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THE

The summer of 2006 will mainly be remembered for the intense heat and lack of rain that the whole country has endured for the best part of three months.

The sweltering conditions and firm ground have not suited every horse, but, with the excellent cover of grass that exists on the gallops on the downs, we have managed to carry on with the training of the older horses pretty much as usual during these months.

However, the two year olds have appeared to suffer somewhat under these conditions and have been restricted to using the all weather gallops. They seem to struggle with the very fast ground, probably due to immaturity and, as a result, we are some way behind with the youngsters. Trying to steer clear of injuries is just as important as winning races at this stage. With Kempton now joining Lingfield and Wolverhampton with a polytrack racing surface we will get even more opportunities to introduce two year olds later in the season under ideal racing conditions.

At the time of writing we have enjoyed thirty seven winners and a hundred and seven placed horses contributing to a total prize money haul of £451,130 (12th August). This puts the team well within reach of an all time seasonal high in terms of numbers of winners, but we still need to see the emergence of a genuine top class performer to swell the total prize money fund.

With no group or listed winners to date, the leading contributors to the prize money total have been three heritage handicap winners. Dark Missile has proved to be a star this summer and her attitude to work and to racing is admirable. She put in a typically gutsy performance to win the £85,000 added three year old handicap at the Newmarket July meeting under a fine ride from Martin Dwyer. A further win in the Shergar Cup Distaff took her earnings for the year to almost £75,000 and at the rate she appears to be improving there should be an opportunity to add to this total before the year is out.

Chantaco had been desperately unlucky not to win two valuable handicaps prior to taking the prestigious Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar. He is another remarkably tough and consistent horse who seems to handle any ground and relishes a battle. He too should be able to add to his score before the close of play in November.

SEASON SO FAR

by Andrew Balding



Holbeck Gyhill winning at Goodwood

Dingaan, who had won his first two starts of the year in good fashion, had put in a couple of below par efforts before amazing us all with a dazzling turn of foot to pass all fourteen of his rivals in the straight at Kempton to capture an unusually big prize for the time of year. Following this impressive win were another couple of disappointing efforts which resulted in an appointment with the surgeon's knife. There is little doubt that Dingaan has the ability to compete at group level and perhaps now, as a gelding, he will have the application to go with this ability.

Kalankari is another three year old who started this year in style on all weather with a mile maiden win and a highly impressive handicap win. He then contested three of the most competitive three year old handicaps of the summer, running with credit on each occasion. His excellent second behind Minority Report at Glorious Goodwood would suggest that he is still improving and he may prove to be even better as a four year old.

Irony has been an old favourite at Kingsclere for some time now and when he returned from his winter holiday looking and feeling better than ever we were fairly confident that he would enjoy a good year. He was unlucky to run into a ridiculously well handicapped rival on his first start at Kempton but was quick to gain compensation at the same venue shortly afterwards. He followed this with, unusually for him, a win coming from behind at Chepstow. It is always difficult for a horse who is consistent and handicapped to the hilt to win any more than a couple of races during the year but if he can keep the same enthusiasm going for a while longer there may be the opportunity to make it three.

A horse that I have always had a high opinion of is Loch Verdi, who is by a champion sprinter out of a champion sprinter and no snail herself. She started the season as a beaten favourite over six furlongs at Thirsk and as the result of this slight set back found herself at the right end of the handicap. Two facile

wins in fillies' restricted handicaps were followed by an excellent third in a very competitive five furlong handicap at Glorious Goodwood. She has the slight misfortune to be constantly compared to her illustrious mother, but it is worth mentioning that she is already some twenty pounds superior to Lochsong at the same age. Whilst it would be foolish to suggest she will still be twenty pounds better in a year's time, I think this filly has a big future.

Vanderlin was the star of last season with his exploits in Canada and North America and started the

season well by dead heating with Candidate in the Doncaster Mile (curiously run on the all-weather at Lingfield!). He then travelled to the Far East and was an excellent fifth in the Champions Mile in Hong Kong beaten two short heads for third place. After a break he ran another good race when second and conceding lumps of weight to have improving three year old at Chester. Sadly an injury prevented him from showing his best form in the Sussex Stakes and it is some what in the balance as to where and when he will be on the racecourse again. A full recovery by September time would see him travel to North America again but plans will have to remain fluid for the time being.

Ollie George is another horse worthy of mention and has improved enormously through the summer and has shown great resilience to win twice and be



Deepwater Bay (centre), Kalankan (nearside), Pinch of Salt (farside)

placed second three times in a six week period. He was unlucky to run into Alambic (another ridiculously well handicapped horse!) on the third of these runs and despite trying to give over a stone in weight he battled to within a short head of the win.

His Newbury and Bath wins were both done in very straightforward fashion and his new found consistency illustrates the power of headgear. He has improved over twenty five pounds for the application of a visor!

Holbeck Ghyll was slow to come to hand last season and had been something of a disappointment in his first three starts this year. However there was hardly an easier winner at the Glorious Goodwood Meeting when he made the most of a low weight on his favoured fast ground and romped home in the ultra competitive Charlton Handicap. A horse blessed

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We are not sure how many of the owners and followers of Park House Stables are aware of the website, www.kingsclere.com. This has been updated weekly throughout 2006 and provides a quick link to the Racing Post website giving details on all the horses in the yard, statistics, results and entries; as well as carrying a monthly news update on the yard and the runners, copies of the Kingsclere Quarter and details of horses for sale.

We hope that it might help you stay in touch with what is going on during the busy season and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the website, do let us know as we will be only beginners in this field and need a bit of guidance!

with plenty of natural ability he should add to this win in the coming weeks.

Clare Balding is a lucky owner, she has owned just three horses since registering her own colours and they have all won. Three wins in as many runners and as many weeks this spring proved this point and Richard Hughes's ride on Oceancookie was one of the rides of the season as far as this yard is concerned. Free to Air looks a progressive staying type and given soft ground once again could add to his two victories achieved earlier in the year.

Banknote started the season with a promising second on the polytrack at Kempton and after getting bogged down in the mud at Sandown, made it five wins from just twelve starts when winning at Haydock. He followed this win with an excellent effort at the same track when finishing second to Audience in early August. He will now be aimed at the London Mile Final at Kempton in early September.

Generosia and Call Me Waki both added to their paddock value with wins this summer. Generosia in particular had looked as if she might progress through the handicap ranks, but her racing career was sadly curtailed when she split a pastern on the gallops. She will make up into a wonderful broodmare and may even be one of Phoenix Reach's very first wives. Call Me Waki at last delivered what she had been threatening to do when blitzing her rivals in a six furlong maiden at Windsor. She should win a handicap before the season is out.

Deep Water Bay and Hoh Wotanite have both moved on to other stables but on different sides of the world. Hoh Wotanite put in a couple of excellent placed efforts on the polytrack before comfortably landing a handicap at Lingfield by two lengths. He was sold at the Ascot sales and has joined Reg Hollinshead's yard.

To describe a horse that wins a competitive maiden with ease and then finishes second in a listed race as disappointing may be a little harsh, but the promise that Deepwater Bay had shown at home last year suggested that he might be something a little bit special.



Pentecost



Siren's Gift

However, his profile fitted an order for a Hong Kong Derby horse to a tee and as a result he was sold for the premium that goes with these types. I can not help but think that we did not see the best of this horse and we will all watch his career in the East with interest.

Other three year olds to make the winners enclosure were Dark Moon and Cool Sting who both broke their maidens at Lingfield and are capable of winning again before the end of the year. Sabah is a testament to the virtues of patience and persistence. Six months ago it looked as if this Nashwan sister to Vanderlin would never see the racecourse such was her aversion

to the starting stalls. However due to the incredible patience of her owners Sir Roger Buckley and Gerald Oury and the expertise of stalls guru Gary Witheford, Sabah has gone from strength to strength this summer. Neil Chalmers has ridden her in all three starts to date and I must pay tribute to the role he plays at Kingsclere. A superb horseman and one of the bravest men in the weighing room he is a real asset to the team. He rode a terrific race to win on Sabah at Windsor and she certainly looks like a filly who should continue on the upgrade.

Whilst Pentecost did enjoy a successful spell in Dubai this winter, he has not had a lot of luck in England this year. An excellent fifth in the Royal Hunt Cup was followed by a race to forget when bidding for his third successive Shergar Cup Mile win. He certainly retains all his enthusiasm for racing and should make amends in due course.

Gordonsville, Theatre Royal, Way to the Stars and



Si Foo winning at Windsor

Antigoni are winners waiting to happen amongst the three year olds; whilst Voice Mail, Tangarita and Compton Court have had some near misses and their turn must surely come soon.

The two year olds have been quite slow to come to hand mainly for the reasons explained at the beginning of this report. But in Sirens Gift and Si Foo we have two who have already proved to be above the average. Sirens Gift caused some worry to all concerned when dropping Martin Dwyer in the paddock at Bath on the eve of the Derby. Happily the jockey was fine to take his winning ride on Sir Percy the next day, but the filly had to take some intensive training on how to behave on race day. A good second to Enticing at Salisbury was followed by a facile win in a Beverley conditions race and an excellent fourth from a bad draw in the Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood. She possesses as much natural ability as any two year old filly I have dealt with and a big race may well come her way before the season is out.

Si Foo made a pleasing introduction when second at Wolverhampton and put his experience to good use when bravely winning a competitive maiden at Windsor. He was clearly uneasy on the firm ground that day and sadly returned with an injury which will put him out of action for the remainder of the season, but given a full recovery he should make into a smart three year old.

Streets Ahead and Star Strider have both come close to winning with excellent placed efforts at Epsom and Nottingham respectively and Streets Ahead has gone on to win his maiden at Salisbury. My Learned Friend has also run with great credit in two hugely competitive maidens.

Copper King, Cashcade, Road to Recovery and Ranavalona should all be capable of making their mark in nurseries later in the season and with a whole host of nice unraced horses yet to make their debuts at some stage in the next couple of months there remains plenty to look forward to for the rest of 2006. ■

RUNNING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Anna Lisa Balding

The idea of running five kilometres really didn't seem too taxing, but on a hot summer evening pounding along the concrete that surrounds Basingstoke, in racing silks, the girls in the yard soon realised that it was a lot harder than they had initially thought. There was a great turn out with sixteen of us taking part. A few "no shows" had to provide a good excuse but with runners at Salisbury that day we had to let them off the hook.

As you can see by the photo Barry let us raid the colour room for racing silks and the girls all chose appropriately. Leanne running for Saint Etienne, Jo for Bold Raider and Rachel remembering the mighty Brandon Court to name a few.

Two special mentions must go to Denise and Rose from the hostel kitchen who both showed

great courage and determination. Leanne and Christina fought out first place from our group, but the latter proved too strong with cycling fitness showing through. Despite Angie pulling up after the race very sore everyone emerged the next morning in one piece, much to the relief of the trainer!

It was a really fun evening, great to be a part of such a high profile charity event and something that we all agreed we would like to do again next year. With the statistics showing that one in three ladies will suffer from cancer in one form or another during their life and with all of us who took part knowing someone close who has suffered from this horrible disease – it really is a worthwhile charity.

We raised an amazing £1220 for Cancer Research and we much appreciate everyone's generosity. Thank you from us all. ■



Happy Girls at the end

THE DAY I WO

It's hard to describe in words the feeling you get when you've crossed the finish line and won the most famous race in the world. A race every jockey dreams of winning and one which many great jockeys fail to do in their careers. It was an amazing day for me on that first Saturday in June I had actually won the Epsom Derby on Sir Percy, I just couldn't believe it!

I can still remember it as if it was yesterday. It all started on a cold Tuesday morning in January 1992 when my Dad dropped me off at Park House Stables. I was fifteen and with the words of my careers advisor from school ringing in my ears 'you will never make a jockey, think of something more realistic' I first met Ian Balding. I was shit scared! We all know how frightening he can be at times and I did wonder if I'd made some terrible mistake, but my Dad told me to work hard, keep out of trouble and I'd be just fine, how right he was. It was hard work, I'd graft from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. doing all the apprentice jobs as well as the usual chores trying to impress the guv'nor enough so he'd let me have a ride in public one day, but they were great days. I shall never forget there were six or seven apprentices like myself all in competition with each other and there were a few fights along the way. On the whole we were all good friends, the infamous Chadwell took me under his wing and still remains one of my closest friends today.

Eventually the hard work paid off and I was riding on the racecourse as I'd always dreamed I would. I was crap at the start as I'm sure any of the older lads at Kingsclere will tell you but with plenty of tuition and bollockings from I.A.B. I did improve. With the support of nice owners and some great horses my career has gone from strength to strength and the pinnacle so far has been winning the Derby. It was so special for me that the people who have helped me along the way and always had faith in me were there on the day to share the success and help me celebrate. The Guv'nor and all the Balding family, my father, my wife Claire and Chad – even though he spiked the Pimms at the evening party.

I think you have to celebrate the good days because there are plenty of bad ones too along the way, but it goes to show in this wonderful sport of horse racing that with determination, hard work and a bit of luck anything is possible. ■



Martin leading up 'Abbey Girl' in his younger days

ON THE DERBY

Martin Dwyer



Sir Percy and Martin



Martin and Claire Dwyer

KINGSCLERE STUD

Foaling results and mating plans for 2006

MARES

	Foal	Visiting
AVERAMI	b.c. PASSING GLANCE 18/2	PASSING GLANCE
BRANDON PRINCESS	b.c. PASSING GLANCE 22/5	not covered
FLORIANA	ch.c TAGULA 10/2	PASSING GLANCE
FLORIDA HEART	Maiden	TRANS ISLAND
MARA RIVER	b.f. DASHING BLADE 26/1	FIREBREAK
PICTINA	b.f. TRANS ISLAND 20/4	not covered
SANKATY LIGHT	b.f. PASSING GLANCE 14/4	TAGULA
SPURNED	b.f. NAYEF 28/4	BEAT HOLLOW
TWEED MILL	b.c. TOBOUGG 21/2	BEAT HOLLOW

BOARDING MARES

PUTUNA	ch.f MEDICEAN 4/4	Barren
SANTA ISOBEL	Barren	SAKHEE
SILKEN DALLIANCE	ch.c PICCOLO 14/4	PICCOLO

YEARLINGS

19/4	b.c TAGULA	BRANDON PRINCESS
26/1	b.f. BOLLIN ERIC	FLORIANA
16/3	b.f. NAYEF	PUTUNA
16/3	b.g TRANS ISLAND	SANKATY LIGHT
10/3	b.f. HELISSIO	SANTA ISOBEL
26/2	b.f. REEL BUDDY	SILKEN DALLIANCE
28/4	br.f HIGH CHAPARRAL	SPURNED
3/3	b.f DASHING BLADE	TWEED MILL



THE 2006 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

Scores up to and including August 8th 2006
Please let us know if you suspect any miscalculations

	1 GRUBB, PETER	163						
	2 CHESHIRE, ANGELA (B)	162						
	3 KNOWLES, SHIREE	157						
	4 COVENTRY, BRYAN	152						
	5 WEEDY, M	149						
6	CHESHIRE, NATHAN	137	34	COPE, CORD (C)	104	61	PARDOE, ROBERT (A)	90
7	GRUBB, OLIVER	136	34	ADAMS, BRENDAN	104	61	PLUMMER, ANN (A)	90
8	PRINCE, RUPERT	126	34	GRUBB, SARAH	104	64	CHALMERS, T	89
8	MCPHEE, STUART	126	37	COVENTRY, SERENA	103	64	SAVORY, P	89
8	STRONG, LUKE (A)	126	37	STRONG, LUKE (B)	103	64	HALE, BARRY (B)	89
11	COUSINS, ROSE	125	39	WILSON, JDB	102	64	LEE-ROBINSON, NICK	89
12	BONNER, CHRIS	124	40	GREEN, MARION (B)	101	64	LUMLEY, SUE	89
13	PARIS, REX (B)	123	41	GOVER, TONY	100	69	BROWN, K	88
14	OSWALD, M SIR	122	42	O'BRIEN DR/MRS (C)	98	70	HARRIS, NIGEL (A)	87
15	IRELAND, GORDON (B)	120	42	OVETT, NICK	98	70	KENT, MARK (B)	87
16	FRAMPTON, PAT	118	44	DANGER, RICHARD	97	72	BARBER, D	86
17	MCWILLIAM KATIE/JAMES	117	44	DERBYSHIRE/CHIVERS (B)	97	72	PAYTON, MICHAEL	86
18	BALDING, ANDREW	116	44	WILLIAMS, P	97	72	ROGERS, JAMES	86
18	KING, GAIL	116	47	CHALMERS, J	96	75	GEE, SIMON	85
20	COPE, CORD (A)	114	47	MORRIS, CHERYL (B)	96	75	COLEMAN, G	85
21	FINLAY, R	113	47	IRELAND, ANNE (B)	96	75	HYDE, MRS J	85
22	WHITLOCK, LOLA	111	47	REES, LINDY	96	78	BALDING, EAM	84
22	GREEN, MARION (A)	111	51	DERBYSHIRE, I	95	78	AEBERHARD, W	84
24	PHIPPS, A	110	51	MCWILLIAM, RONNIE	95	78	EVANS, M	84
24	WEEDY, C	110	51	MICHAELSON, RPB	95	78	RANSOM, S	84
26	SMITH, JC	109	54	DILLON, BATT (B)	94	78	IRELAND, GORDON (A)	84
27	MCPHEE, ANGUS	107	54	BALDING, ANNALISA	94	78	STANSBY CLIVE (A)	84
28	CHONG, GARY	106	54	HMB	94	84	CHRISTOU, K/A	83
28	MAHER, T	106	57	GRUBB, GEORGIA	93	84	WILSON, DAVE	83
28	JOHNSON/BOUNDS (A)	106	58	RAE-SMITH, MA (B)	92	86	LEANNE	82
28	PINK PARTNERSHIP	106	59	HALLAS, GARY (B)	91	86	MACKINNON, ROGER	82
28	PLUMMER, ANN (B)	106	59	POWELL, DAVID (B)	91	88	DOWDING, J	81
33	GORDON, SUZIE (C)	105	61	ELLISON, J	90	88	MCDUGALL, RODDY	81

88 SIMPSON, ANDREW	81	128 LUMLEY, SADIE	65	173 ARNOLD, PAM	49
91 CHALMERS, N	80	128 POWELL, DAVID (A)	65	173 STRATFORD, KAREN	49
91 DERBYSHIRE, A	80	134 NEVIN, MARK	64	176 HIGHAMS, MARK	48
91 GEE, MARY	80	135 BALDING, M R & C	63	176 PLUMBLY, SIMON	48
91 GAY, SUE	80	135 CHARLTON, M (A)	63	178 PALMER, CLARE	47
91 MCPHEE, MINA	80	137 CASLON, S	62	178 TEAM DEREK	47
91 RAE-SMITH, MA (A)	80	137 PALMER, ANNE	62	180 SIMS	46
91 SHARLAND, R	80	137 RANSOM, CHRIS	62	180 HUMPHRIES, G	46
98 CASLON, D	79	140 KINGSCLERE STUD	61	182 CHARLTON, L (A)	45
98 SLADE, MRS VALERIE	79	141 PARDOE, ROBERT (B)	60	183 HALL, DAVID	44
98 PARIS, REX (A)	79	141 RHODES, MELVIN	60	184 FLEMING, HECTOR	43
101 BARBER, H	78	143 CHESHIRE A/N (A)	59	184 WALKER, JULIAN	43
101 O'BRIEN DR/MRS (A)	78	143 HODGKINS, ADRIAN (B)	59	186 HALL, JULIA	41
103 BOX, P	77	143 BROUGHTON, T	59	187 PALMER, W	40
103 DERBYSHIRE/CHIVERS (A)	77	143 JOHNSON/BOUNDS (B)	59	187 WEBSTER, JASON	40
105 BACK, DH	76	147 DERBYSHIRE, MRS D	58	189 BEASANT, PETE	39
105 BEDFORD, PETER	76	147 CATRIDGE STUD	58	189 RANSOM, M	39
107 BARING, TOM	75	147 HARRIS, PAT	58	189 SMITH, JENNIFER	39
107 MULLIGAN, ALEX	75	147 HOWSON, GEOFFREY	58	189 MEARS, GARY	39
109 BALDING, CLARE	74	147 LUMLEY, BENSON	58	193 BROADHURST, R	38
110 MCCREADY, NEVIL SIR	73	152 PLUMBLY, HELEN	57	194 HOLISTIC	37
110 REIS, PAUL	73	152 STILLINGS, MARK	57	194 REEVES, NICKI	37
112 HALLAS, GARY (A)	72	154 BAVEYSTOCK, H	56	196 FOSTER, CHRISTINE	36
113 BUTCHER, MRS G	71	154 EATON, P	56	196 HODGKINS, ADRIAN (A)	36
113 RANSOM, MRS G	71	154 BUCKLEY, R	56	196 MICHAELSON, SOOTY	36
115 BALDING, IA	70	154 TOLHURST, ANDY	56	199 HALL, MELANIE	35
115 GORDON, SUZIE (A)	70	154 HARRIS, NIGEL (B)	56	200 GALE, J	34
115 GORDON, SUZIE (B)	70	154 WALIC, R	56	200 HYDE, M	34
115 MORRIS, CHERYL (A)	70	160 CHESHIRE, ANGELA (A)	55	200 O'BRIEN, DR/MRS (B)	34
119 ARNOLD, ALICE	69	160 DERBYSHIRE, TINA	55	203 CHARLTON, M (B)	33
119 PASCOE, RICHARD	69	160 HALL, BEVERLEY	55	203 OURY, GERALD	33
119 KENT, MARK (A)	69	160 MACKINNON, BRIDGET	55	203 WATSON, G	33
119 LUMLEY, PETER	69	160 MICHAELSON, ROGER	55	203 WINTERBECK MANOR STUD	33
123 DILLON, BATT (A)	68	165 LYSAGHT, C	53	207 COPE, CORD (B)	31
123 FEANE, PADDY	68	166 BLAKE, T	52	208 HALL, SIMON	30
123 GAY, DAVID	68	166 SLADE, MARTIN	52	209 RANSOM, JM	28
123 LAMBOURNE, EMMA	68	166 NEWBERY, KAREN	52	209 STANSBY, CLIVE (B)	28
127 IRELAND, ANNE (A)	67	169 PALMER, CECILIA	51	211 WILSON, NANETTE	27
128 DOCHERTY, T	65	170 ARNOLD, HUGH	50	212 OATES, D	24
128 BROUGHTON, B	65	170 HALE, P	50	213 CLEGG, D & B	22
128 METCALFE, P	65	170 O'BRIEN DR/MRS (D)	50	214 HARRIS, ELIZABETH	17
128 HALE, BARRY (A)	65	173 ALTERNATIVE RACING	49	215 CHARLTON, L (B)	16

LEADING HORSES

OLLIE GEORGE	42
LOCH VERDI	34
IRONY	28
DRUMMING PARTY (USA)	26
KALANKARI	26
FREE TO AIR	24
DARK MISSILE	23
HOH WOTANITE	22
TANGARITA	22
BORDER MUSIC	20
CHANTACO	20
DEEP WATER BAY (USA)	18
SABAH	17
SIREN'S GIFT	17
BANK NOTE	16
GENEROSIA	16
SI FOO	16

12 to follow competition to date

The August scores are always indicative of the sort of year we are having. In 2005 the leading score at the half way stage was 116 and we were struggling to find form. This year we have had much more consistent strike rate with healthier horses and the leading scorers are rewarded for their loyalty, Ollie George being the buzz word!!

Those of us not doing quite so well resort to thinking we are riding a waiting race and we all know how dramatically things can change during the autumn and with scoring running through until December 1st.



Ollie George at full stretch

NEW APPRENTICES



David Probert with Holbeck Gyhl

Two new lightweight apprentices have started life at Kingsclere. William Buick has had a couple of rides notably second on Tiny Tim on his first chance at Brighton. He is the son of a lightweight jockey and himself weighs in at six stone so should have every chance. Waiting in the wings is David Probert who is a similar size and weight and ready to grab the opportunity when he gets his licence. ■



William Buick



Appleby Horse Fair 2006 the first yearling sale of the year?

