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MOOR LANE on the gallops

Front cover: *GREY SHOT, MOOR LANE and DUCHAMP*
(Trevor Jones)

Back cover: *The New Class*

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All weather racing is playing an increasingly important role in the British racing scene. Nowadays there is a flat meeting almost every day during the so called "off season" at one of the country's three all weather tracks. The introduction of a new Polytrack surface at Lingfield Park has raised the stakes once more. A safe, kick-back free surface that jockeys, trainers and most importantly horses all seem to love, has resulted in an increase in both the numbers and the quality of horses racing through the winter period.

Unlike the old Equitrac surface, there is no disadvantage to holding up horses and jockeyship is now a key factor once more as the "jump and run" mentality usually associated with the all weather is thankfully no longer applicable at Lingfield.

We have supported Lingfield's endeavour with an increase in our all weather team and our results to date have been very pleasing. From twenty six runners since January 1st 2002 eight have won, and eight have been placed, collecting more than £30,000 in prize money.

The first winner of the year was a success story in itself when Jonathan Munz and Jon Haseler bought a filly called BACK PASS for 30,000gns at Tattersalls December Sales. Closely related to both Dansili and Banks Hill she had shown modest placed form for Barry Hills last summer but was still a maiden. Jonathan and Jon had bought her through Robert Roulston with a view to racing her in England before returning for the Australian stud season and a covering by Danehill.

The all weather provided BACK PASS with the all important opportunity to become a winner and, poor though the race was, the implications on her value were huge when she held on to win her maiden under a fine ride from Martin Dwyer. Another nicely bred filly to find winning form at Lingfield was Dubai Thoroughbred Racing's YALLA LARA. By Marju out of a Riverman mare, she had her juvenile season curtailed by injury but had returned at Lingfield with a good second in a three year old maiden in January. YALLA LARA made little fuss in making amends a fortnight later and another bold run in a competitive handicap saw her run second to the improving Shove Ha'penny over an inadequate seven furlongs. More recently she continued the upward curve with a stylish win back over a mile, beating four previous winners by a comfortable length and a quarter.

The all weather has provided an essential opportunity for a filly who otherwise would not have seen the racecourse until April when she would have had to cope with soft ground and the likelihood of getting balloted out of maidens on the turf. Instead she is now a winner of two races and has gained important racing experience and a handicap mark that should set her up for a busy and hopefully successful summer.

SEASON SO FAR

by Andrew Balding

Dubai Thoroughbred Racing enjoyed further success with dual winner DUBAIAN GIFT who appreciated the drop back to five furlongs to score at Southwell before showing good determination to follow up at Lingfield. A late developer he too will have benefited from the experience and should continue to win races this summer.

When a seasoned handicapper has the ability to finish second in a race like the Cesarewitch, but is still a maiden after twenty three starts, it is only natural for people to ask the odd question regarding his resolution. Not so! A convincing two and a half length success in a mile and a half maiden at Lingfield in early February, in a race that did not see him enjoy a totally trouble free run, saw PALUA rid himself of the stigma of professional loser. He looks

set for a bright future as a top level dual purpose performer.

Probably the star of the all weather campaign has been PALAWAN, twice a winner on the dirt in 2000, he has been a model of consistency this year with two wins, two seconds and a third in ultra competitive sprint handicaps. In all of these runs he has been ably partnered by Neil Chalmers, an apprentice, who like some of the horses, has been given some excellent opportunities as a result of the all weather programme. As effective at five or six furlongs PALAWAN is as speedy a horse as we have at Kingsclere but is unusually docile for a sprinter doubling up as the junior trainer's hack most mornings.

All in all we have enjoyed an excellent start to 2002 and hope that the rest of the season continues in a similar vein. ■

DUBAIAN GIFT (M. Dwyer) scoring at Lingfield

Lesley Sampson



THE JUMPERS

by IAB

We have always enjoyed having a few jumpers at Kingsclere and this year it is fun to have some good ones. With our small team we had three runners at Cheltenham and hopefully one in the Grand National as well.

MOOR LANE has made a most encouraging recovery from his very serious injury two years ago in the Charisma Gold Cup. A promising come back run at Kempton in December was followed by two impressive victories in January. In the first at Newbury he was beautifully ridden by Norman Williamson to win the three mile Harwell Chase by a comfortable margin. Carrying a six pound penalty and ridden this time by Barry Fenton he was even more impressive when winning the Great Yorkshire Handicap at Doncaster. It was satisfying to win this race fifty one years after my father had with Arctic Gold.

After this victory MOOR LANE was made ante post favourite for the Grand National after being allotted 9.7 by the handicapper. A slightly lack lustre performance at Newbury in early March in his only other run before Aintree has seen his price for the big race drift. However he was second in this race carrying 12 stone and giving the winner 18lbs and still looks an exciting Aintree prospect, assuming always that twenty five horses above him in the handicap come out! It would be thrilling if he were to get to the big race on April 6th in his best form.

LOGICIAN ran a fine race to be close fourth first time out in the First National Gold Cup at Ascot. Since then he has been slightly disappointing in longer distance handicap chases, so he was freshened up and aimed for the Grand Annual Handicap at Cheltenham over two miles where he ran a gallant fourth.

DUCHAMP has run consistently well in novice chases winning two and being placed in three others. He normally jumps superbly and took his chance at Cheltenham in handicap company for the first time in the Kim Muir Memorial Amateur Chase over three miles sadly falling when going well.

MASTER GEORGE ran with promise in his first effort over hurdles at Newbury and followed up with an even better run when second to Galileo in a two and a half mile novice hurdle at Kempton. He needed to improve still further to make the frame in the Royal and Sun Alliance Novice Hurdle but took his chance pulling up three out.

Our only other two jumpers apart from GREY SHOT to



MOOR LANE winning The Great Yorkshire Handicap (B. Fenton)

have run are PALUA and SCORNED. The former having finally broken his maiden on the flat at Lingfield ran with promise to finish fourth in a competitive novice hurdle at Huntingdon. It has been decided to keep him a maiden over hurdles until after May 1st and his main objective in 2002 will be the Ascot Stakes at Royal Ascot.

SCORNED having had a productive autumn on the flat ran just once over hurdles and was second to a decent horse at Doncaster. Frustratingly he has suffered a further leg injury and will have to miss the rest of the National Hunt season. All in all, however, a lot of fun so far and hopefully some exciting days still to come. ■

THE SAINTS, THE SINNERS AND A HORSE CALLED SOUTHAMPTON JOE

An interesting partnership which includes some residents of Kingsclere village, Southampton Football Club, Andrew Pao and Joe Kelly will be known as the Saints and Sinners.

Of course it is obvious that the greatest football club in the South of England (possibly even the whole of England) are the Saints – but who are the sinners? All will be revealed in time but it looks like SOUTHAMPTON JOE (bred by Joe Kelly) will be an early season runner. A son of Storm Cat's son, Just a Cat, he has already shown good speed at home and whilst the Saints go marching on up the Premiership we hope that their horse will also get results this summer. ■



SOUTHAMPTON JOE on the Lochsong gallop

THE SAINFOIN SYNDICATE

We have formed a new syndicate for the 2002 and 2003 seasons. Named after the Kingsclere trained Derby winner of 1890. The partnership consists of three horses to race this season with the aim of retaining two of them as three year olds.

A sharp looking son of First Trump should keep shareholders busy this summer and a well bred son of



TREMPOLINO colt (nearest) and Vettori colt PEPPERSHOT



FIRST TRUMP ex Poleaxe (Playing Card)

Trempolino will also be aimed at early summer maidens. In addition a Vettori gelding out of a Glint of Gold mare will be campaigned in the autumn with a view to making up in to a nice three year old.

All three colts look the part at this stage and we would welcome anyone interested in receiving further details on the ten share syndicate to contact Lindy in the office on 01635-298210 ■



GREY SHOT with Dylan Holley

GREY SHOT RETIRES

GREY SHOT'S RACING RECORD

ON THE FLAT 1994-1997

Ran 28 Won 6 Placed 14 Prize money earned £184,982

OVER HURDLES 1997-1999

Ran 10 Won 5 Placed 2 Prize money earned £84,640

OVER FENCES 1999-2002

Ran 5 Won 2 Prize money earned £13,378

As is well known by all at Park House, GREY SHOT is one of the trainer's all-time favourite horses. Bred by Jeff Smith at Littleton Stud he came as a yearling and his presence here for the last nine years has enhanced the lives of all those people associated with him.

He has won at least one race in all of the years he has run (he missed 2000 completely with a leg injury), until this year when he just ran once at Wincanton and had a nasty fall. He was versatile enough to win Group races on the flat, a group 2 condition race over hurdles and a high class handicap steeplechase at Ascot. He always tried his hardest, mostly bowling along in front and only had one leg injury in all that time.

His best winning performances on the flat were in the Goodwood Cup as a four-year-old and when breaking the track record in the Jockey Club Cup the following year. He ran a fabulous race in the Melbourne Cup as a four-year-old – probably in hindsight a year too soon for him – but the race I will always remember is the thrilling duel he had with Double Trigger in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot in 1996 when he just went down by a head.

I persuaded Jeff to sell him privately as a jumper to Robert Hitchins toward the end of 1998. For his new owner he was an immediate success over hurdles winning

big handicap hurdle races at Wincanton and Cheltenham. Although winning the Kingwell Hurdle, he was disappointing in the Champion Hurdle itself. We decided he might just be top class over fences and initially he jumped them superbly. A heavy fall at Sandown last April, however, worried us all and caused him to have

a long period of recuperation at John and Mo Gray's farm in Devon.

He had some tuition for a week with Yogi Breisner after a fall schooling with Tony McCoy and subsequently jumped well at home. However in his only race this year at Wincanton he fell again convincing all his connections that it was time to call it a day.

During most of his time at Kingsclere he has been looked after by Dylan Holley and as both of them shun the crowds they have been very happy together. Dylan will now have to get used to the trainer having a new white hack – and if by any chance he starts overtaking some of the younger flat horses in May we might just persuade the Hitchins family that he ought to come out of retirement for one last crack at the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot! ■ IAB

THE 2002 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

We're off and running again for the annual pit your wits. The 2001 result was an encouragement for the owners and outsiders as they filled three of the first four places. We are leaving the entry fee at £5 to demonstrate the fact that we at least keep one cost static, if not stagnant! Please note the starting date of the competition, it seems a suitable day to pick and also gives a little more time to get the lists to me. Some of you have asked for the foaling dates of the two year olds which we have put this time, am doubtful how much this will help! The half way order will be published in the Summer Quarter. A high scoring year will be looked forward to by us all.

THE RULES

Each list must include at least FIVE two-year-olds and scoring starts on the first day of Craven Week, **April 15th until December 1st (inclusive)**. During that time all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners will count whilst trained at Kingsclere.

Entries are £5.00 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.

The person finishing last will get their £5 back.

Last year's pool was £1,170

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

5 POINTS FOR THE THIRD IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

4 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER THIRD

1 POINT TO A FOURTH WHERE THERE IS PRIZE MONEY

Cheques made payable to:

Emma Balding and returned to her at Park House, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks. RG20 5PY

**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN BUT MUST NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAS RUN AFTER APRIL 15TH.
SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE MADE IF NONE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED ON THE FORM.**

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TWO YEAR OLDS

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LIST OF HORSES FOR

THE 2002 **12** TO FOLLOW

COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

BOLD RAIDER	<i>Farleigh Court Racing P/ship</i>
5 b g Rudimentary (USA) - Spanish Heart	
BORDER ARROW	<i>R Michaelson/W Said</i>
7 ch g Selkirk (USA) - Nibbs Point (IRE)	
CHERRY BRANDY	<i>H M Queen Elizabeth</i>
7 ch g Elmaamul (USA) - Brand	
DISTANT PROSPECT (IRE)	<i>The Rae-Smiths/Pauline Gale</i>
5 b g Namaqualand (USA) - Ukraine's Affair (USA)	
DUCHAMP (USA)	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
5 b g Pine Bluff (USA) - Higher Learning (USA)	
EASTER OGIL (IRE)	<i>IAB</i>
7 ch g Pips Pride - Piney Pass	
LOGICIAN (NZ)	<i>R. Roulston</i>
11 b g Lord Ballina (AUS) - Thornton Lady (NZ)	
MASTER GEORGE	<i>D Watson/D Lofts</i>
5 b g Mtoto - Topwinder (USA)	
MOOR LANE	<i>R. Michaelson/IAB</i>
10 b g Primitive Rising - Navos	
PALAWAN	<i>IAB</i>
7 br g Polar Falcon (USA) - Krameria	
PALUA	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
5 b g Sri Pekan (USA) - Reticent Bride (IRE)	
TARAWAN	<i>IAB</i>
6 ch g Nashwan (USA) - Soluce	

FOUR YEAR OLDS

BOURGAINVILLE	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
b c Pivotal - Petonica (IRE)	
DRAMA PREMIERE	<i>Mrs R Plummer & Friends</i>
br f Emarati (USA) - Dramatic Mood	
DUMARAN (IRE)	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
b g Be My Chief - Pine Needle	
HIGHLAND SHOT	<i>J C Smith</i>
b f Selkirk (USA) - Optaria	
MANICANI (IRE)	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
ch g Tagula (IRE) - Pluvia (IRE)	
PRINCES THEATRE	<i>T Burton/A Pao</i>
b g Prince Sabo - Frisson	
RATIO	<i>Mrs J Davall/R Armstrong</i>
ch c Pivotal - Owdbetts (IRE)	
SEIGNOSSE	<i>Pink Hat Partnership</i>
b g College Chapel - How Ya Been (IRE)	
TAKAROA	<i>Westenders</i>
b g Tagula (IRE) - Mountain Harvest (IRE)	
TINY TIM	<i>IAB</i>
b g Brief Truce - Nonnita	
TRAVELLING BAND (IRE)	<i>IAB</i>
b g Blues Traveller (IRE) - Kind of Cute	
WILD WATER (FR)	<i>J C Smith</i>
b g Salse (USA) - Dashing Water	

THREE YEAR OLDS

ACQUAINTANCE	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
b c Selkirk (USA) - Introducing	
BAY OF DREAMS	<i>J C Smith</i>
ch g Salse (USA) - Cantico	
BLACK KITE	<i>A Tuckerman/A Heaney</i>
b g Desert King (IRE) - Snoozeandyoulose (IRE)	
BLAZING SADDLES	<i>Charlton Bloodstock</i>
b c Sadler's Wells (USA) - Dalawara (IRE)	
BORORA	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
gr g Shareef Dancer (USA) - Bustling Nelly	
CLIPPERTON	<i>Mr & Mrs A Hogarth</i>
b c Mister Baileys - Theresita (GER)	
COMTESSE NOIRE (CAN)	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
b f Woodman (USA) - Faux Pas (IRE)	
DANCING SCHOOL	<i>The Up and Under Partnership</i>
b g Danzig Connection (USA) - Drama School	
DARK CHARM	<i>J C Smith</i>
b c Anabaa - Wardara	
DUBAIAN GIFT	<i>Dubai Thoroughbred Racing</i>
b c Bahamian Bounty - Hot Lavendar (CAN)	
EMERALD FIRE	<i>T Mason</i>
b f Pivotal - Four-Legged-Friend	
FAVIA	<i>Dr Cornel Li/Mrs R Armstrong</i>
b f Mujadil - Gustavia	
FLORIANA	<i>Kingsclere Stud</i>
b f Selkirk (USA) - Mara River	
GLOBAL PRINCESS (IRE)	<i>W Aeberhard/D Back/EAMB</i>
b f Dashing Blade - Brandon Princess	
GOLDEN CHALICE (IRE)	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
ch c Selkirk (USA) - Special Oasis	
GOLDEN DIXIE (USA)	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
ch g Dixieland Band - Beyrouth	
GRANDE DAME (IRE)	<i>M E Wates</i>
b f Grand Lodge (USA) - Royal Hostess (IRE)	
JUBILEE STREET	<i>M Tabor</i>
b g Dr Devious (IRE) - My Firebird	
LADY ARNICA	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>
b f Ezzoud (IRE) - Brand	
LISSOME (USA)	<i>Blue Ridge Stables</i>
b f Lear Fan (USA) - Miss Otis (USA)	
LOCHRIDGE	<i>J C Smith</i>
ch f Indian Ridge - Lochsong	
MIGLDI MAGLDI	<i>D Back/W Aeberhard/EAMB</i>
b f Halling (USA) - Lloc	
PASSING GLANCE	<i>Kingsclere Stud/M E Wates</i>
b c Polar Falcon - Spurned (USA)	
PENTECOST	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
ch g Tagula (IRE) - Boughtbyphone	
RENDOVA	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>
b c Darshaan - Mary Astor (FR)	

RIVER MASTER	<i>D Lofts/D Watson</i>		LILIAN 31/3	<i>Mrs P Hastings</i>
b g Most Welcome - River Spey			b f First Trump - Lilibella	
SEA PRINCE	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>		MAPUCHE(IRE) 13/3	<i>Kingsclere Stud</i>
ch g Bering - Gersey			b g Selkirk (USA) - Spurned (USA)	
SKIES ARE BLUE	<i>T D Rootes/O Waller</i>		MARABELLO 22/2	<i>N H Harris</i>
b f Unfuwain (USA) - Blue Birds Fly			b c Robellino (USA) - Mara River	
STRATOSPHERE	<i>Miss K Rausing</i>		OBLIGE 24/1	<i>Miss K Rausing</i>
ch f Selkirk (USA) - La Strada			b f Robellino (USA) - Acquiesce	
THUNDERGOD	<i>Miss A V Hill</i>		OPERA GLASS 25/4	<i>J C Smith</i>
b g Torrential (USA) - Reach The Wind (USA)			b f Barathea - Optaria	
TIMBER LODGE (IRE)	<i>D H Caslon/M A L Evans</i>		OYSTER ISLAND(IRE) 9/2	<i>Kennet Valley T/breds IV</i>
ch g Woodborough (USA) - Ornette (IRE)			b c Mind Games - Food Of Love	
TOP EXECUTIVE (IRE)	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>		PACIFIC PADDY(IRE) 21/2	<i>Park House Partnership</i>
ch c Entrepreneur - Tout A Coup (IRE)			ch c Tagula (IRE) - Lady From Limerick	
VANDERLIN	<i>Exors of R Hitchins</i>		PASSANDO 10/2	<i>Mrs B Raymond/IAB</i>
ch c Halling (USA) - Massorah (FR)			b f Kris - Iota	
VITELUCY	<i>Mrs M Williamson</i>		PEPPERSHOT 25/5	<i>Sainfoin Partnership</i>
b f Vettori (IRE) - Classic Line			b c Vettori (IRE) - No Chili	
VOICE MAIL	<i>R Parry</i>		PHOENIX REACH(IRE) 5/3	<i>Winterbeck Manor Stud</i>
b g So Factual - Wizardry			ch c Alhaarth (IRE) - Carroll's Canyon (IRE)	
YALLA LARA	<i>Dubai Thoroughbred Racing</i>		PLAYING CARD 31/3	<i>Sainfoin Partnership</i>
b f Marju (IRE) - Versami (USA)			ch c First Trump - Poleaxe	
			RIPPLE EFFECT 15/4	<i>J C Smith</i>
			ch f Elmaamul (USA) - Sharp Chief	
			ROTARY 18/2	<i>Park House Partnership</i>
			b c Robellino (USA) - Tarry	
			SADIKA 23/3	<i>Shutford Stud</i>
			b f Bahhare - Nordica	
			SIRIUS LADY 18/4	<i>Mrs P Hardy</i>
			b f Sir Harry Lewis - Intrepida	
			SOUTHAMPTON JOE (USA) 4/3	<i>Saints & Sinners</i>
			ch c Just A Cat (USA) - Maple Hill Jill (USA)	
			SPEED COP 24/3	<i>J C Smith</i>
			ch f Cadeaux Genereux - Blue Siren	
			21/4 SPELLMAKER	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
			b c Danzig - Annie Edge	
			SWASHBUCKLER 19/2	<i>Mrs D Allen</i>
			b c Dashing Blade - Victoria Mill	
			SWEET PORTIA (IRE) 6/2	<i>Mr & Mrs R G Fairbarns</i>
			ch f Pennekamp - My Mariam	
			THE FISIO 11/4	<i>D H Caslon</i>
			b c Efisio - Misellina	
			TRUMPTON 20/3	<i>Park House Partnership</i>
			ch f First Trump - Malwiya	
			WESTERN FLING(USA) 3/3	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
			b c Gone West - Silver Fling	
			YEOMAN LAD 8/3	<i>Yeoman Homes</i>
			b c Groom Dancer (USA) - First Amendment (IRE)	
			27/1	
			ch c Trepolino (USA) - Top Hope	<i>Sainfoin Partnership</i>
			4/5	
			b c Desert Prince (IRE) - Paradise Soul (USA)	
				<i>G L Weston et al</i>
			1/5	
			b f King of Kings (IRE) - Refill (USA)	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
			10/5	
			b f Red Ransom - Style Setter	<i>W S Farish III</i>

TWO YEAR OLDS	
ANTICIPATING 9/6	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
b c Polish Precedent (USA) - D'Azy	
ARCTIC DESERT 9/2	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
b c Desert Prince - Thamud (IRE)	
BONDI(FR) 19/4	<i>Sir Roger Buckley</i>
b f Sillery (USA) - Biscay	
BRIAREUS 21/4	<i>N Ovelt/E Lambourne</i>
ch c Halling (USA) - Lower The Tone (IRE)	
CAPTAIN GINGER 17/2	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>
ch c Muhtarram (USA) - Brand	
CROWN AGENT(IRE) 2/3	<i>Miss A V Hill</i>
b c Mukaddamah (USA) - Supreme Crown (USA)	
DANCE PARTY(IRE) 22/4	<i>Mrs J Davall</i>
b f Charnwood Forest (IRE) - Society Ball	
DARK SHAH(IRE) 24/2	<i>J C Smith</i>
b c Night Shift (USA) - Shanjah	
DISKO BAY(IRE)	<i>M A L Evans</i>
b f Charnwood Forest (IRE) - Mermaid Beach	
FAR STORM(USA) 14/4	<i>Kennet Valley T/breds I</i>
ch c Smart Strike (CAN) - Kadeena	
FLEETING MOON 19/4	<i>M E Wates</i>
ch f Fleetwood (IRE) - Aunt Judy	
GYPSY'S WARNING(IRE) 8/2	<i>J Thomas</i>
b f Sri Pekan (USA) - Kapiti (IRE)	
HIGHEST HONOUR(IRE) 24/4	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
b c Polish Precedent (USA) - Victoria Cross (USA)	
HOH INVESTOR(IRE) 7/4	<i>D F Allport/R Michaelson/P Ayres</i>
b c Charnwood Forest (IRE) - Uffizi (IRE)	
HOLISTIC GODDESS(IRE) 23/2	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
ch f Lahib (USA) - Sellette (IRE)	
HONEY TRAP(IRE) 12/2	<i>Robinski Bloodstock</i>
ch f Dr Devious (IRE) - Goldilocks	
INCA MOON 4/3	<i>Park House Partnership</i>
b f Sheikh Albadou - Incatinka	
LARA BAY 3/3	<i>Winterbeck Manor Stud</i>
b f Polish Precedent (USA) - Way O'Gold	

GUIDELINES FOR THE

THE OLDER HORSES

Without the prospect of any rising superstars in the three year old division we will once again be relying on the old guard to lead the way in 2002.

BORDER ARROW is now in his sixth season in training at Kingsclere and has never looked in better shape than he does at this moment in time. Twice classic placed as a three year old, he overcame the numerous training problems that have plagued his career to win the Magnolia Stakes at Kempton and the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown in 2001. Even at the age of seven there should be more opportunities for him this year at Pattern race level granted his favoured soft ground.

DISTANT PROSPECT and **PALUA** provided the yard with one of our highlights of last season when filling the first two places in the Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket. **DISTANT PROSPECT** is another horse ideally suited by good or softer ground and his early season campaign will be aimed specifically at the Chester Cup on May 9th. Judging by his fine run in the race last year he could be in the shake up with some give in the ground.

PALUA will juggle his flat season with some summer jumping. The main target on the level is the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting in June and next year's Cheltenham Festival over hurdles. A slightly quirky individual he gained an overdue first success on the all weather this winter and should appreciate the variety of a dual-purpose campaign. He is a talented horse and promises to win a big prize one day.

BOLD RAIDER was the model of consistency last year finishing in the money in eight of his twelve starts. A big strong type who is now fully mature at the age of five he could improve again to play a part in one of the major handicaps in 2002. He is at his best in the autumn, likes Newmarket and nine furlongs seems to be his ideal trip – there would appear to be an obvious objective for him sometime in early October!

If there is a rising star for the team in the four year old division this year it could come in the form of **RATIO**. The fact that

Robert Armstrong has always held a belief in this horse is a recommendation itself and a close up third behind Mozart in the Jersey Stakes and a good second at Deauville in a listed race is evidence enough to suggest that **RATIO** has the ability to win a decent prize this term. He is yet another horse at Kingsclere that is better suited by give in the ground.

BOURGAINVILLE is a rarity in that ground conditions seem of little consequence to him, his problem last season was that he developed a minor infection of seconditis. In spite of this he is a horse of unquestionable resolution and could well be better than a top class handicapper. An impressive individual to look at, **BOURGAINVILLE** is certainly a horse to follow in 2002 if he produces the expected improvement from three to four.

DUMARAN was a dual winner last year and had looked a particularly exciting prospect when winning his maiden at Chepstow in July after a four hundred day racecourse absence. A disappointing performance back at Chepstow was followed by a facile win in a Goodwood handicap but three further poor efforts led to a collective scratching of heads. **DUMARAN** is entitled to improve as a four year old and is another handicapper who should pay his way this season.

Possibly the most unexposed horse of any age at Kingsclere is **MANICANI**. A son of Tagula from the same family as Mrs Penny he was bought as a yearling from the same consignor who had prepared both his sire and **HALMAHERA** and was surely destined to end up at Park House. Ray Cochrane had ridden **MANICANI** in his only start as a two year old and despite being a long way last in a strongly contested Convivial Stakes at York, Ray had been adamant that the horse had a bright future.

Last year saw him catch the eye when fifth in his first start at Nottingham before finishing a good second to Zarin in a maiden at Kempton. Wannabee Around finished third that day and went on to be one of the best three year old handicappers of 2001. Given a clean bill of health **MANICANI** could be the sort of horse to rise through the ranks this season.

TARAWAN (nearest) and PRINCES THEATRE



SEASON AHEAD

by Andrew Balding



TAKAROA, DUMARAN and BORDER ARROW

It could be that we will rely on the four year olds to lead the way in 2002 as in addition to **BOURGAINVILLE, RATIO, DUMARAN** and **MANICANI, PRINCES THEATRE, SEIGNOSSE** and **TAKAROA** are others at the right end of the handicap.

For the majority of last season we felt that the horses were under a little bit of a cloud. Whilst there was no clinical evidence to confirm this, poor performances and lack lustre efforts were all too frequent. **PRINCES THEATRE** was a classic example, as fair runs were followed by inexplicably bad ones and there is no doubt that he was not himself for much of last year. Now at last **PRINCES THEATRE** has filled his frame physically and I am confident that he will more than repay his owners' patience and belief in him.

For anybody looking for the perfect birthday present for their loved one, look no further than **TAKAROA**! Fit and ready to run he has all the right attributes to make a very promising duel purpose racehorse. Despite having won his last start in a hack canter **TAKAROA** is still over a stone lower in the official ratings than he had been at the beginning of last year. Effective on most goings and much improved by the application of a visor he is



DARK CHARM and GOLDEN CHALICE



VANDERLIN

more than capable of paying his way and could in time be an exceptional hurdling prospect. In the meantime he will be leased by the Westenders.

SEIGNOSSE is a credit to the patience of the Pink Hat

Partnership, who have had to endure the frustration of buying a Breeze Up horse who could not run until September of his three year old career. It was however worth the wait as his debut third at Bath was followed by a good win at Beverley and a cracking third at Newmarket. From a BHB handicap rating of 70 **SEIGNOSSE** should continue to give a good account of himself.

Ann Plummer and friends, a syndicate who have enjoyed so

much success in the past, had to endure a fairly fruitless season last year. **DRAMA PREMIERE** was their sole winner when trotting up in soft ground at Haydock. She should have no problem in returning to the winner's enclosure, if she can get her ground again.

Also in the older division are old favourites **TARAWAN, PALAWAN** and **EASTER OGIL**. All three are more than capable of winning from time to time and they are reserved mainly for the apprentices to ride.



SEA PRINCE



VOICE MAIL

THREE YEAR OLDS

We start the season without our best two year old of 2001. Although **FIREBREAK** realised an enormous profit for his owners his loss leaves a big hole in our three year old division this season. That said we still have plenty to look forward to with some very promising individuals who could yet make an impact at the top level.

VANDERLIN was desperately unlucky not to break his maiden as a two year old and whilst he may not have won the Chesham Stakes, without three separate cases of interference he would certainly have finished a good deal closer. That was only the second race of his career and a month later he was collared late on by the improving Perle d'Azur in a Pontefract maiden. Short of full fitness **VANDERLIN** finished almost ten lengths clear of the third horse and came home with a suspected hairline fracture. Bred in partnership by Colin Bothway and Simon Ellen he is a colt who should have little problem winning this year and may well have the ability to be better than average.

LOCHRIDGE is a filly of huge potential, by Indian Ridge and out of none other than Lochsong, she showed immense promise in her two starts last year. Having taken third place in a hot Salisbury maiden, **LOCHRIDGE** stepped up on that effort to finish second in a similar race at Kempton over seven furlongs and the indications were that she would stay at least a mile. Nothing would give her owner/breeder Jeff Smith more pleasure than to see her improve again as a three year old and she is certainly a candidate to get yet more black type in the family.

Jeff also owns an exciting colt in **DARK CHARM**. Unraced last year he is a son of the July Cup winner Annaba and had showed good speed at two before being injured. Now fully recovered **DARK CHARM** has been promising in his work at home and should be a horse to follow in 2002.

Another unraced colt who has shaped well in his home work is Holistic Racing's **GOLDEN CHALICE**. He did not enjoy much luck as a two year old having suffered a series of niggling injuries but has improved from week to week and it would be nice to see him repay Andrew Christou's endless patience. He is a son of Selkirk and rather like his dad may prove best with a bit of cut in the ground.

SKIES ARE BLUE was always a horse who would come in to her own as time went by and judging by the way she has wintered she could yet become the filly we all hoped for. She showed solid form at two finishing third in both starts, but being by Unfuwain out of a Rainbow Quest mare it would be no surprise for her to improve markedly with a step up to middle distances.

PASSING GLANCE has the misfortune to be a half-brother to the 'enfant terrible' KINGSCLERE and despite running two races full of promise in 2001 he too is not without complications. He was an all the way winner at Salisbury on his second start before finishing third at Newbury to Dulcet Spear on his third and final start as a two year old. He returned home that day with sore shins and an excuse could be made that he was uncomfortable on the firm ground. However he looked an awkward ride in his most recent start in a decent conditions race at Lingfield. This may be down to the fact that he lost a shoe during the race, but there is certainly some work to be done before he can fulfil his obvious potential.



WESTERN FLING and SWASHBUCKLER



ROTARY

PENTECOST was a pleasure to train as a two year old, having cost only 5,000gns as a yearling he ran a total of nine times last year, winning one race, finishing second four times and third once. Oddly enough probably his best two runs failed to see him finish in the frame when beaten only three and a half lengths behind Irony at Royal Ascot and under four lengths in arrears of Captain Rio at Ripon.

He has lengthened and matured over the winter and we hope he might stay a mile this year and if he can show the same level of consistency once more he looks set for an exciting time in 2002.

GLOBAL PRINCESS was in exactly the same mould having been bought in for a mere 3,200gns at the Autumn sales. She too was consistent winning once and finishing placed on three other occasions. A speedy daughter of Dashing Blade she was only found wanting a little when stepped up to

listed company and will more than hold her own in good class sprint handicaps this year.

EMERALD FIRE showed a fine turn of foot to win a valuable Newmarket nursery in October and still looks at the right end of the handicap. Her only disappointing run came on fast ground and she will not be risked unless the going is good or softer. By Pivotal and from a speedy family she will be most effective at sprint distances and is sure to win her races when there is some rain about.

YALLA LARA had just one start as a two year old and in spite of showing plenty of promise at home was too green on that occasion to do herself justice. An injury kept her on the sidelines until this January but she has made up for lost time winning twice and finishing second twice in her four starts on the all weather. She is currently enjoying a short holiday but should be back this summer to carry on the upward curve.

DUBAIAN GIFT races under the same ownership and he too has enjoyed a successful time over the winter winning two handicaps in succession. He will continue to win races over the minimum trip as an abundance of early speed ensures he will always be competitive at his level.

SEA PRINCE, BORORA, RIVER MASTER and **THUNDERGOD** are all horses who should step up on their two year old form. All four are now handicapped and all four will be better suited by middle distances in 2002. **THUNDERGOD** carries the distinctive **PAY HOMAGE** colours of Audrey Hill and showed some ability last summer. **RIVER MASTER** was always on the weak side but came on for each run last year. Frustratingly prone to minor injuries, if he can steer clear of trouble he will make up in to a decent enough handicapper. Likewise **BORORA**, a long and leggy son of Shareef Dancer and from the family of those good stayers Further Flight and Busy Flight will do better from mid summer onwards.

TIMBER LODGE and **VOICE MAIL** are other three year olds who should do well in handicaps. **VOICE MAIL** is from a family of winners and a gelding operation followed by a winter out will have benefited both he and **TIMBER LODGE**.

COMTESSE NOIRE, LISSOME and **GRANDE DAME** are well bred but lightly raced fillies and it would be nice to think all three will be winners before the end of the season.

BLAZING SADDLES has an impeccable pedigree and pleasantly surprised us all when showing up well in a good Newmarket maiden. He is a long term prospect with owners who would love the thought of winning another Cesarewitch one day!

CLIPPERTON was bought back at the horses in training sale for Tony and Valerie Hogarth and we would love to see him become the horse they so deserve to own. He ran once last year but is another who will be better as a three year old.

MIGLDI MAGLDI, ACQUAINTANCE, DANCING SCHOOL, FLORIANA, GOLDEN DIXIE and **TOP EXECUTIVE** were all unraced in 2001. Time will tell, but they all look nice sorts and are unknown quantities.

TWO YEAR OLDS

The two year olds are without question the nicest group of individuals we have had at Kingsclere for some time. There are some top class pedigrees and it seems there is the physical presence to compliment the breeding.

George Strawbridge has sent us four from the top drawer, **SPELLMAKER** a Danzig half brother to Selkirk, **ANTICIPATING** a Polish Precedent half brother to Presenting and **WESTERN FLING** a lovely full brother to Silla (Gone West – Silver Fling). He also bought a King of Kings filly out of Refill, who is from the same family as Hidden Meadow, Scorned and Kingsclere.

Andrew Christou's Holistic Racing has purchased some promising sorts. **ARCTIC DESERT** a son of first season sire Desert Prince has already shown good speed at home. **HIGHEST HONOUR** could be a bargain buy at 30,000gns, he is a scopey half brother to last season's champion sprinter Mozart. **HOLISTIC GODDESS** was an exceptional looking yearling and as a result our most expensive purchase.

The Winterbeck Stud colours will represent the Christou family and they too have much to look forward to this summer. **PHOENIX REACH** is a likeable son of Alhaarth who moves well and is a fairly early type. **LARA BAY** will one day return to Winterbeck as a broodmare having hopefully by that time earned more than enough black type! A lovely athletic filly she hails from a very good family.



THE FISIO and HONEY TRAP

Jeff Smith has sent a really nice batch of horses; **SPEED COP** (Cadeaux Genereux – Blue Siren) is bred to be very, very fast and looks classy. **DARK SHAH** is an early looking type by Night Shift and **OPERA GLASS** a half sister by Barathea to GREY SHOT and NIGHT SHOT also has scope and class.

Kennett Valley Thoroughbreds enjoyed a momentous 2001 and they look to have bought very well again for this season. **FAR STORM** is a striking son of the Canadian based stallion Smart Strike with size, scope and a very fluent action. **OYSTER ISLAND** is bred to be a two year old being by Mind Games out of the tough race mare Food of Love. He should be one of our earlier runners in the spring.

David Allport and Bob Michaelson teamed up to own the Prix Morny winner Hoh Magic. Hopefully, joined by Peter Ayres, they will be as lucky with **HOH INVESTOR** a precocious looking

son of Charnwood Forest.

The Park House Partnership have four two year olds for the summer. **ROTARY** (Robellino – Tarry) is as nice an individual as we have had for the syndicate. He looks forward and goes particularly well at this stage. Other two year olds looking promising but more backward are **BRIERIUS** (Halling-Lower the Tone), **DANCE PARTY** (Charnwood Forest-Society Ball) and **MARABELLO** (Robellino-Mara River) **SWASHBUCKLER** should be an early sort for any twelve to follows and although not as early the Desert Prince – Paradise Soul colt is a lovely type of horse.

It would be pleasing to think that we will still be talking of these horses in the same glowing terms in five months time, but at this very early stage it is difficult to find many faults in what is certainly as nice a batch of young horses as we could have hoped for. ■

SOUTH AFRICA

by IAB

Emma and I had a superb holiday in South Africa during the first three weeks of February. We have been there on three previous occasions but each time I somehow forget just how beautiful a country it is.

I was invited to give a lecture at a first ever seminar for the breeders in the Western Cape. There were eight speakers in all, spread over two days, and Tony Morris was the other one from England. We were all allotted an hour and a half including question time. I was the last to speak and cheated somewhat as I only spoke for about twenty minutes and planted a couple of questions so that I could tell stories (mostly about Lester Piggott). To my amazement the question time lasted almost an hour and a half!

We had one day's racing, something we usually try to avoid on holiday, but it was their big day with the "Met" being run at Kenilworth. It was spoiling to arrive by helicopter and the rest of the day was equally enjoyable. The horses looked marvellous and the racetrack was superb.

We spent the first week as a consequence in the Cape Town area taking the advantage of hospitality from some old friends. The mixture of lovely sandy beaches and one mountain range after another makes driving in that area fairly hazardous as even the driver is apt to be looking at the beautiful scenery rather than the road.

A flight to Johannesburg and a two hour drive saw us arrive at a game farm called Ants Nest which was very special. We spent the next five fascinating days with Andrew and Sarah Wates, just the

four of us being spoilt by the hosts, their partners and excellent staff.

We rode every morning for about three to four hours with the game being mostly unworried by the presence of horses. We got incredibly close to giraffe, zebra, kudu, oryx, blesbok etc. Our first day was spent watching and assisting the host and his team rescuing six very valuable sable and transporting them to a safe compound where in time they will breed relatively protected. To watch the vet being brilliantly piloted in a tiny helicopter so that he could get close enough to shoot the animal with a tranquillising dart, followed then by a mad drive down the mountain to get the animal in the compound before it came round was very exciting. The fact that they succeeded in capturing the bull and five females with no injury was testament to their expertise.

Our morning rides were followed by a superb brunch – on one occasion up high in the hills with a table and chairs all set out looking over the whole place. Our final morning was made memorable by the one rhinoceros on the farm joining us on the lawn for breakfast. The horses we rode also spend the rest of the day grazing on the lawn. Emma and I could not imagine a happier environment in which so many different species of animals live together apparently with remarkably little animosity.

The rest of our time was spent largely on the golf course. Each day seemed even more beautiful than the last with hardly a cloud in the sky. With the exchange rate so much in our favour I highly recommend a visit to South Africa for anyone who has not yet been there. ■



Above right: Somerset College venue of the Western Cape Breeders' Conference

Below: Kenilworth Racecourse "Met Day"



BITS AND BRIDLES

MICHAEL DOYLE



Mickey won the Pontefract Apprentice Series last season the prize for which was a working trip to the USA. He was given a ride out there and with his customary drive and punch managed to finish second on it and has been persuaded to continue his apprenticeship out there. We wish him lots of success and look forward to his visiting Kingsclere in a stretch limo with lots of minders. We hope to be reading reports of “Iron Mike” riding dozens of winners.

AMY PARSONS

Amy has won the Female Graduate of the British Racing School award and has been invited to represent them at a garden party at Buckingham Palace during the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Some step up from Drag hunting Brandy at Kingsclere.

INJURY TIME

At this time of year injuries to members of staff are somewhat of an occupational hazard. Sadly this season has been no exception. Nigel “Wiggy” Hampson suffered a broken elbow having been knocked down by DUBAIAN GIFT prior to his win at Southwell. Wiggy valiantly got to his feet and soldiered on until the pain was too much to bear and on his return to Kingsclere X rays revealed a fracture. He is now back in action after a six week period on the sidelines.

A more serious injury has prevented Michaela Sowerby from furthering her promising apprentice career for this season at least. Michaela had a nasty fall off a two year old in the lunging ring and officially broke a vertebra in her back. Happily the fracture is stable and after an uncomfortable ten days in hospital she is back with us wearing a back brace. Hopefully she will be riding again in 10-12 weeks time.



OWNERS DAY IN DECEMBER

There was a viewing of sales yearlings at Park House early in December. The object was to try and put some partnerships together and show some of the yearlings bought at the various sales. We managed to pick a lovely foggy morning adding to the guess work already involved in the selection process. It did give some of the Park House Partnership an opportunity to see their horses and have a get together and for the senior trainer to expound on his difficulties with multiple ownerships!



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