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*OGGY and Sara Metcalfe*

Front cover: *BRIAREUS* whipping in

Back cover: *MANICANI*, Leanne Masterton on IAB's last winner with Ronnie McWilliam and Keith Smith

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# OGGY

Who would of have thought that Easter Ogil would have won 5 races in a year let alone in almost as many weeks! Prior to the start of the year Ogy had won only one race in over three years and had run 34 times since that win in May 2000. At the age of eight his main role in life was to give racecourse experience to our many apprentice and amateur riders and although he was once a very capable horse on his day, he had become wise enough to look after both himself and an inexperienced rider on race days.

Indeed he was so wise in fact, he must have known that if he gave me my first winner as a trainer then surely that would be enough to entitle him to a happy retirement at Kingsclere for rest of his life! However, he was not quite clever enough and neither was his trainer to think that there are still people who will not think twice about claiming aged schoolmasters for a quick buck if it suits them.

Ogy started his winning run on January 11th when live on Channel Four and at odds of 16-1 he flew home late in the race to win a 0-60 Classified race at Lingfield. This victory provided Neil Chalmers with the first winner of his purple patch that followed and has seen him recognised as one of the brightest young riding talents to emerge from this winter season.

Not sure whether this was a one off, we took no chances and the old boy ran next in another low-grade event at Lingfield. It is a fact of life that if you run a horse in a claimer you have to be prepared that there is every chance someone, somewhere may want your horse; but as we had put him in to be claimed for £8,000 we were fairly sure no one would be interested in him and we were keen to try and run him in races he would have a chance of winning. On this occasion Easter Ogil ran a perfectly solid race and finished a very respectable third once again under Neil Chalmers - unsurprisingly no claims were received after the race.

His next start a few days later was in another claimer, but this race was confined to apprentices who had not ridden more than 10 winners and there was a special allowance for riders who had not ridden any winners. It was the perfect opportunity for the horse and for Sara 'Trooper' Metcalfe who rode him regularly at home and although she had a number of rides in the last couple of seasons, was yet to ride a winner. The horse was once again in to be claimed for £8,000 but this time the opposition was a little less tough.

Following instructions to a tee, Trooper delivered her challenge perfectly and just did enough to keep him going and to win by a fast diminishing head. The expletives that accidentally slipped out in the jockey's post race interview on television were nothing in comparison to those that I was mumbling when I learnt that the horse had been the subject of an unfriendly claim!

For those not familiar with the claiming procedure, there is a short period of a couple of minutes after claiming time is up when connections of any horse that is subject to a bid can submit a counter claim with the clerk of the scales, then there is a ballot and the successful claimant is the one whose number is drawn out of the bag.

# THE DOGGY

by Andrew Balding

I immediately registered a counter claim and it suddenly dawned on me that there was a distinct possibility that Leanne Masterton who had looked after Oggy for the last seven years, may cause me grievous bodily harm or at best would never talk to me again if we were unsuccessful in the ballot!

It was even money and we lost! Oggy was going to a new home and we had to accept that. However, it was both sad and irritating that he was claimed by a man who had no long term interest in the horse and in his efforts to promote his son's riding career had seen an opportunity that would provide him with a couple of winners and a quick financial return. Sadly the young jockeys at Kingsclere who have benefited from Easter Ogil in the past and could have continued to do so are not so fortunate as to have rides bought for them and have to earn their right to get on winners.

Oggy turned out nine days later in peak condition and won again for his new trainer Mark Wallace, who had been in no way party to the decision to claim the old horse; A few days later he won again with no penalty.

Monsieur Guillambert had said at the time that he only wanted the horse for a couple of races and that we could have the opportunity to buy him back for what he had paid for him after that point. True to his word he offered us the horse back after his second win, BUT on the condition that his son was to ride the horse in future races!

When this kind offer was refused, Easter Ogil was entered in a seller, which he duly won and although the bidding went beyond £10,000, the racecourse's commission meant that the owner actually received less than he had originally paid for him and Oggy was off to yet another new home. Still if there is some credit due, it has to be admitted that it was a very successful claim commercially, as the horse had won the prize money for three races and his son had ridden three more winners.

Easter Ogil was recently nominated for the title of all weather horse of the year! Obviously everyone at Kingsclere would love to see him win it and hope that wherever he ends up in the next few years he will be as well looked after and cared for as Leanne did for him during his time here. ■



*EASTER OGIL with Neil Chalmers and Leanne Masterton*

# THE SEASON SO FAR

by Andrew Balding

The winter months have been busier than ever before, with our largest team of all-weather horses yet and the select band of national hunt horses, all running regularly over the past few months. December saw IAB saddle the last runners trained under his own name and happily it was a month full of winners.

The jumpers were in excellent form, **Cool Monty** won his chasing debut at Market Rasen and a few days later **Dumaran** and **Gunner Welburn** completed an across the card double for the yard. Cool Monty has not really had things go his way since then, but it is hoped that he will be able to win plenty of races when conditions are in his favour and he looks a well handicapped horse. Sadly Dumaran did not progress over hurdles after his impressive win at Warwick and the decision was taken to save him for the flat for the time being. Gunner Welburn won many admirers with the manner of his victory at Chepstow at the beginning of the month and he was strongly fancied to take all the beating under a four pound penalty in the Coral Welsh National. The three mile five furlong trip was expected to test 'Welly's stamina to the maximum and on the day he could only manage third place behind Mini Sensation and Chives in very testing conditions. The low point of the month was the injury to **Bold Raider** who had looked so promising in his all too brief hurdle career. It is hoped that his tendon will heal and repair sufficiently to enable him to make a full recovery and return to racing in time. On the all-weather **The Fisio** won his third race of the year when showing a clean pair of hooves to his rivals in spite of being once again lumbered with top weight; **Kelpie** won her first race to the relief of everyone and **Manicani** under a fine ride from Leanne Masterton, recorded history by becoming the last official winner for a certain I.A.Balding of Kingsclere, Hants!

January was started in style with **Easter Ogil** winning for the first time in almost three years and in the process



*GUNNER WELBURN winning at Newbury*



*KELPIE with Neil Chalmers and Stuart McPhee*

giving his new trainer the very first winner under his own license. **Yalla Lara** returned to somewhere near her best form when winning a seven furlong fillies handicap and **Easter Ogil** won again, this time in a claimer which was the same level at which **Palawan** opened his account for the season. **Hoh Investor** has shown some really good form on the sand and won a competitive classified event in good style; he was also narrowly beaten in a high-class conditions event in March. **Vitelucy** surprised everyone except her owner when she won at Lingfield and **Kelpie** turned in two useful performances in winning twice more in 2003 and has proved an exceptional buy for her owner Stuart McPhee. **Emerald Fire** proved to be a class above her opposition when winning a six-furlong fillies handicap in early March and **Tarawan** ended his long losing sequence when winning impressively the same week.

The Jumpers also had a good time of it in late February/early March and it was particularly satisfying to see **Moore Lane** return to somewhere near his best when he won an amateur riders handicap chase at Kempton under P.J.Colville. He could now be headed for a tilt at the Scottish Grand National in April but it is the Aintree Grand National that remains the main target for **Gunner Welburn** after he put a disappointing run behind him when turning a tough looking handicap chase at Newbury into a procession. 'Welly' has excellent Aintree credentials having won and been placed second in the Foxhunters during his time with Caroline Bailey. However he still needs some seventeen horses to defect from the big race if he is going to make the line up at Liverpool. All in all it has been a successful and hugely satisfying start to 2003, but it is next six months that is so important and we will be working flat out to maintain the momentum in the coming weeks as the turf season gets under way in earnest. ■

# DAVID RAE SMITH

The death of David Rae Smith aged 83 just after Christmas was a tragedy not only for his family but also for all of us at Park House. David and his wife Johnny had become important and much valued owners here. They first sent us a horse to train in 1990 – a homebred gelding called Mr Dormouse. Neither he nor his younger half brother Two Lumps, nor their younger sister Boston Tea Party managed to reach the winners circle, although all three were placed.

A few years later Johnny, together with Nigel and Elizabeth Harris had a very successful partnership with Emma's homebred fillies Mara River and Gaily Mill. Then in 2000 when Rupert Arnold retired from training David sent us Distant Prospect whom he owned in partnership

was something I shall never forget. DP was more than a shade unlucky not to repeat his victory this last autumn when a fast finishing fourth.

David and Johnny have been partners in the Park House Partnership since its inception and David's help in checking the annual accounts has been a great relief to Emma. David of course had a very distinguished career with the Royal Artillery in the last war. He was twice mentioned in dispatches and also earned the Military Cross. After that he forged a career in accountancy with Deloittes and was awarded the CBE in the 70's for services to international affairs.

I first met David in 1986 when somewhat to my surprise I was invited on to the governing body at Radley College.



*Left to right: Alan Rae Smith, Johnny Rae Smith, The chairman of the Tote Peter Jones and his wife Liz, Pauline Gale, A.M.B., Martin Dwyer and David Rae Smith*

with his son Alan and John and Pauline Gale. Rupert's patient handling of DP, avoiding the temptation to run him on firm ground and thereby enabling him to stay sound, made us the beneficiaries when the soft ground came and this super little horse won three handicaps in the autumn.

The following season Andrew took charge of DP in the Mill Reef yard and directed his whole season towards the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle and then the Cesarewitch at Newmarket. DP ran a great race to finish fifth in the former race on much firmer ground than he likes. After a long rest and a very satisfactory prep race at Newmarket over a mile and three quarters, DP, ridden by Martin Dwyer, won a famous contest for the 2001 Cesarewitch just getting up to beat his stable companion Palua. The picture of joy in the winners circle that day

David was Chairman of the Council at that time and I feel privileged to have been present at many meetings under his delightfully positive guidance. His enormous contribution to Radley was recognised only a couple of months before his death at a moving ceremony in which the new languages building was named in his honour.

David was the perfect owner for a trainer to have. He knew how to celebrate the good times and was philosophical about the bad news. He was always courteous and extremely generous to the staff. We will all miss this wise and wonderful man enormously and I just wish I had his gift with poetry to be able to write a suitable verse in his memory.

We are delighted that Johnny will continue to have an interest in several horses here and hope that she enjoys many more successful outings. ■

# NEWSWORTHY

By CLARE BALDING

## Vitelucy

I have just enjoyed my first, brief spell as an owner in my own right. Not as a small shareholder in a partnership or as an honorary hanger on to a family horse, but all on my own with my own colours and a horse all to myself. As many of you will know, the horse in question was Vitelucy.

Not the most accomplished individual, nor the fastest, she was immediately dubbed Lente Lucy by my father, who could not believe that Andrew had managed to talk his mercenary sister into buying a horse who had not threatened to trouble the judge in her 5 previous starts. I was as excited about having my own colours as any other aspect, particularly when Uncle Willie offered to lease me my grandfather's old colours, which are a classy combination of dark green and gold.

Sadly, work prevented me from watching Lucy's first two starts last autumn when she finished mid-division. My father kept sighing heavily and tutting whenever her name came up but Andrew remained convinced that she would win a bad race on the flat (he can inspire such optimism!)

After a few training setbacks, February arrived with its exciting programme of all-weather racing and Vitelucy was raring to go. Andrew found a race at Lingfield so bad that she was third favourite, despite the row of duck eggs next to her name. She behaved impeccably in the Paddock and looked, to my biased eye, far nicer than any other

horse but pretty she has always been, capable she has not. On this occasion, she showed something that had been lacking in the past: promise. The winner went a good 10 lengths clear but Martin Dwyer gave her a lovely ride, plugging on through the field to take second. I was thrilled and could not wait for my next trip to leafy Lingfield.

It came one week later when Andrew had convinced me (or rather, he had just done the entry and told me it was going to happen) to run Lucy in a claimer over 1m 5f. He had secured the services of the champion jockey Kieren Fallon and she was 3-1 favourite - it was a terrible race. I was impossibly nervous and my confidence was not helped as Lucy came off the bridle a full 5 furlongs from home. Not being one to let a horse switch off, Kieren started pushing and did not stop the whole way home. She gradually made ground, came level with the leader and then withheld the challenge of two other horses as four of them crossed the line together.

My voice was hoarse from shouting but I managed another cheer as the result of the photo finish came through. She had won by a head. My knees were shaking and as we ran back to the winner's enclosure, I immediately started to worry that she would be claimed. The emotion of victory tends to cloud your mind. I suddenly had visions of Lucy transforming into a brilliant hurdler and being led into the winner's enclosure at Cheltenham. Luckily Andrew, while thrilled at her success, remained realistic about her ability.

*K. Fallon wins on VITELUCY*



She was in the race to be claimed for £8000, which he kept telling me was well above her value and if anyone was stupid enough to take her for that, we should let them. She was indeed claimed and went back in another horsebox that afternoon. It is a brutal way of losing a horse but in this instance, it was the right outcome. Lucy ran in a hurdle race at Bangor earlier this month, made a few mistakes and finished a well-beaten 4th of four finishers. She will not be winning the Royal & SunAlliance Hurdle, that much is certain but she has gone to a good home and will be well looked after.

In the meantime, Andrew keeps talking about the Breeze-Up Sales. That boy never gives up. ■



*The winning owner!*

### Speedboats of the Desert

It is not often that I have been asked to research and present a programme about camel fertility but in the interests of variety alone, I felt I could not turn down the opportunity when it was offered by Radio 4. Knowing a bit about breeding racehorses, I figured that – bar a hump or two – it couldn't be that different.

How wrong, how wrong...for one thing the racing camels in Dubai are all dromedary (one hump). In the breeding of thoroughbreds, no artificial insemination or embryo transfer is allowed so every mare must be physically covered, in the old fashioned manner, by the stallion she is visiting. In the camel world, there are no such restrictions and hence the science is far more advanced.

I travelled to Dubai to meet and interview the woman dubbed the "Queen of the Camels", the accomplished vet, Lulu Skidmore. At the Camel Research Laboratory, some 45 minutes out of Dubai on the road to Oman, Lulu starts every day by shoving her hand and most of her arm up the bottoms of some 40 female camels to scan their ovaries. It's a strange existence.

While asking such penetrating questions as "is it warm in there?" I did learn some salient facts about the breeding of camels: female camels are easier to train than male ones – they are less temperamental, less aggressive and tend to be faster. They are at their best from the age of 6 to about 10 and can race over distances of up to 10 kilometres. With small boys perched on their backs, they adopt an uncomfortable looking gallop and travel at speeds of up to 30kph.

With a gestation period of 13 months, it is not ideal to take a good racing female off the track for over a year to breed one calf that will not reach its peak for 5 or 6 years. Hence the desire for artificial insemination from a good male camel and then embryo transfer into a surrogate camel. The fast female camel can keep racing while her genes are re-produced many times over and the fast male camel, who has generously donated his sperm into an

artificial vagina, feels that he has done his humping, as it were, in the usual manner.

Much to my embarrassment on listening back to it, I described the process of semen collection and of artificial insemination in graphic detail for the benefit of the Radio 4 audience. The camels were remarkably good-natured about the whole process and Lulu Skidmore is convinced that they are among the kindest and wisest animals she has ever worked with.

Despite the accelerated economy of Dubai, the vast numbers of sleek and shiny high story office buildings, the brand new four wheel drive jeeps and the massive growth of tourism, the Bedouin tribesmen still hold their traditional values dear. And none are so dear as their beloved camels. *(continued on page 8)*



*Racing Camels in Dubai*

*(continued from page 7)*

They treat them as members of their family, pamper them and worship them. Although the emphasis has shifted from the camel as a beast of burden, provider of milk and meat to a racing machine, they are still possessive and particular about them and at first did not like the idea of a vet (particularly a western female vet) interfering with their insides. Now, they queue up to get their camel onto the programme.

The Sheikhs keep and race camels with the same passion that they have for their racehorses. Sheikh Mohamed has funded the Camel Research Unit where Skidmore

works, while the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory has found a method of producing camel milk in greater quantities. They are fussy beasts and will normally only produce milk if they have a calf in tow but camel milk is much in demand, being much richer in vitamin C than cow's milk and containing ingredients proven to help with diabetes and auto-immune diseases, such as multiple sclerosis.

I know what you are thinking and I have already suggested it to Andrew – we should build a new yard for camels. At least if they are useless on the track, we can always drink their milk. ■

### Housecall in the Country

**T**he period from now until the end of April will be exceptionally busy. Apart from presenting the Grand National meeting from Aintree, various Sunday Grandstands and rugby league's Challenge Cup semi-finals, I am venturing into general entertainment TV for the first time.

I will be presenting a programme called "Housecall in the Country" on BBC1 from 10-11am every morning from Monday to Friday for 6 weeks, starting on March 17th. The show will be a fast moving mixture of DIY, cooking, gardening and animal husbandry. In other words, not my usual fare.... A hammer does not often find its way into my hand, while "Can't Cook, Won't Cook" was a phrase invented for me and even basic tidying of a flower bed is

a predicament as I tend to pull up the plants as well as the weeds.

The animal side of it should be more to my liking. I am co-presenting with a qualified vet called Mark Evans, who has promised to educate me in all things veterinary and teach me to re-train problem dogs. My mother's boxers will be unrecognisable by the time I've finished with them!

The programme will not be the most intellectually taxing I have ever worked on, nor will it change any lives but it will be fun, should be good viewing and will be an invaluable learning experience in terms of presenting skills. I have forbidden my father from watching it because I cannot face the criticism or the look of confusion on his face but if anyone else can bear it, do tune in. ■

## LOGICIAN

Logician has been retired from racing after recurring niggling problems. He has found a wonderful home with Simon Knapp, our vet, and his sons and will not be short of variety in his life. He has already attended a Pony Club rally. A great character he was a joy to have and it is so good to know that he will be fully appreciated and used hopefully for many years to come.



# THE 2003 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

The 2002 result was high scoring but rather too easy a winner. Class and professionalism will always out, but for consistency Bob Michaelson and his aliases deserve the plaudits. He is barely ever out of the frame, perhaps he should give up life in London and come and train the horses. The big debate of whether or not to raise the entry fee still rages but for the sake of ease of management we will leave it at £5 because really the only other option is to double it and even in this day and age that seems excessive! Please put some substitutes down just in case there have been dramas between going to press and the start of the season.

The half way order will be published in the Summer Quarter.

## THE RULES

Each list must include at least FIVE two-year-olds and scoring starts on **April 1st 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. Please put your name on each list.

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 £1,075 (of course this could be double if we put the entry fee up!)

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

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**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN BUT MUST NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAS RUN FROM APRIL 1st.  
SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE MADE IF NONE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED ON THE FORM.**

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# LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2003 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

## OLDER HORSES

<b>BORDER ARROW</b>	<i>R Michaelson/W Said</i>
8 ch g Selkirk - Nibbs Point	
<b>BOURGAINVILLE</b>	<i>R &amp; E H Investments Ltd</i>
5 b g Pivotal - Petonica	
<b>COOL MONTY (IRE)</b>	<i>G. Luck</i>
7 ch g Montelimar - Rose Ground	
<b>DISTANT PROSPECT (IRE)</b>	<i>The Rae Smiths/Pauline Gale</i>
6 b g Namaqualand - Ukraine's Affair	
<b>DUCHAMP (USA)</b>	<i>R &amp; E H Investments Ltd</i>
6 b g Pine Bluff - Higher Learning	
<b>DUMARAN (IRE)</b>	<i>R &amp; E H Investments Ltd</i>
5 b g Be My Chief - Pine Needle	
<b>GUNNER WELBURN</b>	<i>W Ritson/D Hall</i>
11 ch g Gunner B - Vedra	
<b>HIGHLAND SHOT</b>	<i>J C Smith</i>
5 b f Selkirk - Optaria	
<b>MANICANI (IRE)</b>	<i>IAB</i>
5 ch g Tagula - Pluvia	
<b>MOOR LANE</b>	<i>R Michaelson/IAB</i>
11 b g Primitive Rising - Navos	
<b>PALAWAN</b>	<i>M A L EVANS/IAB</i>
8 br g Polar Falcon - Krameria	
<b>STANDS TO REASON</b>	<i>Mrs D Joly</i>
5 gr g Hernando - Reason To Dance	
<b>TARAWAN</b>	<i>IAB</i>
7 ch g Nashwan Soluce	
<b>TRAVELLING BAND (IRE)</b>	<i>Park House Partnership</i>
5 b g Blues Traveller - Kind of Cute	

## FOUR YEAR OLDS

<b>CLIPPERTON</b>	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs A Hogarth</i>
b g Mister Baileys - Theresita	
<b>DARK CHARM (FR)</b>	<i>J C Smith</i>
b g Anabaa - Wardara	
<b>DESERT ARC</b>	<i>Mr D J Deer</i>
b g Spectrum - Bint Albadou	
<b>DUBAIAN GIFT</b>	<i>Dubai Thoroughbred Racing</i>
b g Bahamian Bounty - Hot Lavendar	
<b>EMERALD FIRE</b>	<i>T Mason</i>
b f Pivotal - Four-Legged-Friend	
<b>GOLDEN CHALICE (IRE)</b>	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
ch g Selkirk - Special Oasis	
<b>GOLDEN DIXIE (USA)</b>	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
ch g Dixieland Band - Beyrouth	
<b>IRONY (IRE)</b>	<i>John Nicholls Ltd/Mobley Homes</i>
gr g Mujadil - Cidaris	
<b>KELPIE</b>	<i>S. McPhee</i>
b f Kahyasi - Darrouzett	
<b>LOCHRIDGE</b>	<i>J C Smith</i>
ch f Indian Ridge - Lochsong	
<b>PASSING GLANCE</b>	<i>Kingsclere Stud/M E Wates</i>
b c Polar Falcon - Spurned	
<b>PENTECOST</b>	<i>R &amp; E H Investments Ltd</i>
ch g Tagula - Boughtbyphone	

## THE PLAYER

b c Octagonal - Patria	<i>Action Bloodstock</i>
<b>VANDERLIN</b>	<i>R &amp; E H Investments Ltd</i>
ch g Halling - Massorah	
<b>VITELUCY</b>	<i>Miss C Balding</i>
b f Vettori - Classic Line	
<b>VOICE MAIL</b>	<i>R Parry</i>
b g So Factual - Wizardry	
<b>YALLA LARA</b>	<i>Dubai Thoroughbred Racing</i>
b f Marju - Versami	

## THREE YEAR OLDS

<b>ANTICIPATING</b>	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
b c Polish Precedent - D'Azy	
<b>APACHE QUEEN</b>	<i>J. T. Thomas</i>
b f Pennekamp - Croeso Cynnes	
<b>ARCTIC DESERT</b>	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
b c Desert Prince - Thamud	
<b>BALLINGER EXPRESS</b>	<i>Mrs. H. V. Barber</i>
ch f Air Express - Branston Ridge	
<b>BONDI (FR)</b>	<i>Sir Roger Buckley</i>
b f Sillery - Biscay	
<b>BRIAREUS</b>	<i>Miss E Lambourne</i>
ch g Halling - Lower The Tone	
<b>CAPTAIN GINGER</b>	<i>H M The Queen</i>
ch g Muhtarram - Brand	
<b>CASUAL LOOK (USA)</b>	<i>W S Farish III</i>
b f Red Ransom - Style Setter	
<b>CROWN AGENT (IRE)</b>	<i>Miss A V Hill</i>
b g Mukaddamah - Supreme Crown	
<b>DANCE PARTY (IRE)</b>	<i>Mrs J Davall</i>
b f Charnwood Forest - Society Ball	
<b>DARK SHAH (IRE)</b>	<i>J C Smith</i>
b g Night Shift - Shanjah	
<b>DESERT FLAME</b>	<i>G L Weston and partners</i>
b c Desert Prince - Paradise Soul	
<b>DISKO BAY (IRE)</b>	<i>M A L Evans</i>
b f Charnwood Forest - Mermaid Beach	
<b>FAR STORM (USA)</b>	<i>Kennet Valley T/breds I</i>
ch g Smart Strike - Kadeena	
<b>FLEETING MOON</b>	<i>M E Wates</i>
ch f Fleetwood - Aunt Judy	
<b>HIGH BOUNCE (USA)</b>	<i>D. H. Caslon Partnership</i>
ch g Trempolino - Top Hope	
<b>HIGHEST HONOUR (IRE)</b>	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
b g Polish Precedent - Victoria Cross	
<b>HOH INVESTOR (IRE)</b>	<i>D F Allport/R Michaelson</i>
b g Charnwood Forest - Uffizi	
<b>LARA BAY</b>	<i>Winterbeck Manor Stud</i>
b f Polish Precedent - Way O'Gold	
<b>LILIAN</b>	<i>Mrs P Hastings</i>
b f First Trump - Lillibella	
<b>MARABELLO</b>	<i>N H Harris</i>
b g Robellino - Mara River	
<b>MULLION</b>	<i>Mr D J Deer</i>
b g Reprimand - Royal Jade	



# GUIDELINES FOR THE

## THE OLDER HORSES

A large proportion of the leading point scorers have seemed to emanate from this division over the years, as it is the older horses that seem to run regularly through the season and can amass any amount of points if they are consistently in the prize money. **Border Arrow** is a proven group race performer and should continue to clock up the points in spite of his advancing years. Even at the age of eight he is capable of making his presence felt at Pattern race level as long as he can find his favoured soft ground. He should have busy spring and autumn campaigns and it would be hugely satisfying if he could add to his already impressive tally of big race victories. **Bourgainville** was a big earner for anyone who included him in their lists last year and if he has improved as a result of a gelding operation at the end of last year he would have to be included again. A powerful and scopey horse he was placed in three Listed races last season and will not be far from winning a major prize in 2003. **Distant Prospect** was unfortunate in his bid to make history when looking to win back to back Cesarewitchs last year and he will be trying to make amends this time around. Marvellously tough and consistent he is a real force in any races where stamina is the issue and he should make his presence felt in all the big staying handicaps when the ground is on the soft side. **Dumaran** had a hugely successful season in 2002 and should continue on the upward curve if recovering from a disappointing spell over hurdles. He is another horse who enjoys cut in the ground and he will be competitive in all the big mile handicaps throughout the year. **Highland Shot** and **Travelling Band** were both lightly raced before last year and still open to improvement. Effective at around a mile they could still be the right side of the handicapper and should enjoy busy and rewarding seasons. **Manicani**, **Palawan** and **Tarawan's** main purpose in life is provide experience to our many young apprentice and amateur riders at Kingsclere. All three are more than able of becoming substantial point scorers and have all won already on the all weather over the winter.

*DISTANT PROSPECT*



*BORDER ARROW*

## THE FOUR YEAR OLDS

As a group of horses this year's four year olds are as strong as we have had at Kingsclere in many years and no doubt that many lists for the twelve to follow will include a number from this section. **Passing Glance** had a busy and very successful year last season and appears to have improved physically once again. An ultra consistent front-runner, he would not have to improve much more to have some big race entries by mid summer. **Golden Chalice** and **Golden Dixie** are others who could scale the heights, both were un-raced as two year olds but had successful three year old careers at a decent level and there is every chance that the best is yet to come. **Dark Charm** has a very similar profile and is effective on any type of going whilst **Irony** now a gelding has proven himself at group level and has returned from his holidays in terrific shape. **Emerald Fire** and **Kelpie** have enjoyed a hugely successful time on the sand this winter and both fillies could still be ahead of the handicapper although the latter is due to be covered this spring and will not race beyond June. **Pentecost** and **Vanderlin** had exciting seasons last year and enjoyed some high profile successes in the process, they are both effective at seven furlongs and a mile and act on any ground and should continue to clock up the points. **Dubaian Gift** was our most prolific winner in 2002 and any improvement should see him take a hand in all the top sprint handicappers this summer and time will tell whether **Lochridge** can improve as much as her illustrious mother from three to four; if she can she should be at the top of everyone's list!! **Clipperton**, **Yalla Lara** and **Voice Mail** won two races apiece in 2002 and are still attractively handicapped if they can make further improvement this year as is **Comtesse Noire** if she can manage to break the hoodoo that has seen her placed in over half of her eighteen starts, yet still remain a maiden! **Acquaintance** and **The Player** are relatively unknown quantities but possess the potential to make up into really nice horses, both are physically imposing and could be the 'dark horses' in a strong team of four year olds.

# SEASON AHEAD

by Andrew Balding



DARK CHARM



ANTICIPATING and ACQUAINTANCE



PENTECOST



COMTESSE NOIRE

## THE THREE YEAR OLDS

Having been so successful as a group as two year olds, it is quite possible that one or two of this season's three year olds could be at the wrong end of the handicap at the beginning of the year, unless they have made significant improvement over the winter. Having said that they were a particularly strong group as juveniles at it is hoped that will make a similar impact during 2003.

**Rimrod, Casual Look and Oblige** are the obvious horses to look out for, all three are proven against the best opposition and all three have wintered particularly well. **Casual Look** has always looked like the type of filly who will improve with age and as she is bred to stay at least a mile and a quarter she has immense potential and could make an impact at the very highest level this season. Last year she finished second to Soviet Song in the Group One Fillies Mile at Ascot and was also runner up in the seven furlong Group Two Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket

in the Autumn. Her campaign is due to start with a run in the One Thousand Guineas followed by a tilt at the Oaks in June; this may seem like an ambitious plan but we would sincerely hope that she will be competitive at the highest level. **Oblige** ran an extraordinary race at Ascot when a fast finishing fifth in the fillies mile. Prior to this run she had won a Brighton maiden and a nursery at Haydock, but such was the standard of her work at home there was little doubt in IAB's mind that she had the ability to win at group level. Her main priority this season is to gain some all important black type, if that were to be achieved it is likely that Oblige will make an appearance in one of the top fillies races at some stage during the season. **Rimrod** is possibly the most exciting three year old colt that we have had at Kingsclere for some years. Bred to be out of the ordinary (he is a Danzig half brother to Selkirk), his wins at Sandown (beating Oasis Dream) and in a listed event at Goodwood (in two year old course record time) certainly looked out of the ordinary. All being well Rimrod will have one run prior to heading for the French

2,000 Guineas at Longchamp after that it is hoped that the St James Palace Stakes and the Sussex Stakes will be amongst his summer targets. Jeff Smith has a particularly exciting bunch of horses for this year and the obvious star of his three year olds is **Speed Cop**. Winner of the St Hugh's Stakes at Newbury last season she was also placed in four group races last summer and was one the top juvenile sprinters of 2003. Bred to be very fast (being by a Nunthorpe winner and out of a Nunthorpe winner), she seems to have lived up to her pedigree and has an abundance of natural speed. It is always tough for three year old sprinters early in the season but hopefully by the middle of the summer the balance will be redressed and Speed Cop could be the perfect horse to try and continue her owner's great tradition with his fillies in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York. **Opera Glass** is potentially a high class performer and showed plenty of promise

*SPEED COP*



*DANCE PARTY*

*OPERA GLASS*



*APACHE QUEEN*

*FAR STORM*



*RIPPLE EFFECT*



in her three runs last year, she is still a maiden and has conditions in her favour to have a progressive campaign through the season. **Ripple Effect** and **So Dear** are fillies who in spite of some well above average performances last season remain maidens they should have little trouble in losing that tag and should go on to better things this year. **Phoenix Reach** showed huge potential at home and on his sole racecourse start last season before an injury caused him to be sidelined from July onwards; he is bred to stay middle distances and if he can stay sound, could be a colt of the highest calibre. **Arctic Desert** is another colt who has suggested in his homework that he too could be a high class three year old. Placed in his first start at Windsor, his second run at Newbury is best ignored as there were all the indications that he was not at his best that day; he holds an entry in the Irish 2,000 guineas and it will be fascinating just how far he can go this season. **Mullion** is a new arrival to the yard for this season. Owned by John Deer, he was trained last year by Barry Hills and had some really good form in both maidens and nurseries, which

included a second to the leading two year old Elusive City, only to be awarded the race when the winner was disqualified. **Hoh Investor** has improved no end over the winter and has enjoyed a highly profitable all weather campaign, if he can translate this improvement to the grass he should have an excellent summer. **The Fasio**, **Yeoman Lad** and **Southampton Joe** were multiple winners last season and as all three possess an admirable fighting attitude on the racecourse, they should continue to win their share of races this year. The same applies to **Captain Ginger** and **Dark Shah** and it will be interesting if a breathing operation on the latter is successful; if has been, he could be capable of running up a sequence of wins from his current handicap mark. Of the maiden colts and geldings there are a handful that could just end up being well handicapped due to their physical immaturity preventing them from showing their true worth on

the racecourse this year; they include **Crown Agent**, **Highest Honour**, **Far Storm** and **Desert Flame**.

**Sweet Portia** and **Marabello** have both already been issued handicap marks which look at this stage to be more than fair, they had good form on the racecourse on their first starts, but did not reproduce that in subsequent races for a variety of reasons.

Once raced **Briareus** and **Anticipating** both showed useful form in their respective maidens and after considerable physical improvement over the winter they should be capable of winning maidens and then going on to better things. **Lara Bay** was a disappointment on the racecourse as a two year old, but we are hoping that there was a reason for this and better things can be expected this season. **Passando**, **Bondi**, **Disko Bay** and **Sadika** were lightly raced but it is hoped that all three will be capable of winning races in 2003. **Ballinger Express**, **Dance Party** and **Apache Queen** are all as yet unraced, but have all showed some promise at home.



SOUND BLASTER



MR LAMBROS



DUBAIAN DUEL

### THE TWO YEAR OLDS

With a mandatory requirement of five two year olds in every list, the result of the twelve to follow competition often hinges on this category. At this stage of the year it is almost impossible to accurately predict which horses will be the big point scorers amongst all this unknown potential. In previous years some of the highest scorers have been the later developing two year olds, although it is obviously important to try and identify some horses that will have plenty of racing this summer.

Of the more forward looking at this stage are the likes of **Royal Warrant**, whose sire has had plenty of early season two year old winners in his short career at stud. **Count Dracula**, **Culbertson** and **Dubaian Mist** are all likely types to be seeing the racecourse earlier rather than later and the first mentioned not only shares the same owners but also possesses a striking physical resemblance to Firebreak. **Red Birr** is a colt that certainly looks the part and he has already shown promise on the gallops; as has Mr. Farish's **Gulch ex Glamor Queen** colt and the cleverly named **Trick Cyclist**. We were thrilled to be sent **Downing Street** to train for Michael Tabor and although he will probably not be seen on the racecourse until later in the year, he has both the pedigree and athletic scope to be something a little bit special. The same could be said for another two year old by Sadlers Wells, Columbus Costa del Sol's **Princess Alina**, who also seems to have plenty of potential and is held in high regard. As always Jeff Smith would appear to have some lovely horses and **Sound Blaster**, **Dandy Jim** and **Church Warden** have shown up well at home and are all imposing individuals.

**Star Pupil** is bred in the purple but will probably not make his debut until later on in the year and **Indiana Blues** has the looks to match her wonderful pedigree and would have to be on anyone's shortlist for the competition. **Makila King**, **Sweet Cape** and **Spanish Ace** have all looked nice in what work they have done to date as has **Magico** who is out of Silken Dalliance. It is often the case that some of the most successful two year olds are relatively inexpensive and the two thousand guineas paid for **Dubaian Duel** already looks a bargain, she is one of a number of fillies who could do well in auction races, the others being **Feisty Flora**, **Lady Soleas** and **Florida Heart**. **Grey Admiral** is a lovely colt with an exciting pedigree although it is likely that he will have to wait for the seven furlong races to start before he is seen on the racecourse; the same could be said of **Mr Lambros** who has already impressing some of our most experienced work riders. **Saint Etienne** has an uncanny resemblance to Oblige and being by the same sire, there is every chance that she too could be a really exciting two year old.

**Arctic Queen** and **Brief Adventure** are nicely bred fillies and have already shown up well at home as has **Tag Team** who is by Tagula. Nigel and Elizabeth Harris have become partners with Marion Green in **Prince of Thebes** who is a son of last years leading first season sire Desert Prince and could be significant that this is the first horse that Marion has been compelled to keep from the sales. With almost fifty to choose from, selection for the competition remains as difficult as ever and we wish every entrant luck in what promises to be an exciting year. ■



CHURCH WARDEN



GULCH colt



STAR PUPIL

# I.A.B. – MY

**No. 12**  
**LOCHANGEL**

Chestnut filly 1994 by Night Shift-Peckitts Well  
bred and owned by J.C. Smith



Needless to say we were all very excited when the half sister to Lochsong arrived from Littleton late in 1995. One could notice immediately that she was not only better looking than her brilliant older sister but also had much better confirmation and was thus likely to be a good deal more sound.

From the beginning she was much more precocious than Lochsong who never ran as a two year old. Little sister was ready for her first run – a maiden fillies contest over six furlongs at Kempton in early September. She was very slow to start but made eye-catching late headway to finish second and give us all great hope for the future. Her next and only other race as a two year old was the Blue Seal Stakes at the Ascot Festival meeting on the last Saturday of September. Her owner was, as usual, very bullish about her chances, but little did any of us know just how much pressure there would be by the time of the Blue Seal (the sixth race on the card).

When Frankie Dettori won the first three races that day we thought – “well the lad’s having a good day even by his standards”. After his fourth straight win we thought “what an amazing day but it can’t last”. Then his fifth winner brought the large crowd to its feet and suddenly I realised that an awful lot depended on LOCHANGEL especially for those who might have done a Frankie Jackpot. Our filly never realised the pressure and nor amazingly did Frankie. He jumped out of the stalls sharply this time, made all the running – quite the opposite to his instructions which were to hold her up and give her every chance of getting the stiff six furlongs!

Happily to everyone’s relief LOCHANGEL hung on well and won fairly comfortably to bring up Frankie’s sixth straight winner. At this stage not a single person had left the course before the seventh and final race in which Frankie was booked to ride the relatively unfancied Fujiyama Crest for Michael Stoute in the two mile Gordon Carter Handicap. Frankie made all the running again and the horse responded to make history in a feat that almost certainly will never be repeated. LOCHANGEL was part of the Magnificent Seven in the most amazing atmosphere I can ever recall on a racecourse.

In her 3 year old season LOCHANGEL was relatively disappointing. In four starts she failed to win a race but finishing third in a seven furlong listed race at Lingfield at least gave her the vital black type we were seeking and a good run in the Group 2 Diadem Stakes at Ascot in September showed promise of better things to come.

Many owners would have retired this valuable filly then and there to an early life at Stud, but not Jeff Smith. His horses are there to race and LOCHANGEL came back to Park House from her winter break at Littleton for a busy and successful four year old season. With a youthful Martin Dwyer as her partner she won a listed race at Bath over five furlongs in May – her trainer having at last stumbled upon her right distance! Three seconds followed in those important sprint races – the Temple Stakes at Sandown, the Kings Stand at Royal Ascot and the King George V Stakes at Goodwood. Then came the Group 1 Nunthorpe Stakes at York which of course her brilliant older sister had won five years before. In the largest field ever in this prestigious race Frankie sensibly took a good lead from the flying French filly Sainte Marine and came through confidently in the final furlong to win by a length. This was LOCHANGEL’s finest hour and surprisingly in two more Group 1’s that year and six more races as a five year old, admittedly all in the highest class, she was unable to find the winner’s circle again. Serious sinus problems certainly did not help her case but if Blue Siren had not been (unfairly) disqualified Jeff Smith would have owned and bred three Nunthorpe winners in five years.

LOCHANGEL was a superb individual with a wonderful temperament and was a total pleasure to train in every way. She should make a fine broodmare and Geoff Rigby who looked after her all her time at Kingsclere now has in his care her first offspring – a handsome colt by Selkirk called Star Pupil. ■

# TOP FIFTEEN

## No. 11 TAGULA

Bay colt 1993 by Taufan-Twin Island  
owned by Robert and Elizabeth Hitchins



Emma and I had been going to the Doncaster St Leger sales for a few years before Robert Hitchins became an owner at Kingsclere. He it was, however, who gave us our first opportunity to buy some of the choicest lots there. TAGULA was one of Marion Green's very successful pinhooked draught from Forest Stud. Emma loved him and I had the necessary confidence to go to 32,000 guineas for a son of the relatively unfashionable sire Taufan. The female line had nothing of any class in it until his grand dam produced the dual Breeders Cup Mile winner Da Hoss a year or two later.

TAGULA by April was looking pretty classy and after a promising run at Newbury in May he went on to win his second start in a competitive six furlong maiden at Newmarket with some authority. Just less than three weeks later he ran with credit from a rotten draw to finish fourth in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The Group 3 July Stakes over six furlongs at Newmarket was his next target and he won this race impressively. His owner was keener to go to France than to risk the burden of having to make the Gimcrack speech, so we targeted their premier two year old race, the Prix Morny, over six furlongs at Deauville in the third week of August.

Robert and Elizabeth Hitchins and their son Jeremy with his wife Sue, together with Emma and I flew in his private plane to Deauville the day before the big race. It was to prove a remarkable week end as Mr H decided

to celebrate the evening before at our lovely hotel just outside Honfleur.

Walter Swinburn, in spite of dropping his whip, won the race cosily and the result never really looked in doubt. Then of course we had to celebrate in our hotel all over again before departing the next day. It was the only Group 1 race we won for Mr H and the photograph of everyone in the winner's enclosure shows just how happy he and Elizabeth were.

In his only other race as a two year old he finished third to Alhaarth in the Dewhurst Stakes over seven furlongs and went in to winter quarters as an outside prospect for the 2,000 Guineas. TAGULA progressed from two to three and ran a very promising third to Danehill Dancer in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury. We decided to go for the French version of the 2,000 Guineas and again he finished a close third behind Ashkalani and Spinning World after leading at the furlong pole. Only a fortnight later he finished fifth beaten about seven lengths by Spinning World in the Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh.

A mid-summer set back prevented our best three year old colt from running until the September meeting at Goodwood. In the Group 3 Charlton Hunt Supreme Stakes, back over his best distance of seven furlongs and ridden by Kevin Darley, he won a titanic struggle with the very tough five year old Wizard King by a head. This was to prove TAGULA's only win of the season as he only ran two more luckless races. Firstly in the Prix de la Foret, Group 1, at Longchamp where his jockey dropped his hands at the first, but wrong, winning post which cost him a place. Then in his final start he went to Hong Kong for the very valuable Hong Kong Bowl again over seven. He was a fast finishing fourth beaten less than a length by the winner from a very poor draw and, by Frankie's standards, under an uninspired ride.

TAGULA was a well made handsome bay colt with a superb temperament and was without question Robert Hitchins's best flat horse, he gave he and his wife enormous pleasure. He retired to Liam Cashman's Rathbarry Stud at the end of his three year old season replacing his father Taufan. He made a great start as leading first season stallion and the old yearling barn at Kingsclere is named after him. In his time here he was looked after and ridden in most of his work by Steve Woolley. ■

**No. 10  
SILVER FLING**

Bay filly 1985 by The Minstrel – Royal Dilemma  
bred and owned by George Strawbridge

**S**ILVER FLING arrived at Kingsclere in the autumn of 1986. She was owned and bred by George Strawbridge, and was reared by the late Marshall Jenney at his lovely Derry Meeting farm in Pennsylvania. She was one of the best looking yearlings I have ever seen.

She only had three runs as a two year old after some problems in mid-summer. She was second over six furlongs at Goodwood before winning her last outing that year, a humble maiden race over five furlongs at Bath. What that should have taught the trainer was that we had a potentially brilliant sprinter in the yard. However she had been entered in the 1000gns and I was determined to give her the opportunity of proving whether she could get that distance. After winning a moderate six furlong condition race at Brighton easily she ran in the Fred Darling Stakes over seven furlongs



at Newbury. She pulled much too hard and proved there that sprinting was her game.

After three seconds her first win of the season came in the Trafalgar House Sprint at Sandown – a listed race over five furlongs. She followed up three weeks later by winning her first Group race, the King George V Stakes at Goodwood ridden by Pat Eddery. In the William Hill Sprint Championship at York in August (now the Nunthorpe Stakes) SILVER FLING finished second to Handsome Sailor and looked unlucky as although drawn on the stands rails, Ray Cochrane took her in behind and made his eventual challenge right over on the far rail being beaten in the end by only one and a half lengths.

She also ran extremely well in her final two races of her second season, beaten a head by Dowsing in the Group 1 Vernons Sprint Cup at Haydock as she faded close home over six furlongs. In her final start she was third in the Prix de L'Abbaye de Longchamp when probably past her best that season.

Happily George Strawbridge decided to keep his flying filly on in training as a four year old. She was ridden now in all her races by John Matthias who got on with her particularly well. She won her first two starts the Cammidge Trophy at Doncaster over six furlongs and then the Group 3 Palace House Stakes over five at Newmarket coming very late in her trademark style.

A hock injury prevented her running in the Kings Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot and at both Goodwood especially and then at York in the William Hill Championship she seemed to find the five furlongs a shade too sharp as she was flying at the finish in both cases to be a close fourth and second respectively. A close fourth in the Haydock race and second in the Diadem also over six followed before a second tilt at the Prix de L'Abbaye . This was

to prove one of the most exciting and dramatic races I have ever watched. SILVER FLING, as usual, seemed to be outpaced in the first half of the race and still appeared to have an impossible task with only a furlong to run. John Matthias produced one of his most determined and inspired rides ever to get up and win in the last stride. George and I had to survive the drama of first the photo and then an objection by the second before we finally knew that SILVER FLING had won what she so thoroughly deserved – her first Group 1 victory in her very last race.

To win any race at Longchamp on Arc de Triomphe day is a supreme

thrill, and to witness his beautiful homebred filly do it in such courageous fashion gave George, I know, one of his happiest days on a racecourse. SILVER FLING was looked after at Park House with considerable devotion first of all by Aidene McElhone and then by Lorraine Pollitt. Her career as a broodmare has been unlucky and so far somewhat disappointing considering the many virtues she had to pass on. As a racehorse however she was superb and in twenty races over three seasons mostly in the highest class this lovely consistent filly had only twice finished out of the money. I suspect if there had been regular championship races over five and a half furlongs she would have been virtually unbeatable. ■

# BITS AND BRIDLES



Typical boss!  
You give Andrew  
an inch  
he takes a yard

So you're  
handing over  
my reins then?

He gets  
right up  
my nose

"Ere gunvor I bet this will  
wipe the smile off your  
face there's a rumour  
that Andrew wants to put  
everything that retired out  
to grass and Mrs "B" thinks  
its a wonderful idea!"

If we dye  
our hair could  
we start again?

If I'm not in your  
top fifteen then I  
suggest you get a  
neck strap

Us greys  
should stick  
together

## APPRENTICES

As you will have seen in the previous pages, Neil Chalmers has had a wonderful couple of months on the all weather, Trooper (Sara Metcalfe) has ridden her first winner but Liam Keniry has been absent from the all weather for much of the season. He has been hiding in Florida with Mickey Doyle for the month of February. Deciding it was better for him to keep what was left of his five pound claim for the grass it was a beneficial way for him to use his month's holiday. He spent the mornings riding out for Jonathan Shepherd and the afternoons and evenings under the influence of Iron Mike. The experience has done him no harm as he very quickly rode two winners at Lingfield. Our other licenced

apprentice, Travis Block, went home to South Africa for a month but is back and hoping to be on the way with winners before too long. Amy Parsons is having to wait for her first ride after undergoing knee surgery but she is working her way back to fitness and hopefully her debut will not be too far away and Leanne Masterton who rode IAB's last winner will also be competing for rides.

## NEW WEB SITE LAUNCH

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