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THE BALLINGER RIDGE SAGA

Who would have thought that a Class H median auction maiden on a dreary day's racing at Lingfield could make the front page of the Racing Post and headline the sports sections of almost every other national newspaper?! For it then to escalate off the sports pages to such a degree was an unwelcome development for us all.

At the centre of the controversy was Ballinger Ridge who, having arrived with us from Ben Hanbury at the beginning of last season, has proved something of a frustration and disappointment to his long suffering and extremely understanding owners, David and Hazel Barber.

They had bred him themselves and since his arrival at Kingsclere had failed to get his head in front in a race, but had come very close on a number of occasions and we had decided to race him this winter on the all-weather in a desperate attempt to make him a winner.

A suitable race was at Lingfield on Tuesday 2nd March and, with Martin Dwyer away riding in India for the week, we secured the services of a certain K. Fallon

The rest is over repeated history. He should have won but for an uncharacteristic error of judgement by one of the greatest jockeys of all time. Subsequent revelations that this was a deliberate mistake are in my opinion unfounded, as there is no evidence that Kieran accepted any form of payment and to try and fix a race in that manner seems incredulous. However the Jockey Club are carrying out their own extensive investigations and we will support their finding when the time comes.

As for Ballinger Ridge he is due to attend the Doncaster Sales on March 24th as one of the most famous horses in training!!!!

**CHARITY
OPEN MORNING
SUNDAY JUNE 13th
AT PARK HOUSE STABLES**

THE JUMPERS

Kingsclere horses have enjoyed a highly satisfactory 2003/2004 National Hunt season to date and the excitement of Gunner Welburn's second Grand National bid is beginning to mount.

"Welly" began his season at Newbury in a two and a half mile handicap chase in November, which was run at a furious pace and he was pulled up without ever getting into serious contention. Whilst it was a slightly disappointing result, it did serve the purpose of giving Welly an all important run prior to a trip to Wetherby for the prestigious Rowland Merrick Steeple Chase.

A more suitable trip of three miles and his preferred soft ground saw Gunner Welburn line up against a high class field that included the former Sun Alliance Chase winner Husard Colonges and last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup runner up Truckers Tavern.

Ridden by Richard McGrath, who in the absence of the suspended Barry Fenton, ensured that his mount was always in the firing line, enjoying his jumping and making use of his low weight by

applying pressure on the rest of the field at the right times. The only blip in an otherwise flawless performance was a heart-stopping blunder at the third last in which he attempted to part the birch from only a foot off the ground and managed it without the loss of any momentum!

A lack of suitable alternatives meant that we had to run Welly back far sooner than ideal in the Warwickshire Gold Cup and a listless performance resulted in him being pulled up early on the second circuit. Thankfully he returned home safe and sound from a race that saw the tragic demise of two veteran staying steeplechasers and we set about trying to find a race that would help rebuild his confidence in preparation for the Grand National. The chosen race was the Royal Artillery Gold Cup at Sandown, a conditions race confined to riders who currently or previously have been serving members of the armed forces.

Dominic Alers-Hankey has for some years been

the most successful military rider and he was chosen for the job of riding "Welly" in this historic event. Sadly a broken collarbone in a point-to-point the week-end before the race opened the way for "super sub" Mr Edward Andrewes of Blue Square fame. Ed had not ridden a winner under rules prior to his ride on "Welly", but he looked an old hand confidently guiding his mount to a comfortable seven length victory.

It was the perfect way in which to head to Aintree and there is an air of optimism at Kingsclere that Gunner Welburn is in the sort of condition to give him every chance of repeating or even bettering his heroic performance of last year.

Our other National Hunt horses have also performed with great credit and Cool Monty's two wins have been particularly satisfying. He too had started his season with a lack lustre display at Newbury, but followed that with an impressive win at Huntingdon under Sam Thomas. An awful run at Fakenham was soon forgotten when Monty pulverised the opposition in what had seemed a competitive handicap at Market

Rasen and put in another cracking effort from an eleven pound higher mark in a valuable handicap at Kempton.

Although still a little bit fragile Monty has overcome a serious injury and helped enormously in his work at home by Patrick Grant, he is well on his way to fulfilling his considerable potential for his owners Guy Luck and Rosemary de Rougemont (Luck).

Distant Prospect and Travelling Band both shaped well when winning their respective novice hurdles. The former is now being rested before a flat campaign, but will certainly return next winter to compete in all of the top handicap hurdles. Sadly Travelling Band has suffered a setback and will not race again until the autumn.

Scorned has made a very pleasing return from a long lay off and his Newbury second to Albuhera was a really good run. He looks handicapped to win a nice prize if we can steer him clear of the many injuries that have blighted his career to date. ■ A.B.



GUNNER WELBURN

COMING TO A TV SCREEN NEAR YOU

THE YEAR AHEAD

By CLARE BALDING

While Andrew and my parents plot their assault on the flat season ahead, I have rather different plans for 2004. It promises to be an incredibly exciting year in terms of broadcasting, with the usual top quality BBC TV diet of the Grand National, the Derby, Royal Ascot, the King George, Glorious Goodwood and the Arc supplemented by working for Radio 5 Live at the Cheltenham Festival and switching to tennis for the fortnight of Wimbledon.

I was surprised, thrilled, honoured and humbled (choose all or any of the above) to receive the Horserace Writers Award for racing journalist/broadcaster of the year in December. The award is voted for by the members of the Horserace Writers and Photographers Association and was split between myself and Doug Moscrop of the Newcastle Journal. It was the first time in the history of the Clive Graham Trophy that the voting has resulted in a tie and the first time that a woman's name has appeared on the list of winners. While I am very pleased to have been recognised by my colleagues and contemporaries, the award has made me all the more determined to develop the coverage of racing on the BBC and to continue to work on my own performance, an area in which there is much room for improvement.

As some of you will have read, the BBC has appointed an independent company called Sunset + Vine to produce all of the racing coverage (bar Aintree, Epsom and Royal Ascot). They have some fantastically original ideas about how to translate the thrill of the action onto the screen so that viewers at home can feel as if they are a part of the race and they have some decent features lined up which will help all of us to learn more about racing and the people involved. Sunset + Vine have won many plaudits for their coverage of cricket on Channel 4 and have picked up awards for innovation and style. They have selected a thoroughly professional and talented team of people to take charge of the racing and I can't wait to work with them.

Away from racing, I have a new column in the Observer, which started in February and has kept me busy through the relatively quiet weeks before Cheltenham. There has also been a new series of 'Ramblings' to record for Radio 4, a bit of rugby league to present and the odd (very odd, some might say) appearance on programmes like 'Question of Sport' for BBC TV and 'Quote Unquote' for Radio 4. To think, some people call this work!

However, the biggest mark in the diary is around the date of August 13th, when the Olympics start in Athens. Presenting details are still being finalised but it looks as if I will be co-presenting the late evening show (10pm-midnight) and doing a couple of hours in the afternoon every other day. I enjoy doing the late night stint because the programme can afford to be a bit more quirky than the more serious early evening coverage. Indeed, it needs to have a sense of humour if it is to prevent its viewers from turning off and going to bed.

With the time change – Greece is two hours ahead of GMT – it means I will seldom be in bed before 3am but it shouldn't be too much of a problem. I didn't spend 3 years at University in vain! There will be at least two early starts as well because I am determined not to miss my favourite Olympic sport of 3-Day-Eventing and will definitely be there for the cross-country and show-jumping, hopefully to interview a gold-medal winning team.

The Olympics end on August 29th and two weeks later, I shall be back in Athens to prepare for the Paralympics. After the success of Sydney, where the British team finished second in the medals table to Australia with an incredible haul 131 medals, 41 of them gold, there are high expectations of an equally impressive performance. As long as the organisational worries prove ill-founded, we will be in for a truly sensational and inspirational four weeks of Olympic and Paralympic endeavour.

On the racing front, I have been persuaded by the ever-optimistic trainer to invest in sole ownership of a two-year-old filly. By Dashing Blade, out of Sankaty Light, she grew up at Kingsclere Stud and much to my father's confusion, she is called Oceancookie (he didn't get the Seabiscuit link). The Cookie has taken to chewing through electric wires and consequently spends more time in a darkened box than her neighbours because her light switch has to be replaced on a regular basis. Out on the gallops, though, the lights are definitely switched on and she looks, to this rose-tinted spectator, to move like a dream.

Rather like the great Seabiscuit, I am anticipating a feature film-type script based around the triumph of a slightly temperamental, very beautiful filly, who overcomes a slight cough in the spring to triumph in a hugely valuable claimer at Lingfield. One can but dream. ■

DUBAI THOROUGHBRED RACING

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by Tim Walker

This is the story of wishing to fulfil a longstanding ambition, coupled with the investment of pocket money [in racing terms] and the ability to harness pent up nervous energy!

This plan was hatched at a casual supper party in Hampshire, where by chance, or may be by design, Gilly and I met Andrew for the first time, courtesy of our mutual friend and hostess, the indomitable Emma Clarke.

After an excellent supper and a few glasses of wine too many, Andrew began his first sales pitch as assistant trainer to I.A.B. and encouraged by sister Clare [AB's chauffeur for the evening] began to outline his plans and ideas regarding taking over the reins at Kingsclere, albeit some four years down the road.

The next day, once the "fog" had cleared I telephoned my great friend, Sameer Al Ansari in Dubai and told him that I had found a trainer and all we needed now was a horse! The response was immediate "Go for it".

We invested £20,000 each, bought a packet of crayons, designed the colours, thought of a name under which we could race and assumed that after two years all the money would have gone but at least we would have achieved our aims.

Within a few weeks Gilly, AB and myself ventured off to the H.I.T sales in Newmarket to find that horse. I told Andrew that we had a budget of £15,000 with the only stipulation that we were not to purchase a Richard Hannon reject. Everything was clearly understood and by the end of a very long and nerve-racking day we had acquired our first horse. We were over the moon, we were under budget, just, and had purchased a three year old gelding called Red Delirium, formerly trained by... you guessed it, R.Hannon!

He was the first horse to carry our colours on a race-track. That track turned out to be Windsor in March 2000 with the champion jockey K.Fallon on board. The result was the magic that we had dreamed of, Red Delirium dead heated for second place along with a horse ridden

by a certain M.Dwyer, who incidentally had given our pride and joy a decent crack over his nose 100 yards out. Should we object? I.A.B. resisted his owner's pleadings, quite rightly. Perhaps he knew Martin better than we did!

Sameer and I were now hooked, along with the rest of the family.

Red Delirium was rated 98 as a two year old, 68 when we bought him, 72 after Windsor and finally after numerous different jockeys had experienced his ways we sold him for a healthy loss, with a rating of 60! Andrew got us in and to his credit got us out. He is still racing in regional racing on all-weather tracks with a B.H.B rating in the 40's!



DUBAIAN GIFT

With a little capital left and with the input of our third member, Mike Elliott, we returned to the sales. Mrs B, Gilly, Andrew and myself combined to acquire two further yearlings.

Yalla Lara at 10,000gns and Dubaian Gift at 6,400gns. As luck would have it our young trainer ran DG over the wrong trip for the whole of his two year old campaign! This resulted in him being very well handicapped as a three year old when the penny finally dropped that he barely got 5 furlongs!

Yalla Lara won three times and was placed four times out of fourteen runs but proved a touch fragile. She was sold as a four year old for a modest profit.

Dubaian Gift is still with us and all being well he will be contesting many top sprints this coming season. He has so far won 7 times including a Listed race at Doncaster and amassed over £90,000 in prize money and, by the way, that same Martin Dwyer has given him many a great ride!!

With, by now, a little extra in the kitty, we reassembled the impressive Kingsclere sales team once again [poor Emma] and returned to Newmarket with the view of purchasing one yearling for up to 15,000gns. We were now really spending.

After looking at some 60 horses we finally came down to one, LOT 1482. We agreed to meet at the sales ring ten minutes before 1482 was due to go through. Mrs B arrived to say that we should look at a Dagger's Drawn filly



DUBAIAN DUEL

standing very close to the ring. Upon seeing her, Gilly fell in love with her and agreed with Emma that she was the one. Andrew and I decided to ignore the female advice [as is often par for the course] and stick with 1482. To keep the peace I dragged A.B. into the ring as 1481 was going round. A 2,000gns bid from A.B. secured Dubaian Duel. We remained at our station and fired up with still £13,000 to spend we managed to secure Dubaian Mist for 12,000gns.

Now we had two new horses, collectively below budget but also two training fees with which to contend. Never mind said I, Dubaian Duel can always come home and be a riding horse!!! She went on to win her maiden race at Beverley. Great placing by the trainer. She was then placed in a hot handicap at Goodwood and ran third in the Group 3 Prestige stakes also at Goodwood, being five lengths clear with a furlong to run. A 2,000gns purchase now with Black Type, we were all, both speechless and hoarse.

The best was still to come. She was joint favourite for the Watership Down sales race at Ascot in September and allotted a weight of 7.12, she had a great chance. How on earth Martin managed to do the weight I will never know. With prize money of £120,000 to the winner and being 5 lengths clear with a furlong to run.....she was beaten half a length into second place. A brilliant ride, a brilliant training feat and a brilliant find at the sales by Emma and Gilly. What a memorable day that was. I am so glad that Sameer and his wife Rula were able to fly in from Dubai specifically for the race. No pressure!! Her total winnings were £65,000 but sadly we could not afford to keep her and she was sold for 105,000gns to race in America.

Once more back to Newmarket where again [poor Emma] we ended up purchasing two more yearlings, Dubaian Quest a Victory Note colt for 4,500gns and Dubaian Spirit a Revoque filly for 6,500gns.

Our total outlay on purchasing horses has been under 40,000gns. We have had 43 runs, 11 wins and 13 places with prize money of £170,000. We now look forward to the start of this season with enormous enthusiasm as you can imagine.

Andrew and I have recently been to Dubai where Sameer, Mike and I launched D.T.R to some 100 invited guests at Nad Al Sheba racecourse. We have now expanded Dubai Thoroughbred Racing by way of offering shares at £10,000 per share for two years to include our current four horses plus more to come during the year, dependant upon how many shares are taken up during the offer period. Our aim is to have at least one horse competing in the Dubai Racing Carnival starting in January next year.

The facilities in Dubai, equine and human, are obviously second to none, but having spent some time with Andrew looking over the International Barn and inspecting both the Turf and Dirt tracks, it seems clear to us that the minimum requirement to race in Dubai is to have a sensible, mature horse that has a B.H.B rating of at least 90/95.

Five furlong races are few and far between which makes it a bit tricky for Dubaian Gift, so we will endeavour to purchase the required type of horse later this year. Emma, you have been warned!!!

I am sure that Kingsclere will have another great year and I must say what a pleasure it is and has been to be part of such a wonderful set up. My thanks go not only to A.B. but also to Ian and Emma and to all their staff for helping make this ambition a reality.

Roll on the 2004 season. ■

POINTERS FOR THE TWELVE TO FOLLOW

In an effort to help those doing the Kingsclere 12 to follow this year, who may have felt that those in "the know" have an unfair advantage, we have aimed to level the playing field by including each horse's Timeform figure next to their name. Good Luck

THE OLDER HORSES

Once again we are fortunate to have retained a strong team of familiar faces. More often than not this is the section that provides at least two of the top scoring horses.

BOURGAINVILLE (114) who was better than ever in 2003 will remain a force in minor Group races at up to ten furlongs. Hopefully his campaign may take him in search of some valuable prizes in North America, where the style of racing will suit him well.

DISTANT PROSPECT (100) an old favourite who at the age of seven seems to have retained all of his ability. Fresh from a successful spell over hurdles he will be aimed at the Chester Cup and of course the Cesarewitch, a race that he won three years ago.

DUBAIAN GIFT (115) improved again last year and ended up winning a listed race at Doncaster in a canter to record his seventh career win. Further improvement will see him take a hand in all the top sprints this year.

EMERALD FIRE (83) has rather lost her way since her impressive Lingfield win last spring. However she has now

slipped to an attractive handicap mark and will return from being covered by Bahamian Bounty to race, hopefully in foal.

GOLDEN CHALICE (99) is more than useful on his day, but good runs have been matched by inexplicably bad ones of late. The key to him may be the solving of a physical problem discovered this winter and he is capable of winning a major handicap on good ground or softer when at his best.



DUBAIAN GIFT



BOURGAINVILLE



VANDERLIN

GOLDEN DIXIE (97) superbly talented but unbelievably unlucky when it comes to injuries. A clean bill of health will see him become a major points scorer and will be richly deserved by his hugely patient owners.

IRONY (98) tough, talented and very consistent. He has the ability to win more than his fair share of races now he seems to have re-discovered his enthusiasm for racing. Should feature in all the top mile handicaps in 2004.

LOCHRIDGE (110) the flying daughter of the flying Lochsong, who went from strength to strength last season and ended with a career best performance when third in the Diadem at Ascot. Her improvement in 2003 was dramatic and if she continues to emulate her mother in that sphere she will be a candidate for Champion Sprinter in 2004.



PASSING GLANCE

MANICANI (72) was I.A.B.'s last winner but an injury curtailed last season's campaign. Capable of winning low grade handicaps if remaining sound.

PALAWAN (92) better than ever on sand and grass in 2003 winning four times. Acts on any going and any track and should have another busy and hopefully successful year.

PASSING GLANCE (118) one of the stars of a memorable year for Kingsclere and his rapid improvement saw him rise from top handicapper to a genuine group race performer. His Group 2 success in Germany was the highlight and races such as the Diomed Stakes, Celebration Mile and Sussex Stakes will be on the agenda this time.

PENTECOST (108) continues to make his 5,000gns purchase price look very cheap indeed. Won the Shergar Cup Mile at Ascot and was second in a listed race at Haydock having previously won the Britannia Stakes as a three year old. Will probably take a similar route as last year with the Royal Hunt Cup the first major target.

RENDOVA a once raced five year old whose only appearance to date was in a National Hunt Flat race at

Newbury. His home work since that has suggested that it will be well worth a try in some middle distance maidens this summer.

TARAWAN (80) ran up a hat trick of wins early last spring before suffering an injury. Will hopefully return to continue to provide valuable education for Kingsclere apprentices.

THE PLAYER (82p) the ultimate "dark horse" both in appearance and profile. Easily won a Southwell maiden on only his third start and has made pleasing physical progress since. How good is he? – only time will tell!

TRAVELLING BAND (85) has been very fragile to train, but his undoubted ability to win races has made it worthwhile persevering. He won the Carlisle Bell two seasons ago and



THE PLAYER

was also successful this winter over hurdles. An injury is likely to rule him out until mid season but remains capable of scoring points on his favoured soft ground.

VANDERLIN (114) consistent both at home and on the race track, he is one of the best yard sticks we have on the gallops. He has campaigned at both six and seven furlongs and gamely won the City of York Stakes and was placed in two other listed races in 2003. High hopes for another fruitful season.

VOICE MAIL (81) only one win from nineteen attempts last summer, but that statistic is misleading as he was in the money a further ten of those starts. Tough as old boots and genuinely loving fast racing surfaces he should continue to go close when the sun shines.

TINY TIM (N/A) although he would win few prizes for ability, surely there would be an award of sorts come his way for versatility. Tiny is mixing a career as a polo pony with one as a racehorse, now that the advent of regional racing has provided a sphere in which he can be deemed "competitive"!

THE 2004 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

We are continuing to run the competition on the same lines as before with the same £5 entry fee. The odds of getting your fiver back aren't very great as J.C. Smith has made this an art form but the odds of winning are far greater than most investments of this kind particularly the lottery! The more entries we have the larger the pool so please enter. The substitute list is very important, the list of horses in training is correct at the time of sign off of the magazine which was March 12th, obviously things can go wrong in the meantime and there may be some horses being sold etc. So do take advantage of putting down some extra horses just in case.

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** and continues until **December 1st (both dates inclusive)**. During that time all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners will count while they are 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 £915.

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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Emma Bolding and returned to her at Park House, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks, RG20 5PP
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 SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE MADE IF NONE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED ON THE FORM.**

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TWO YEAR OLDS

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RESERVES

NAME: _____
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LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2004 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

BALLINGER RIDGE Mrs Hazel Barber
5 b g Sabrehill Branston Ridge

BOURGAINVILLE J C, J R & S R Hitchins
6 b g Pivotal Petonica

COOL MONTY (IRE) G. Luck
10 ch g Montelimar Rose Ground

DISTANT PROSPECT (IRE) The Rae Smiths & Pauline Gale
7 b g Namaqualand Ukraine's Affair

DUBAIAN GIFT Dubai Thoroughbred Racing
5 b g Bahamian Bounty Hot Lavendar

DUCHAMP (USA) J C, J R & S R Hitchins
7 b g Pine Bluff Higher Learning

EMERALD FIRE T Mason
5 b m Pivotal Four-Legged-Friend

GOLDEN CHALICE (IRE) Holistic Racing Ltd
5 ch g Selkirk Special Oasis

GOLDEN DIXIE (USA) Holistic Racing Ltd
5 ch g Dixieland Band Beyrouth

GUNNER WELBURN W Ritson & D Hall
12 ch g Gunner B Vedra

IRONY (IRE) John Nicholls Ltd/Mobley Homes
5 gr g Mujadil Cidaris

LOCHRIDGE J C Smith
5 ch m Indian Ridge Lochsong

MANICANI (IRE) I A Balding
6 ch g Tagula Pluvia

MOOR LANE R Michaelson/IAB
12 b g Primitive Rising Navos

PALAWAN M A L Evans
8 br g Polar Falcon Krameria

PASSING GLANCE Kingsclere Stud & M E Wates
5 b c Polar Falcon Spurred

PENTECOST J C, J R & S R Hitchins
5 ch g Tagula Boughtbyphone

RENDOVA J C, J R & S R Hitchins
5 b g Darshaan Mary Astor

SCORNED (GER) Kingsclere Stud
9 b g Selkirk Spurred

TARAWAN I A Balding
8 ch g Nashwan Soluce

THE PLAYER Action Bloodstock
4 b g Octagonal Patria

TINY TIM I A Balding
6 b g Brief Truce Nonnita

TRAVELLING BAND (IRE) Park House Partnership
6 b g Blues Traveller Kind of Cute

VANDERLIN

5 ch g Halling Massorah

VOICE MAIL

5 b g So Factual Wizardry

J C, J R & S R Hitchins

R Parry

FOUR YEAR OLDS

ANTICIPATING

b g Polish Precedent D'Azy

ARCTIC DESERT

b g Desert Prince Thamud

BALLINGER EXPRESS

ch f Air Express Branston Ridge

BRIAREUS

ch g Halling Lower The Tone

CROWN AGENT (IRE)

b g Mukaddamah Supreme Crown

DANCE PARTY (IRE)

b f Charnwood Forest Society Ball

DESERT QUEST (IRE)

b c Rainbow Quest Jumilla

DISKO BAY (IRE)

b f Charnwood Forest Mermaid Beach

FLEETING MOON

ch f Fleetwood Aunt Judy

LARA BAY

b f Polish Precedent Way O'Gold

MAPUCHE

b g Selkirk Spurred

OUR TEDDY

ch g Grand Lodge Lady Windley

PHOENIX REACH (IRE)

b c Alhaarth Carroll's Canyon

QUEEN'S LODGE

ch f Grand Lodge Manilia

SPEED COP

ch f Cadeaux Genereux Blue Siren

THE FISIO

b g Efisio Misellina

YEOMAN LAD

b g Groom Dancer First Amendment

G Strawbridge

Holistic Racing Ltd

Mrs H V Barber

Miss E Lambourne

Miss A V Hill

Mrs J Davall

Mrs B Strudwick

M A L Evans

M E Wates

Winterbeck Manor Stud

Kingsclere Stud

The Beare Family

Winterbeck Manor Stud

Mrs B Strudwick

J C Smith

D H Caslon

New Finlan Homes

THREE YEAR OLDS

ALBINUS

gr c Selkirk Alouette

AVERAMI

b f Averti Friend For Life

BORDER MUSIC

b g Selkirk Mara River

Miss K Rausing

D J Deer

Kingsclere Stud

BRIEF ADVENTURE	<i>Miss K Rausing</i>	TRICK CYCLIST	<i>Park House Partnership</i>
b f Diesis Hot Thong		b g Mind Games Sabonis	
CHAMBRAY (IRE)	<i>Kingsclere Stud</i>	VARIETY CLUB	<i>Variety Club P/ship</i>
b f Baratheia Spurred		b g Royal Applause Starfida	
CHASING THE DREAM	<i>Mrs L Lovell</i>	YOURJUSTLOVELY	<i>Coriolan P/ship</i>
b f Desert Sun Dream of Jenny		b f Second Empire Nawaji	
CONJUROR	<i>Kennet Valley T/breds I</i>		
b c Efisio Princess Athena			
COUNT DRACULA	<i>Kennet Valley T/breds IV</i>		
b g Dracula Chipaya			
DONASTRELA	<i>G Luck/R H T Cox</i>		
b f Tagula David's Star			
DORSET (USA)	<i>T Farmer/IABalding</i>		
b f Deputy Commander Draconienne			
DOWNING STREET (IRE)	<i>M Tabor</i>		
b g Sadler's Wells Photographie			
DUBAIAN MIST	<i>Dubai T/bred Racing</i>		
b f Docksider Robellino Mist			
FLORIDA HEART	<i>Park House Partnership</i>		
ch f First Trump Miami Dancer			
GOLD RELIC	<i>Lord Lloyd Webber</i>		
b f Kingmambo Gold Bust			
GREY ADMIRAL (USA)	<i>D H Caslon</i>		
gr c Cozzene Remarkable Style			
GROUND PATROL	<i>D J Deer</i>		
b g Ashkalani Good Grounds			
INDIANA BLUES	<i>J C Smith</i>		
ch f Indian Ridge Blue Siren			
LADY ORIANDE	<i>Lord Huntingdon</i>		
b f Makbul Lady Roxanne			
LADY SOLEAS	<i>Winterbeck Manor Stud</i>		
ch f Be My Guest Farhana			
LOVEYOU LONGTIME	<i>John Nicholls Ltd/Mobley Homes</i>		
b f Compton Place Sky Red			
MR LAMBROS	<i>Winterbeck Manor Stud</i>		
ch c Pivotal Magical Veil			
PRINCE OF THEBES	<i>Dr E Harris/Miss M Green</i>		
b c Desert Prince Persian Walk			
RECOLLECTING	<i>G Strawbridge</i>		
b f Polish Precedent Introducing			
RED BIRR	<i>John Nicholls Ltd</i>		
b g Bahhare Cappella			
ROYAL WARRANT	<i>H M The Queen</i>		
b c Royal Applause Brand			
SAINT ETIENNE	<i>G Chong</i>		
b f Robellino Stop Out			
SOUND BLASTER (IRE)	<i>J C Smith</i>		
ch g Zafonic Blasted Heath			
SPANISH ACE	<i>Farleigh Court Racing P/ship</i>		
b g First Trump Spanish Heart			
STAR PUPIL	<i>J C Smith</i>		
ch c Selkirk Lochangel			
TAG TEAM	<i>Magic Moments</i>		
ch c Tagula Okay Baby			
TRENCH COAT	<i>W S Farish</i>		
ch c Gulch Glamor Queen			
		TWO YEAR OLDS	
		ALSU	<i>Columbus Costa Del Sol</i>
		b f Fasliyev Pourquoi Pas	
		ANGEL WING	<i>J C Smith</i>
		ch f Baratheia Lochangel	
		ANTONIO STRADIVARI	<i>Columbus Costa Del Sol</i>
		b c Stravinsky Dearest	
		ARRIVATO	<i>G M Tregaskes</i>
		b f Efisio Beloved Visitor	
		BANK NOTE	<i>H M The Queen</i>
		b c Zafonic Brand	
		BAY HAWK	<i>Winterbeck Manor Stud</i>
		b c Alhaarth Fleeting Vision	
		CAPE GREKO	<i>Holistic Racing Ltd</i>
		gr c Loup Sauvage Onefortheditch	
		COMPTON COURT	<i>G Burbidge</i>
		b g Compton Place Loriner's Lass	
		COUNTY CLARE	<i>T Farmer</i>
		ch f Baratheia Input	
		DE BULLIONS	<i>Holbeck Ghyll P/ship</i>
		b g Mujahid Stolen Melody	
		DELLA SALUTE	<i>Lord Roborough</i>
		gr f Dansilli Marie Dora	
		DIKTATORIAL	<i>Tweenhills/Thurloe</i>
		br c Diktat Reason To Dance	
		DUBAIAN QUEST	<i>Dubai T/bred Racing</i>
		b c Victory Note Latch Spring	
		DUBAIAN SPIRIT	<i>Dubai T/bred Racing</i>
		b f Revoque Silly Mid-On	
		ELKHORN	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
		b c Indian Ridge Rimba	
		FLYING RIDGE	<i>E N Kronfeld</i>
		ch f Indian Ridge Jarrayan	
		FOXY GWYNNE	<i>O F Waller/T D Rootes</i>
		b f Entrepreneur Nahlin	
		GREAT AUNT	<i>R McDougall & Partners</i>
		br f Dansilli Shebasis	
		HOLBECK GHYLL	<i>Holbeck Ghyll P/ship</i>
		ch c Titus Livius Crimada	
		HOUSE MARTIN	<i>J T Thomas</i>
		b f Spectrum Guignol	
		HOH HOH HOH	<i>D F Allport</i>
		ch c Piccolo Nesting	
		INTENDED	<i>G Strawbridge</i>
		b f Singspiel Introducing	
		KINGSHOLM	<i>J C, J R & S R Hitchins</i>
		ch c Selkirk Putuna	
		LADY LA QUESNE	<i>Coriolan Partnership V</i>
		ch f Alhaarth Lady Moranbon	

L'ESCAPADE Mrs B Strudwick
 ch c Grand Lodge Brief Escapade
LIGHTED WAY J A E Hobby
 ch f Kris Natchez Trace
MARAJUANA Lady C S Cadbury
 b f Robellino Mara River
NORTHERN SECRET N Harris/J Hobhouse
 b f Sinndar Northern Goddess
OCEANCOOKIE Clare Balding
 b f Dashing Blade Sankaty Light
PITTSBURGH Blue Riband Partnership
 ch c Nashwan Oatey
ROGUE Winterbeck Manor Stud
 b f Royal Applause Mystique
ROMAN ARMY Stamford Bridge Partnership
 b c Trans Island Contravene
SILVER HIGHLIGHT D H Caslon
 gr f Silver Charm Rare Opportunity
SHADE COZY Anthony & Valerie Hogarth
 gr c Cozzene Fire And Shade
SILINA G Strawbridge
 b f Gone West Silver Fling
SPEED OF SOUND J C Smith
 ch f Zafonic Blue Siren
STILETTA STAR J C Smith
 br f Robellino Loch Sabre
STORM CENTRE Mrs R Plummer & Partners
 ch c Pivotal Long View
STONEWALL Blue Riband Partnership
 ch c Dixieland Band Lite Twilight

STREET CRED Young Guns Syndicate
 ch c Bold Edge Trump Street
SUKUMA M A L Evans
 ch f Highest Honor Selva
SUN BIAN CHF Partnership
 b c Makbul Silken Dalliance
TAPA D H Back/Mrs
 b f Tagula Tweed Mill
TASHYRA J Robinson/L Ormsby
 b f Tagula Shiya
TRYMORE G L Weston
 ch c Tagula Marimar
TUVALU N H Harris
 ch c Dashing Blade Tepana
YEOMAN LASS New Finlan Homes
 b f Bluebird Alpine Time
 Xxx Kingsclere Stud
 b f Sinndar Spurned
 Xxx M Tabor
 b c Montjeu Dance Clear
 Xxx W S Farish
 ch f Valid Expectations Melt My Heart
 Xxx W S Farish
 ch c Kingmambo Style Setter
 Xxx W S Farish
 br c Belong To Me Cymbala
 Xxx W S Farish
 br f Spinning World Our Wildirish Rose
 Xxx G Strawbridge
 b f Sinndar Speedybird



PHOENIX REACH



LOCHRIDGE

POINTERS FOR THE TWELVE TO FOLLOW

CONTINUED

THE FOUR YEAR OLDS

ANTICIPATING (93) won or placed in six of his nine starts last summer and could improve to be a useful stayer this time around. The Ebor at York is his ultimate objective and it would be a disappointment if he couldn't continue to pay his way.

ARCTIC DESERT (100) impressive in appearance and when on song is equally impressive when in motion. He started the season well last year and finished it well with two disappointments in between. Now gelded, he could even be in the Passing Glance mould if things go the right way.

BALLINGER EXPRESS – numerous problems delayed her racecourse debut at Lingfield this winter but she showed some promise there and seems to have improved since.

BRIAREUS (85) a win in a Windsor maiden and numerous creditable placed efforts last year. He was always the type to improve with age and he should have a good season in 2004.

CROWN AGENT (78) did not manage to get his head in front in 2003 but came very close on a couple of occasions. He is another who should be better this year and distances of a mile and a half and up on good ground or softer would suit him best.

DANCE PARTY (67) has been in quite good form this winter on the all weather with two places in low grade but very competitive races. She should definitely find a winning opportunity in time.

DESERT QUEST (102) lightly raced for Sir Michael Stoute last season but still managed to win two of his five starts. Undoubted ability and could be capable of winning a decent prize at some stage this summer.

FLEETING MOON (65) one win and two seconds this winter and appears as if stamina is her forte. Could yet improve with the switch to turf and is capable of further improvement.

LARA BAY (64) still a maiden but only lightly raced. She has been covered by Mtoto and will continue to race until June in the hope of making her a winner. A mission, which is certainly not impossible.

MAPUCHE an unraced half brother to black type performer Passing Glance and full brother to Scorned and Hidden Meadow. A rangy and athletic giant, typical Selkirk, who will be hoping to see the racetrack at some stage this summer.

OUR TEDDY (103) a highly talented performer for George Margason as a two year old, but rather lost his way after a bright start to last season. More than capable of winning good prizes if returning to his best.

PHOENIX REACH (122p) the undisputed star of the show. Won three of his four starts last term which included the



ANTICIPATING

Grade 1 Patisson Canadian International at Woodbine and the Group 3 Gordon Stakes at Goodwood. His only defeat of 2003 was a slightly unlucky third in the St Leger. A slight setback this winter has delayed his intended return and we would hope to see him back in action for the Eclipse Stakes with a view to the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth II Stakes being his main summer objective.

QUEENS LODGE (88p) did not race last season, but won one of only two starts at two when in training with Luca Cumani as a two year old. Has had to endure a number of training setbacks, but she retains plenty of potential and will hopefully enjoy a clean bill of health.

SPEED COP (104) found life hard work last year after a hugely successful two year old campaign. Has returned to training in great condition and it would be no surprise to see her return to even the very best form she showed in 2002.

THE FISIO (80) having had a happy time as a two year old he was dogged by a knee injury last year but returned to form to win twice this winter. Very speedy and should win more races on his favoured soft going.

YEOMAN LAD (86) had a mixed year last season, but is very capable on his day and when physically right will have no trouble returning to winning ways. Best at around a mile on good ground.

THE THREE YEAR OLDS

ALBINUS (69p) a half brother to dual Champion Stakes winner Alborada by Selkirk, this horse is bred to do the business. A fine physical specimen, he has just needed a bit of time to get the hang of things on the racecourse but was a good third in his last start. Endless improvement possible and could just be another "dark horse".

AVERAMI (67) of limited ability but more than capable of winning races and the application of blinkers seems to have sharpened her act.



BORDER MUSIC



TAG TEAM

BORDER MUSIC (83p) improved and improved last summer and ended up winning a maiden at Lingfield in impressive fashion. Has worked well this spring and should continue the upward curve.

BRIEF ADVENTURE had always shown good speed in her homework, but suffered a split pastern and consequently remains unraced. Has done well physically and will be very interesting if she stands training.

CHAMBRAY (-p) weak and backward and never dangerous in her only start last year but was always the type to do better in time. Hails from a good family and should be capable of winning this year.

CHASING THE DREAM (84) did not make her racecourse debut until early this year, but made no mistakes when

winning her first start and was then a comfortable second to the leading all weather horse Skidmark. Could continue to improve if staying middle distances and is a filly with a bright future.

CONJUROR an unraced half brother to top sprinter Acclamation by Efsio who has done nothing but grow since his purchase at the July Sales. A nice horse who may take more time yet, but it should be worth the wait.

COUNT DRACULA (74) suffered badly from sore shins in the summer but showed good form when second in a



FLORIDA HEART



STAR PUPIL

maiden at Lingfield in the autumn. Will be suited by a mile on good ground.

DONASTRELLA ran only once last year, but had looked capable of winning races in some of her homework and should handle fast ground which will give her opportunities in the summer.

DORSET an unraced filly who was very immature last year but is now in full work. Still at an early stage of her development but is a nice individual.

DOWNING STREET (66p) an athletic son of the all-conquering Sadlers Wells who never realised the potential he had shown at home in his three starts in 2003. Possible that soft ground will bring out the best in him, he would appear well handicapped if that is the case.

DUBAIAN MIST (55) from a good family but has shown precious little in three starts to date. Has a very lowly handicap mark as a result and if her constitution stands up could be the type to run up a sequence of wins.

FLORIDA HEART (75) a lovely filly who showed good form last year, but also gave the impression that there was more to come. Has been working well but likely to come in to her own during the summer months.

GOLD RELIC a beautifully bred daughter of Kingmambo who is proving rather fragile to train. Has ability and should win races if we can keep her sound.



SAINT ETIENNE

GREY ADMIRAL (69) a son of the outstanding sire Cozzene, who showed fair form in a maiden at Newmarket. Qualified for handicaps and should stay distances of a mile and a half plus, which would give him every chance of winning races.

GROUND PATROL (75) a nice horse who has acquitted himself well in four starts on the all weather this winter. Has shown a liking for grass in his homework so could improve with a switch to the turf.

INDIANA BLUES (90p) sure to make a useful three year old and remains a maiden after being highly tried last season. A perfect specimen physically with an engine to match – should have a really exciting year.

LADY ORIANDE (59) sister to the very useful sprinter Striking Ambition and showed good promise in her only start as a two year old. Certain to win if staying clear of injuries.

LADY SOLEAS an unraced daughter of Be My Guest from a good family of sprinters. Had training problems last season and is unraced to date, a nice individual who will win races if remaining sound.

LOVEYOULONGTIME unable to come into training last year due to foot problems but a smashing filly who was a stand out at the yearling sales and remains an exciting prospect.

MR LAMBROS (90p) a strikingly handsome son of Pivotal who won his maiden in a hack canter before finishing a good second to an unexposed horse of David Loder's. Definitely has the ability to make a top performer but has to learn to settle.

SOUND BLASTER (74p) improved with the step up to a mile and was very brave to win the Casual Look Maiden Stakes at Bath in a desperate finish. Has been gelded over the winter and looks very well in training.

SPANISH ACE (99) Our top rated two year old of last year who won a conditions race at Ascot and was placed second in a Group 2 in Ireland. He has bags of ability and should have a very good year once again.

STAR PUPIL (86p) threw away an obvious winning chance at Newmarket when running green in the latter stages of the race. Very laid back in his work but has got what it takes on the track to win races.

TAG TEAM (85) has enjoyed a fruitful winter on the all weather making up for lost time by winning two races with impressive ease. Great physique, temperament and very speedy so should continue to be a horse to follow in the future.

TRENCH COAT (85) he has always looked like a horse who will improve with time and showed good form to finish second in a maiden at Lingfield. Probably capable of better still and should win races.

PRINCE OF THEBES (87) improved with each of his three runs last year and ended up with a brave victory in an Epsom maiden. Suffered an injury subsequently but remains an exciting prospect at distances up to a mile.

RECOLLECTING (58p) a half sister to the National Hunt sire Presenting, a top class performer himself who finished third in the Derby. She ran well in her only start last year and should be up to winning races.

RED BIRR (78p) had fair form in three maidens as a two year old and has developed well this winter. A lovely character and has been working well this spring.

ROYAL WARRANT (81) he easily won a Thirsk maiden last summer and also scored in a competitive handicap at Lingfield in February. Still looks to be fairly weighted and capable of winning a decent prize.

SAINT ETIENNE (75) don't be fooled by her lowly rating as this filly is well above average and has done some impressive work at home. If she stays 8f she could be top class and if she doesn't she is still pretty good. By Robellino out of the same family as Firebreak, it will be fascinating to see how high she can climb this summer.

TRICK CYCLIST (81) he was useful last year and should be the sort to enjoy a busy spring campaign as a three year old. Narrowly beaten on his first start.

VARIETY CLUB (63) showed very little in three starts last year but is by Royal Applause and from the same family as Pivotal. Should be capable of scoring a small goal at some stage.

YOURJUST LOVELY (61) bred to stay but needs to learn to settle in her races. Disappointing since an encouraging second start at Lingfield and it could be that she would be happier on grass.

TWO YEAR OLDS

Early Types

ALSU a filly by the sensational first season sire of last year, Fasliyev. She looks every inch a two year old type and should be ready to run by May.

ANTONIO STRADIVARI rather like Fasliyev, Stravinsky is rapidly getting a good reputation for siring precocious stock and this horse is another who should fit that mould.

BANK NOTE a half brother to a two year old winner of 2003 in Royal Warrant by Zafonic and although he will not probably see a racecourse until June he looks to have plenty of zip and should be winning races this year.

COUNTY CLARE bought by Lincoln Collins at the Tattersalls October Part 1 Sale, this filly already looks as if she could have been a bargain buy.

HOH HOH HOH a purchase from the Doncaster Sales and a son of the prolific sire of winners Piccolo. He has shown good speed in his work and has all the attributes of a "two year old type".

LADY LA QUESNE by Alhaarth, who himself was a top class two year old, this filly has class and despite being on the small side has a great action and covers the ground beautifully.

ROGUE being by Royal Applause it would be no surprise to see her on the racecourse at an early stage and she has the physique to suggest that she will be racing sooner rather than later.

SPEED OF SOUND oozes class and is a half sister to Indiana Blues and Speed Cop (their dam was the disqualified winner of the Nunthorpe, Blue Siren). She has the physical appearance of a fully developed horse and it will be a great disappointment if she is unable to make an impact on the racecourse this summer.

STORM CENTRE is well put together and has shown a willing attitude in his home work to date. He is by the exciting stallion Pivotal who has achieved so much already in a relatively short space of time.



HOLBECK GHYLL and Liam Keniry with Angus Loughran, David and Patricia Nicholson and A.M.B.

STREET CRED a big strong son of Bold Edge has been working well and should be ready for the racecourse towards the end of May.

SUKUMA despite being by Highest Honor(not noted for early juvenile success) and out of a Darshaan mare, this filly looks sharp and should be out before the end of spring.

HOLBECK GHYLL a strong and athletic son of Titus Livius and is likely to be our first two year old runner. Named after a Michelin star winning hotel in the Lake District, we hope he will be up to winning a few stars for himself.

There are plenty of others who should be making their mark by the middle of the summer and they include:

ANGEL WING a gorgeous daughter of Group One winner Lochangel.

BAY HAWK a powerful son of Alhaarth.

CAPE GRECO who was the outstanding colt in the October Sales Part II.

DELLA SALUTE hails from the same family as top class racemare Anna Marie, both she and GREAT AUNT are by first season sire Dansili.

DIKTATORIAL is another by a first season sire (Diktat) and seems to have plenty of scope.

FLYING RIDGE, L'ESCAPADE and SILINA all have pedigrees to match their looks and are exciting prospects.

Last year we bought Shadowland from the Saratoga Sales and it looks as if SILVER HIGHLIGHT could be another purchase to be proud of. Shadowland's brother SHADE COZY by the Cozzene is another striking individual and I hope he will be capable of following in his brother's hoof prints.

DUBAIAN QUEST, PITTSBURGH, SUN BIAN and TRYMORE are also smashing colts who should all make up into nice two year olds, whilst YEOMAN LASS, TUVALU and HOUSE MARTIN are others who have already had favourable reports. It is however a long season and the rate at which these young horses change is phenomenal who knows which will be stars!

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I.A.B. MY TOP FIFTEEN

Regular readers of the Kingsclere Quarter will be aware that I have been doing a series of articles on the best fifteen horses I have trained. We were printing them in threes working from fifteen to one. However we felt it might be more interesting to give the top three more space and do one in each of the 2004 issues. So for now here is No.3 if you can't guess the top two my autobiography "Making the Running" might give it away.

No. 3
MRS PENNY
I.A.B.



In 1978 I went to the Saratoga Sales for only the third time. A new owner of ours, Eric Kronfeld, had asked me to go there a couple of years previously and a little bay filly we had bought called Sentimental Value had been disappointing. Nevertheless Eric had asked me to go back and try again.

This time I found a chesnut filly by an English sire, Great Nephew, in Marshall Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm draft that I could not take my eyes off. There was a little bit of black type on the dam's side but not enough fortunately to attract the local purchasers and we managed to buy her for \$40,000, which was way below the average price. Eric loved her also right from the start and very quickly named her Mrs Penny after his wife.

This beautiful filly, apart from Mill Reef, turned out to be the best middle distance racehorse that I ever trained. She was sound and genuine, had terrific speed but was probably at her best over a mile and a half. She showed such ability at home straight away that I could not believe it when she was beaten in her first two races. She had been more than a little unlucky in her very first

start at Newbury, when from a flag start (the stalls were temporarily out of action) and ridden by Greville Starkey she was badly left and only beaten narrowly when flying at the finish. However we stuck with our belief in her and in her third start she won the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket. She went on to win the Lowther Stakes at York and ended up her first season by winning the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket in the autumn and she was unanimously considered the best two year old filly in England that year.

Marshall Jenney, her breeder, behaved just as if he still owned her. He in fact became very good friends with Eric and at Mrs Penny's races they were virtually inseparable. She was winter favourite for the 1,000 Guineas and I felt sure that if she was to win a Classic it would be that first one at Newmarket. To be at her best for it I felt she should have a previous run so she ran in the seven furlong Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury.



Winning the Cheveley Park



Prix de Diane

John Matthias was our stable jockey at the time, had ridden her in all her races as a two-year-old and was to be her jockey again in 1980. In the Fred Darling she was beaten on the line by a very good filly called Millingdale Lillie under an inspired ride from Lester Piggott. In hindsight John felt that he let her go to the front too soon and two weeks later, although not running to her best, she finished a very respectable third in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket beaten less than a length by the winner Quick As Lightning.

Three weeks afterwards she travelled to the Curragh for the Irish 1,000 Guineas and was third again behind the easy winner Cairn Rouge. Although placed in two Classics my owner was not too happy at this stage with our stable jockey. I felt I should shoulder some of the blame, because I knew that she had not been quite at her best for either of those big days. She was in the Oaks, of course, but I thought that the distance of the Prix de Diane (the French Oaks) at just over a mile and a quarter would suit her ideally. For that race we all made the very difficult decision to replace John as her jockey. It just happened that Lester was available and keen to ride her at Chantilly, which made our decision a bit easier. As it turned out later both races were also well short of her best distance.

Eric, Marshall and I watched the race from the top of the small ancient stand there and we shouted ourselves hoarse. Lester in one of his typical power packed finishes just got her up to win in a photo-finish after a prolonged battle with the high-class French trained filly Aryenne. It was a very exciting and special moment for all of us at Kingsclere, because this was our first major European Classic win after Mill Reef's Derby.

Our filly had a few training problems leading up to the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and considering that she probably ran the best race of her life. With Lester riding again she went down bravely by only three quarters of a length to the very good four-year-

old Ela Mana Mou, who was trained by Dick Hern. Mrs Penny followed this by finishing a rather unlucky fourth in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York after which we decided to go back to a mile and a half and aim for the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp – the historic autumn Group 1 test for three-year-old fillies. Lester happened to be suspended so we put John back on her. Our jockey rode probably the race of his life and Mrs Penny narrowly won her second Group 1 race in France that season beating a very strong field of high class fillies.

She ran back in the Arc de Triomphe three weeks later, but by then had almost certainly had too many hard races and was obviously past her best, finishing well back after holding a good position turning into the straight

As a four-year-old for some reason we could never get her quite right. She only ran twice – being fourth in the Coronation Cup at Epsom and unplaced in the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot. Towards the end of July

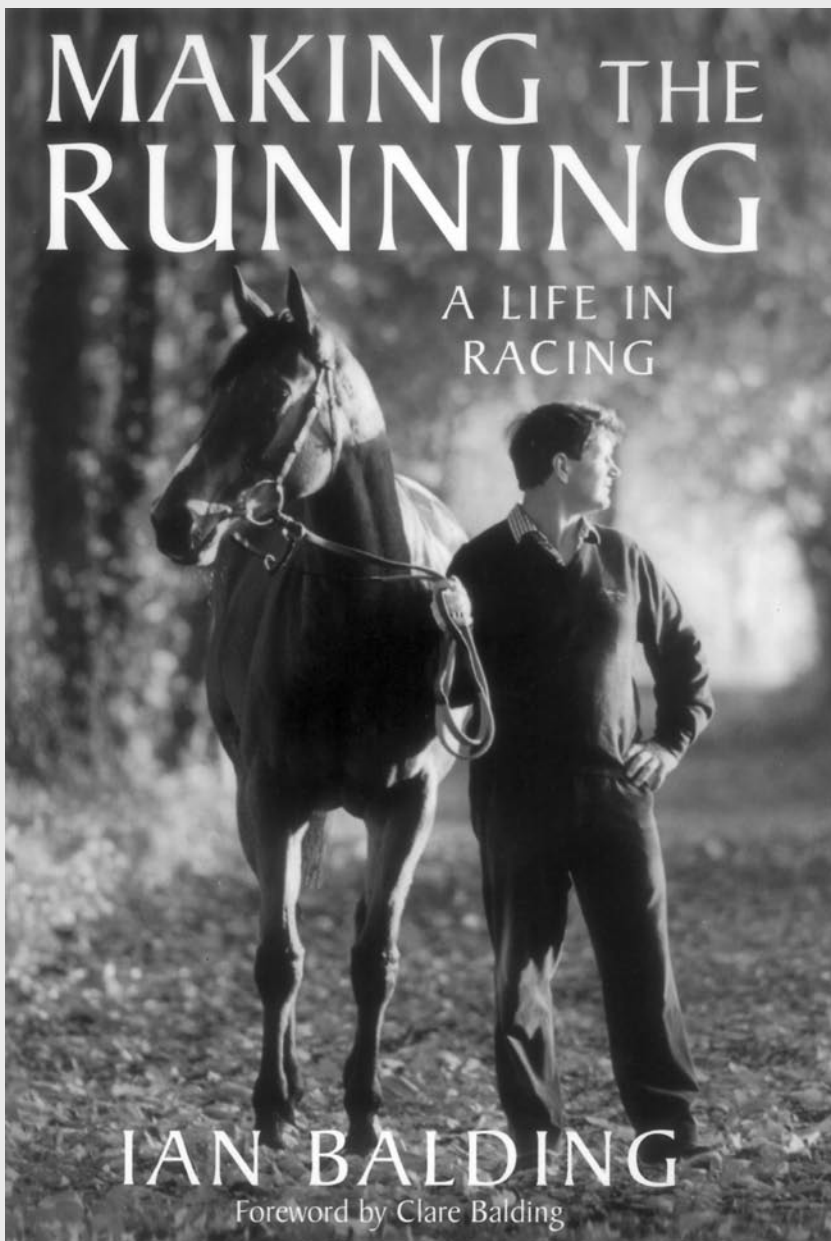


Prix Vermeille

Eric decided to take her back to America, which was quite understandable. Over there she won the Queen Charlotte Handicap at Meadowlands and was second in the Manhattan at Belmont Park, but never quite rekindled the sparkle of her brilliant three-year-old season.

All her time here Mrs Penny had the benefit of being looked after by Geoff Rigby who is a star man, except that he is mis-guided enough to be a fervent Manchester United supporter! Geoff rode her almost every day except work days when John took over and he cared for her in the stable with more devotion than most men give their wives!

Mrs Penny was a sweet natured filly and as kind and genuine a racemare as one could ever find. As a broodmare she bred six winners including two stakes class horses, but nothing anywhere near as good as herself. Sadly, however, we never had any of them here at Kingsclere. ■



The image of the Derby winner with his leg in plaster was broadcast around the world. Alongside Mill Reef stood a baby-faced man who, in the space of seven years, had won the Arc, the King George, the Eclipse, and the Derby. He trained for the Queen and Queen Mother. Lester Piggott, Willie Carson and Frankie Dettori all rode for him, but where had he come from and how had he got there?

Ian Balding's story is one of heartbreaking loss and outrageous good luck. He gained entrance to Cambridge by catching a book, rather than reading it, and left without a degree but with a rugby blue, and became one of the outstanding amateur sportsmen of his generation. The son of a ten-goal polo player who was also a trainer, Ian was to take the racing game more seriously. But his father never lived to witness the impact that he, and his elder brother Toby, made on the racing world.

It was Captain Peter Hastings-Bass who spotted Balding's burgeoning talent and head-hunted him as an assistant. Tragically, Hastings-Bass died just three months later, leaving Ian in charge. He had no money and no experience of running a business, but he was to learn fast. He also fell in love with and married Hastings-Bass's daughter, Emma.

In **MAKING THE RUNNING**, Ian Balding charts his extraordinary life, reveals the pressure of maintaining the pace, and shares the highs and lows of the sport of kings.

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