy to see why. He is by the young sire Kingman, who was a Group 3 winner at two before taking most of the top mile races at three. He did very well with his first two year olds in 2018, his first crop including Coventry Stakes winner Calyx and the Listed winners Sangarius and our own Look Around. Roscoff only ran once as a two year old but this colt's grand-dam and great grand-dam were both good juveniles. All of Roscoff's five previous runners have won, with her offspring including Hero Look (Champion two year old in Italy) Isabel De Urbina (won at two, later a Listed winner) and the highly exciting Manuela De Vega, who won both her starts at two including the Listed Silver Tankard at Pontefract. This sizeable colt is incredibly athletic and eats up the ground.

DREAM ROUND B f

Gleneagles – Mythie

This attractive filly is from the first crop of Gleneagles, who won four times as a juvenile from June onwards, including the Group 1 National Stakes, before winning the 2,000 Guineas, Irish 2,000 Guineas and St James Palace Stakes at three. He is from an outstanding family, being a son of Group 2 Cherry Hinton winner You'resothrilling and a full brother to Happily (dual Group 1 winner at two), Coolmore (Group 3 winner at two) and Marvellous (winner at two, Irish 1,000 Guineas winner at three). Mythie was unraced at two but won at three and is the dam of Esentepe, who won and was Listed placed at two, and Mythical Magic, who was a Listed winner and also placed in the Champagne Stakes and the Horris Hill as a juvenile. Strong and balanced, this filly fetched €82,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale.

WHEN COMES HERE Br c

Lawman – Quads

This substantial colt is by Lawman, who won late in his two year old season before taking the French Derby and Prix Jean Prat at three. An established sire, his juveniles tend to do well in the latter part of the season and then progress – for example Rockfel winner Just The Judge, Prix de Conde winner Luminare, and Dewhurst third Most Improved. Quads did not race but is a half-sister to Park House star Here Comes When, who won at two on debut in July before going on

to excel as an older horse, and out of Group 3 winning juvenile Quad's Melody. Whilst one would hope that this colt would continue to improve throughout his career, he has the physicality to do well at two. Bought for €50,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland Yearling Sale, to my eye he looks like a bigger version of Danzan, who was also by Lawman and proved a very good juvenile for us.



UNNAMED Ch c
Lope De Vega – Via Milano
Bought for 140,000 guineas from Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this athletic colt is by the excellent young sire Lope De Vega. His good record with two year olds continued last year thanks to the likes of Acomb winner Phoenix Of Spain and Prestige Stakes winner Antonia De Vega, whilst in Australia his older horse Santa Ana Lane picked up three Group 1 sprints. This colt's dam won in April of her two year old season before picking up a Group 3 later that year, and went on to be fourth in the French 1,000 Guineas. She has already produced seven good winners, including the Group 3 winners Via Medici and Via Ravenna. Sharp and active, this colt has impressed experienced riders from day one.

UNNAMED B c
Muhaarar – Kiyoshi
This colt is the product of two first-time parents. His sire, Muhaarar, won as a two year old on his debut in May and then won the Gimcrack and was third in the Middle Park later that year. As a three year old he took all before him, winning four sprint Group 1 races on the bounce. A son of established sire-of-sires Oasis Dream, his first crop of youngsters were well received at the yearling sales. Kiyoshi was also a good juvenile, winning

the Albany Stakes at the Royal meeting and placing twice at Group 1 level, in the Moyglare Stud Stakes and the Cheveley Park. Her mother also won at two, and she is a half sister to Cosmo, who won at two and was second in the big sales race at the Curragh. Homebred by his owners Qatar Racing, this athletic colt is eager to get on with things and has the physical make-up to match his precocious pedigree.



UNNAMED Ch c
Starspangledbanner – French Flirt
Bought for 52,000 guineas from Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this colt is one of a limited number sired by the top-class but sub-fertile Starspangledbanner. A winner as a young two year old in Australia, Starspangledbanner went on to win two Group 1s in Australia before coming to Europe and winning the Group 1 Golden Jubilee Stakes and the Group 1 Nunthorpe. He has done well as a sire from small books of mares and gets good juveniles – his progeny include Coventry and Prix Morny winner The Wow Signal and Queen Mary winner Anthem Alexander. This colt's dam was unraced at two and no great shakes as a racehorse but she is out of juvenile winner Cream Tease and is a half-sister to Treat, who won and was second in the Cheveley Park at two. Compact and active, this chap looks speedy and is likely to be an earlier type.

UNNAMED B c
Tamayuz – Laftah
Bought for €50,000 from the Goffs Open Yearling Sale, this scopey colt is by the excellent sire Tamayuz, best known in these parts as the father of

Grade 1 E.P.Taylor winner Blond Me. Tamayuz won twice at two in France before winning the Prix Jean Prat and Prix Jacques le Marois at three. He can get a good two year old, his roll call including Flying Childers winner Sir Prancealot, Molecomb winner Brown Sugar, Mill Reef Stakes runner-up Taayel and Rockfel Stakes runner-up Fadhayyil. Laftah was unraced at two but won twice at three. She is a full sister to Ektihaam, who won twice at two before being second to Bonfire in the Dante at three and winning at Listed level at four, and to Music Box, who was a Group 3 winner at three. This is her second foal, an easy mover with a great attitude who is coping well with his Spring regime.



UNNAMED Ch c
Zoffany – Almost Always
This elegant colt is the first foal of an unraced daughter of Champion filly Ramruma, who won the English and Irish Oaks and was also placed in the St Leger and the Yorkshire Oaks. The family includes Strategic Prince, who won the July Stakes and Vintage Stakes as a youngster, and Park House black type performer Bana Wu. Zoffany won in April of his juvenile year before taking the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes the same year, and then went on to be second in the St James' Palace (to Frankel) and the Prix Jean Prat. He is a good sire and capable of siring good two year olds, his progeny including Albany and Duchess Of Cambridge winner Illuminate, Windsor Castle winner Washington DC, and last year's Albany and Sweet Solera winner Main Edition. Purchased for €45,000 from the Tattersalls Ireland Yearling Sale, this quality youngster is balanced and active and has relished his early work. ■

BREXIT – INDUSTRY IMPLICATIONS

Mark Souster

Imagine a Grand National this year without Irish runners, not least with Tiger Roll due to come back to defend the title he won 12 months ago for Gordon Elliott and Michael O’Leary.



Ireland it could be apocalyptic for its racing and even more so for its bloodstock industry upon which Britain also relies heavily.

It may seem far-fetched and is a worst-case scenario in the event that Britain departs the European Union without a deal. But it is a genuine possibility that the world’s greatest steeplechase could be caught up in the machinations of Brexit and its uncertain aftermath. For racing it is a stark reminder of how high the stakes are.

As no-one needs reminding, D (for departure) Day is due to happen on March 29. Whether Britain leaves with a deal or without will determine how serious the impact is for the racing industry both here and in Ireland. No-one knows what the landscape could look like in the event that Britain crashes out.

The first Festival that could be hit is Aintree which starts on April 4. Of the 100 entries still standing for the National, 42 are from Ireland. The issue is not their horses being allowed into Britain. It is more to do with how and if they get back into the EU, and any restrictions and border check points that might be implemented by the EU Commission.

In the longer term, the repercussions for everyone of a no deal exit do not bear thinking about. Overall Britain will be able to weather any storm. But for

For more than 40 years the free movement of horses between the two countries and France has been controlled by a Tripartite Agreement which facilitates 25,000 movements annually between the three nations for racing, breeding and sales purposes. If there is a deal and Britain leaves under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement then that remains in situ until at least the end of 2020. During the interim, negotiations on the future would take place. If Article 50 is pushed back, the existing rules will stay until further notice.

In the event of no deal, however, the agreement falls away and the trouble really starts. In January, Environment Secretary Michael Gove said movement of horses ‘would be harmed’ in the event of no deal.

It is highly likely Britain, with its long recognised high standards in matters of equine welfare and health, will become a favoured ‘third country’ as far as the EU is concerned. That would make life much easier. But there is no guarantee.

The British government has said as far as it is concerned in the event of no deal the movement of horses from Ireland into the UK will remain broadly the same. But for it to work effectively it needs



TIGER ROLL winning at Aintree last year



Eddie and Wendy O'Leary at Tattersalls

support on the EU side and the Government is urging the industries in Ireland and France to impress upon their governments the grave threat they could face and to urge pragmatism. As yet no-one knows the EU's thinking. 'We are hoping the EU will make a decision as soon as possible on what animal health classification the UK will have,' one expert said.

It is the prospect of the difficulties for horses returning to Ireland and the EU under no deal that is the main problem. 'The real doomsday scenario is if the EU does not allocate the UK an animal health classification when we leave and we will not be a registered third country,' the expert continued. 'It would mean horses will not be able to travel back from the UK into the EU at least not without many other requirements and restrictions. That is obviously very serious. That chance is probably quite low but it is a material risk.'

It would mean, at least in theory, that horses from Ireland would have to go back through border inspection posts, recognised points of entry where their papers would be checked. At the moment there are only two constructed border inspection posts in Ireland that can handle horses – at Dublin and Shannon airports. A third at Dublin port is due to be ready in time for March 29.

Statistics from Ireland illustrate how significant no deal could be for them. Every year more than half their foal crop finds its way across the water. Over half the horses in training in Britain are Irish bred. Last year there were 1,500 Irish runners at British Flat and Jumps meetings, many at the most high profile Festivals. The export of thoroughbreds alone is worth approximately €225 million per

annum to the Irish economy. 'Brexit has very serious implications for the Irish thoroughbred racing and breeding industry,' Brian Kavanagh, the chief executive of Horseracing Ireland, said. 'When it comes to exporting our racehorses – especially those destined for the jumps market – there is no replacement market for Britain and so unlike many other Brexit-hit sectors, we simply cannot adapt our product to suit new markets,' he said. 'Royal Ascot, Cheltenham, Aintree and Epsom cannot be replicated in another country.'

Eddie O'Leary, brother of Michael, the Ryanair chief executive and owner of the vast Gigginstown Stud, predicted an 'apocalypse' in years to come. 'Britain is our biggest market and if we cannot sell to it then we are finished,' he said. O'Leary, who runs Gigginstown, suggested that operations such as his own, along with Irish stud farms, could be forced to set up satellite operations in Britain as a way of circumventing the possible border and tariff issues.

For the best part of two years the British Horseracing Authority and a Brexit Steering Group chaired by Julian Richmond Watson have been negotiating Brexit's muddy waters. The BHA has been preparing for a 'range of outcomes'. Both the BHA and HRI have established 'Brexit' websites which provide information on a wide range of issues, especially that of a no deal scenario. Louis Romanet of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities summed up the situation. 'The true picture is there will be damage for France but Ireland will be the number one country that suffers,' he said. 'Eighty percent of horses that travel from France to Ireland go through Britain so it will become much too expensive to transport horses. Bringing back border inspections will cause delays at ports that will have welfare consequences for horses.'

In the circumstances, it is obvious there is no time to lose but at the same time, there really is so much to lose. ■



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Kingsclere Racing Club 2019

The KRC has made a very strong start to the year, with Spirit Warning already a dual winner and Seasearch recording the third AW win of his career, setting us up for what promises to be another exciting year on the racecourse.

We have started the year with 16 horses in training and, though that is likely to come down to 13-14 by midsummer, they include some high-class prospects, our ten three year olds including Elm Park's half-sister Inclyne, who showed distinct promise last term, as well as well-bred fillies Constraint and Sneaky Peek. Ranch Hand, a son of Dunaden out of the talented Victoria Montoya, is another whose debut is eagerly awaited. Four two year olds further bolster what is a young and unexposed team of horses, though Club stalwart Intransigent, now into his ninth season on the racecourse, will once again fly the flag.

Our launch day will once again take place at Park House on Cheltenham Gold Cup day and we have a busy and varied social diary, the first event of which was a trip to London in February to see the Munnings exhibition at the National Army Museum, a very enjoyable evening that was completed with an excellent dinner nearby.



SPIRIT WARNING has won twice for the Club already this year

We will be looking to reach two milestones this year - our 100th winner and £1.5 million in prize-money in the KRC silks. Whilst we have a little way to go to reach the latter, we are currently on 97 winners (96 flat, 1 jumps) since the Club's inception and hopefully we will be able to raise a glass later this year to celebrate!

The Kingsclere Racing Club is full for 2019, but we are currently accepting applications to join for 2020. For further information, please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435 or by email, admin@kingsclere.com.

GOLF DAY

The Park House Golf Day is approaching fast. Please let Anna Lisa know (annalisa@kingsclere.com) if you would like to join us on Friday 5th April at Sandford Springs Golf Club, just outside Kingsclere, for what we hope will be a fun, relaxed and only slightly competitive day out!

Everyone is welcome, including non-playing partners to push carts or give words of advice! Lunch and prize-giving will follow the 18 holes.

FAVOURBROOK

From Andrew: I hope that many of you will admire my new racing attire this year. We are delighted that Favourbrook have come on board as our associated partners. I am not sure whether this is because they have identified my poor dress sense and need for help in this area, or because they feel that Kingsclere and Favourbrook go hand-in-hand, with us matching the peerless quality and aesthetic panache described on their website. Hopefully the latter! All their clothes are designed in London and handmade in the UK and Europe, providing memorable clothing for memorable occasions. The Epsom Derby meeting, Royal Ascot and Glorious Goodwood all spring to mind...

STAFF UPDATE

As ever the winter off-season has seen some changes on the staff front. Our newest barn is now up and running and former pupil assistant Liam Mungovan has taken over as Head Lad of this barn and the adjacent Blond Me barn, whilst Sam Geake has become a fully-fledged member of our travelling team and will no doubt meet many of you on the racecourse this year.



Liam Mungovan



Sam Geake

We were very sorry to say goodbye last month to Kim Tierney, who had been at a rider and groom at Park House for over eight years. A very skilled pilot and a dedicated groom, she forged excellent relationships with many good horses but perhaps most notably with Group 1 winner Here Comes When, to whom she was totally devoted. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

In other sad news Bryan Coventry, our gallopman on the top gallops for eighteen years, has retired from his role to focus on his farming. A familiar face at work mornings on the Downs, Bryan had become part of the furniture here and we will miss his local knowledge and expertise



Bryan (right) watching work on the Downs with Garnet Bounds and Rob Bettaney

(including in the area of sheep management!). In his stead we will be joined in April by Tim Frewster, an experienced groundsman who has worked at Cheltenham Racecourse for many years.

We were delighted to be one of four yards selected as finalists in the larger yard category of the Lycetts Team Champion Awards, a relatively new initiative from the National Trainers' Federation and insurers Lycetts designed to encourage and recognise good employment practices and the building of strong teams within racing. Whilst we were pipped at the post by Tom Dascombe this year, we hope to go one better next time around!



We are delighted that Spillers are once again kindly sponsoring the 'Stable Staff Of The Month Awards' during the turf season. Watch this space for future winners! ■

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Park House Christmas Party took place, as is now customary, in January at Sandford Springs and was greatly enjoyed by all. Abdul Adam and Kayleigh Stephens were deserving winners of the 'best dressed'

competition, Nigel won the quiz, and almost everyone descended on the dancefloor once Tom Bradley and his band took to the stage. Many thanks to Anna Lisa for all her work in organising this event. ■



