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FINAL VICTORY with Sir Gordon Brunton

Front cover: GARDENING LEAVE ridden by Jimmy Fortune
Back cover: BALDUCCI with Ronnie McWilliam and
Angie Cheshire at Haydock

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Overview

Having had to endure an unusually long and cold winter, this summer has been a stark contrast and the extremely dry and hot nature of the last three months has presented challenges of its own!

On the whole the horses and the humans at Kingsclere have enjoyed the warmer weather but the resulting firm ground has restricted our progress with the younger horses and combined with a low grade virus which many of the two year olds have suffered from, it has meant that our juveniles are still some way from where we would usually like to be by mid season.

Thankfully there have been some very positive signs in the last couple of weeks and I would hope that the latter part of August should see the start of a fruitful time with the youngsters, as we certainly are not devoid of talent in that department!

The older horses have performed solidly so far this year, whilst the three year olds have been a revelation in 2010 and their exploits are detailed in the half term review later in this publication.

One of the best aspects of this season has been how we have managed to cope with the departure of William Buick. It was a big loss for us when he accepted the job as John Gosden's first jockey and for a while I was concerned that his departure would have a detrimental affect on our results. Happily however this has not been the case as we now have first call on the services of a proven top class rider in Jimmy Fortune which has been a major bonus this season and add to this the continued improvement of David Probert, who is quickly developing into a top class jockey himself.

It is always comforting to have some sort of consistency in the riding arrangements and to have J Fortune, D Probert, L P Keniry and N Chalmers on call is hugely beneficial; in addition we have some emerging talent amongst our apprentice brigade and with the recent arrival of Simon Pearce, already established as a leading apprentice, it is plain to see that we are spoilt for choice in the riding department!

The same is true of our regular day to day staff who, have once again performed heroically this season. In Chris Bonner my assistant, Alex Eade, Dylan Holly and Keith Betteridge my head lads; Lindy Rees so efficiently running the office, Richard Philips and Leanne Masterton the travelling and an able and willing group of staff behind them there can hardly be a better team in racing at this time. ■

HALF TERM REVIEW

by Andrew Balding

Final Victory ran some very good races in defeat last season after recording two wins in May and June, and he has showed further improvement this season, finishing second in the Great Metropolitan at Epsom in April before winning a valuable handicap at Goodwood the following month under an excellent ride from Liam Keniry. He has run reasonably well in two top-class handicaps since and is having a break before what will hopefully be a fruitful autumn campaign, during which he will surely get his favoured soft ground at some point.

Chiberta King is another to have shown a liking for winning in the early part of the season, as he too won a valuable handicap in May (this time at Newmarket), having won twice last year and finished 2nd in the King George V at Royal Ascot. He ran with credit in the Northumberland

Plate but ran as if something was amiss on his next start at York. He will have a short break now and return for the Mallard Handicap at Doncaster's St Leger meeting.

Brave Buggy and **Dingaan** have both won this year too, and remain fairly handicapped, so hopefully both can supplement those wins at some point in the second half of the season.

Swindler is a horse who has always promised so much, but unfortunately a catalogue of injuries have prevented him from demonstrating his undoubted ability on the racecourse. He belatedly got off the mark at Kempton in April, but sadly will not be seen again this season. He does however remain an exciting prospect for the future if we can ever steer him clear of injury.

Critical Path won on her second start of the season, at Chepstow in June, showing a great deal of determination. She is now three from three over 1m2f on good to firm, so



FINAL VICTORY winning at Goodwood under Liam Keniry

granted those optimum conditions, further gains await off her new mark.

For every victory amongst the older horses, there have been a couple of excellent performances in defeat. **Dream Eater** was given a wind operation over the winter and he has certainly improved this season, despite not having won. Yet having finished 3rd in the John Of Gaunt at Haydock, he ran a career best at Royal Ascot in the Group 1 Queen Anne, finding only the exceptional milers Goldikova and Paco Boy too good. His 3rd in the Group 2 Summer Mile at Ascot, and 5th in the Sussex Stakes at Glorious Goodwood, were good efforts and the hugely valuable Topkapi Trophy (at Veliefendi in Turkey) is now on the agenda for him again. Having only won two races in his career, it is a testament to his consistency at the top level



CHIBERTA KING spread eagles the field at Newmarket

that he has still managed to amass just over £500,000 in prize-money all the same!

Set The Trend went so close to winning a highly competitive handicap at Epsom on Oaks day, leading inside the final furlong and battling on well only to be headed in the final stride. He was also runner-up in the Silver Bowl at Haydock last year, and deserves to find a big handicap - the Cambridgeshire could be a suitable long-term objective.

Riggins was a talented but fragile performer for Luca Cumani. Shrewdly purchased by Alastair Donald and Ed Walker for 18,000gns in October, he was beaten just half a length on his seasonal reappearance at Newmarket in May, before finishing with a rattle to take 2nd in the Royal Hunt Cup. He is obviously a very high-class performer and hopefully he too can get his head in front, though with his new rating of 105 handicaps look out of the question and

his first effort in Pattern company (sixth in the Gp II Lennox St. at Goodwood) showed promise at that level.

Topolski is another new recruit to the yard and he had shown enough in three starts for us and duly won a decent contest at Newmarket in July. **Bernie The Bolt** and **Cool Strike** have dropped a couple of pounds in the handicap and hopefully both can go close in some of the big staying handicaps in the second half of the season. The former will be aimed at the Cesarewitch, having won the trial for it last year. **Hatton Flight** signalled a return to form with a 4th in a Listed contest at Pontefract in June, and he has now been dropped a couple of pounds to a mark of 95, which may re-open the door to his handicap career. He has shown promise and enthusiasm in a loose school over jumps recently and that is an exciting thought!



PIPETTE starts her season in style at Kempton

The three year olds are a very good bunch and we have an exciting mix of proven performers and several unexposed types for handicaps for the rest of the season.

Pipette and **Lord Zenith** both recorded good wins on the all-weather in April. The former finished down the field in the 1,000 Guineas, but followed that with a 2nd in the listed Height Of Fashion Stakes at Goodwood in May. The form looks quite strong given that the winner went on to win the Oaks, and if she can get her favoured soft ground in the autumn, she can win in Pattern company. Lord Zenith supplemented his Listed win with a creditable 11th in the 2,000 Guineas, and his 7th in the Hampton Court at Royal Ascot looked a good performance, especially given he was carrying a 5lbs penalty. He remains an exciting prospect for the rest of the year.

Dreamspeed followed his win in the Derby Trial with a very good 5th in the Derby Italiano at Capannelle,



DREAMSPEED at Epsom winning the Investec Derby Trial in April

but sadly an injury has seen him on the sidelines since then. Hopefully he will be able to return for an autumn campaign, and being a half-brother to Dream Eater, there is every reason to expect him capable of further progress.

Having won his maiden at Kempton in February, **Chink Of Light** progressed well to finish 3rd in the Group 3 Chester Vase, and he ran better than his finishing position suggests when 6th in the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot on his latest start. The 4th in that race has since won in Group company, and as a brother to a Listed winner over two miles, Chink Of Light is a young stayer of some potential despite a disappointing run at Goodwood.

Balducci has quickly made up in to a very useful handicapper. He got off the mark on his third start at Newmarket, and after finishing 2nd there on his handicap debut he went on to win the valuable Silver Bowl handicap

at Haydock in May. Though he could not produce his best when sent off joint-favourite for the Britannia at Royal Ascot, he is now enjoying a mid-season break and could have a successful second half of the season.

Having had three runs in maiden company last year, **Fireback** shed his maiden tag at the fifth time of asking, in a hot handicap over 7f at Lingfield. He ran with credit in the Britannia, showing plenty of speed to lead the stands side group, and a drop in trip proved the catalyst for a much-improved performance on his next start, winning the 6f, £100,000 three-year-old handicap at Newmarket's July meeting under an excellent ride from David Probert. He is versatile as regards trip, with both 6f and 7f within his compass, and still looks on a mark off which he can remain competitive in the top handicaps.

Strictly Dancing and **Breakheart** almost provided us with another two winners during the July meeting, and Jeff

Smith with a big handicap double. The former had won a Newbury maiden in May, while the latter had already recorded wins at Lingfield and in a decent handicap at Ayr (a rare foray!), but unfortunately both were beaten a quarter of a length in to second. They deserve to find further success this season and look bright prospects for next year as well.

Side Glance ran a very promising race over 7f on his reappearance at Salisbury, having sprung a surprise when winning at 50-1 on his debut at Newmarket last year. He ran with credit in two hot 6f handicaps this season, and gained his reward for his consistency when winning a valuable 7f handicap at Ascot in July, providing the members of the Kingsclere Racing Club with their biggest win yet! He is a son of Passing Glance and bears a strong



BALDUCCI wins the Alex Scott Memorial Maiden at Newmarket

physical resemblance to his sire...if only he could improve as much as his dad did from three to four...!

Kakatosi was another to record a handicap victory in July, winning at Sandown Park on Eclipse day after breaking his maiden at Lingfield. Despite a rise in the weights he repeated his Sandown victory winning in nice style back there in the evening despite the ground being firmer than ideal. He remains an exciting prospect for the rest of the season, particularly as it seems likely that he will be well-suited by some ease in the ground.

Early-season handicap winners included **Kingston Acacia**, a dual winner over 7f in April/May who has since run with credit in better company, and **Constant Contact**, whose win in a mile handicap at Windsor on his reappearance in May worked out very well indeed. He hasn't matched that form in two starts since, but perhaps the fast summer ground has been against him.

Island Rhapsody and **Ipswich Lad** were both successful in very good style in maiden company at Kempton Park in April, and both look capable of winning in handicap company.

Veni Vedi Vici looked a potentially useful filly when winning at Leicester in May, and though she didn't figure on her handicap debut at Sandown, it came in a very competitive event and the ground was too fast for her. There is every reason to think she is capable of winning again.

Dungannon could be a sprinter to follow based on his last couple of runs. After an easy win in a Bath maiden on firm ground followed by a good 3rd behind a fast-improving sprinter on the all-weather at Kempton in June, he was then just beaten into 2nd at Ascot.



FIREBACK winning a very valuable sprint handicap at the Newmarket July Meeting

Highland Knight is another of Jeff Smith's to have run well in defeat at the July meeting, finishing 5th having been sent off favourite for a mile handicap. He had been very impressive in getting off the mark at Lingfield in June, and with just four career runs so far, he is entitled to improve plenty in the coming months, a remark that also applies to **Frances Stuart**, winner of a Salisbury maiden in June and 2nd in a strong handicap back there the following month. Out of a useful mare who was 2nd in the Cheshire Oaks, she should have plenty more to offer.

Mecox Bay also looks capable of progressing further, he followed a narrow win at Folkestone over 1m2f with a battling 3rd over two furlongs further in a good handicap at Haydock. Though out of a 6f performer and by the top-class miler Noverre, he is from the family of classy middle distance horses Warrsan and Luso, and looks likely to stay further than 1m4f in due course.



BREAKHEART just gets beaten at Newmarket

Spanish Acclaim is not the easiest to predict but he got off the mark on his second run for the yard at Warwick in July, and as a half-brother to the useful Spanish Bounty it is to be hoped he can go on from that. **Opera Gal** is certainly one to follow after her win at Warwick, where she made all to win by 10 lengths. It looked a modest contest, but she could hardly have won any easier and given how well she had run in the Edinburgh Cup at Musselburgh on her previous start she was then only beaten narrowly despite carrying overweight at Ascot at the end of July. Hopefully she will continue to improve.

Simenon has not managed to get his head in front this

season, but continues to run well at a high level. He has yet to finish outside the first four this season, having been 3rd in Sandown's Derby Trial in April, he ran with credit at Goodwood and Doncaster, before finishing 4th in the Group 3 Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket. He deserves to find an opening and will relish any ease in the ground.

Mon Cadeaux finished last year with a win in a conditions event at Salisbury, and he resumed this season with a promising 3rd in Listed company at Ascot behind the subsequent Golden Jubilee 2nd Society Rock. He wasn't disgraced in the French 2,000 Guineas, but followed a fair 3rd in the Listed Surrey Stakes at Epsom on Derby day with a below-par run at Royal Ascot. Hopefully he can bounce back to form and win a Pattern race this season. He too wants some rain.

Grand Piano and **Chasse Coeur** have both run well enough in maiden company to suggest they are capable of picking one up soon, while **Elvira Madigan** has run two good races in handicap company, the latest at Ascot on the same card as the Summer Mile in which Dream Eater finished 3rd, and she deserves to win a race too. Out of a useful 1m2f-winning granddaughter of a Fillies Mile runner-up from the family of Kayf Tara and Opera House, it would certainly do no harm to her paddocks value!

Tartan Trip hadn't been seen for thirteen weeks since finishing runner-up on his seasonal reappearance at Kempton Park but he broke his maiden at Sandown at the end of July in good style despite hanging on the fast ground. He could be one to follow this autumn as could **Pilote Celebre** with the form of his 3rd in a maiden at Chepstow working out well.

The two-year-olds have been very slow to come to hand this year, and have been given plenty of time. As a result, we have run only a handful of them so far. However, the signs have been more positive in recent weeks and hopefully we will be very busy with them from August onwards! ■

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THE 2010 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

These are the scores up to and including July 25th. Of course there have been a number of winners since and things will have altered already. It looks like being a high scoring year if we can keep the momentum going and there are a lot of two year olds to come out still.

		1 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (A)	129		
		2 Gordon, S (A)	127		
		3 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (B)	120		
		4 Cousins, Rose	116		
		4 Donovan, Brian (A)	116		
6 Slade, Valerie	114	33 Dillon, Batt (A)	94	63 Box, Peter	82
6 Balding, Andrew	114	33 Charlton, Mike	94	63 Palmer, Anne	82
6 Cullen, Eugene	114	37 Mackinnon, Bridget	93	66 Balding, Ruby	81
9 Oates, Des	111	37 Cheshire, Angela (A)	93	66 Derbyshire, Mrs D	81
10 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (C)	110	39 Thomas, Kath	92	66 Burns, Richard	81
11 Wooley, Steve (B)	108	40 Richardson, Johnny	91	66 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (D)	81
11 Balding, Jonno	108	40 Arlington, Jenny	91	70 Paris, Rex (A)	80
13 G Bounds & A Johnson (A)	104	42 Caslon, Denis (B)	90	70 Broughton, T	80
13 Watts, Joyce	104	42 Balding, Anna Lisa	90	70 Derbyshire, Jason	80
15 Chivers & Derbyshire	103	42 Stansby, Clive	90	70 Feane, Paddy	80
16 Mackinnon, Roger	102	45 Newman, Linda	89	70 Oswald, Michael	80
16 Gordon, Johnny	102	45 Thomas, Jeff	89	70 Arnold, Pamela	80
18 Donovan, Brian (B)	101	45 Gale, John	89	70 Payton, Michael	80
18 Balding, Emma	101	48 Bevan, Simon	88	70 Wilson, J.D.B	80
18 Cheshire, Nathan	101	49 Aeberhard, Werner	87	78 Wooley, Suzanne	79
21 Lumley, Peter	100	49 Sopp, Maria (B)	87	78 Rae Smith, Mrs M.A	79
21 Dangar, Richard	100	51 Gordon, S (B)	86	80 Gay, Susan	78
21 Cheshire, Angela (B)	100	51 Hodgkins, Adrian	86	80 Maldonado, Javier	78
21 Bannister, Billy	100	51 Back, David	86	80 Evans, Malcolm	78
25 McKiernan, Patsy (A)	98	51 Wooley, Steve (A)	86	80 Bishop, Trevor	78
26 Lumley, Sue	96	55 Maldonado, Jorge	85	80 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (E)	78
26 Balding, Toby	96	55 Sutherland, Evan	85	85 Wooley, Sharon	76
26 McWilliam, Ronnie	96	57 Michaelson, Roger	84	85 Midwood, Mick	76
29 Lysaght, Cornelius	95	57 Norris, Liam	84	85 Wigan, James	76
29 Reis, Paul	95	59 Paris, Rex (B)	83	88 Hutchinson, Mark	75
29 Powell, D.F (A)	95	59 Newbery, Karen	83	88 Brown, D	75
29 Green, Marion	95	59 Cheshire, Angela (C)	83	88 King, Gail	75
33 Palmer, Bill	94	59 Burns, Lynne	83	88 McPhee, Stuart	75
33 Stratton, Larry (B)	94	63 BCM Team (B)	82	92 Maldonado, Jose	73

92 Savory, Paul	73	108 Caslon, Denis (A)	65	123 Mariscotti, Janice	56
92 McKiernan, Patsy (B)	73	108 McPhee, Angus	65	123 Broughton, B	56
92 Tucker, M	73	110 Edmeades, Will	64	125 Brown, Tom (A)	50
96 Catridge Stud	72	111 Mariscotti, Mick	62	126 Peippo, Karen	49
96 Finlay, Rosemary	72	111 Slade, Martin	62	126 McGuire, Bernie	49
96 Kooros, L	72	111 Gee, Simon	62	128 Masterton, Leanne	47
96 Tillett, Bill	72	111 Mouchlian, Dominique	62	129 Burdett, Adam	44
96 Wates, Caroline	72	115 Dillon, Batt (B)	61	130 G Bounds & A Johnson (B)	43
96 Balding, Ian	72	116 Howson, G	60	130 Maldonado, Ignacio	43
102 Derbyshire & Chivers	71	117 Lee-Robinson, Nick	59	132 BCM Team (A)	41
103 Kingsclere Stud	69	118 Powell, D.F (B)	58	133 McDonnell, David	40
103 Sopp, Maria (A)	69	118 Stratton, Larry (A)	58	133 Kiki	40
103 Gay, David	69	120 Palmer, Clare	57	135 Gee, Mary	38
103 Lindy & JJ	69	120 Wates, Michael	57	136 Hutchinson, Fiona	35
103 Gay, Edward	69	120 Oury, Gerald	57	137 Webb, Dave	25

SELECTION OF THE LEADERS

DR M.J AND MRS D O'BRIEN (A)

BERNIE THE BOLT	
BALDUCCI	26
LORD ZENITH	13
MON CADEAUX	10
OPERA GAL	23
PIPETTE	18
STRICTLY DANCING	28
ROJO BOY	11
AUSSIE DOLLAR	
BUMBLING BERTIE	
NIGHT CARNATION	
SIRIUS SUPERSTAR	

S GORDON (A)

DREAM EATER	15
COOL STRIKE	10
RAPID WATER	11
BREAKHEART	32
OPERA GAL	23
FIREBACK	26
CONSTANT CONTACT	10
DESERT LAW	
BLACK CADILLAC	
SHAMAN DANCER	
SUNPEARL	
GUIDED MISSILE	

DR M.J AND MRS D O'BRIEN (B)

CHIBERTA KING	16
RAPID WATER	11
BALDUCCI	26
DREAMSPEED	10
LORD ZENITH	13
MON CADEAUX	10
OPERA GAL	23
STAGE ATTRACTION	
ROJO BOY	11
DESERT LAW	
BAHAMIAN GIRL	
NIGHT CARNATION	

ROSE COUSINS

DREAM EATER	15
CHIBERTA KING	16
COOL STRIKE	10
DREAMSPEED	10
OPERA GAL	23
HIGHLAND KNIGHT	16
FIREBACK	26
AUSSIE DOLLAR	
ROBIN HOOD USA	
GUIDED MISSILE	
MEGAN'S MOTIVATOR	
LOCH FLEET	

BRIAN DONOVAN (A)

MON CADEAUX	10
SWINDLER	10
LORD ZENITH	13
PIPETTE	18
DREAMSPEED	10
BREAKHEART	32
OPERA GAL	23
AUSSIE DOLLAR	
ALLUMEUSE	
ROBIN HOOD USA	
TWIN SOUL	
BEAT OF THE BLUES	



KAKATOSI, top scorer at half-way

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Kingsclere Racing Club – The story of the season so far...

The Kingsclere Racing Club had high hopes for this season, with 2009 star Victoria Montoya supported by the exciting trio of Constant Contact, Side Glance and Tartan Trip, along with several other three year olds and nine two year olds to look forward to.

The Club got off to a very good start, with Constant Contact winning in typically gritty fashion at Windsor in May. He has been unable to show his best form in two runs since, however members had very enjoyable days out nonetheless at Epsom on Derby day and at Newmarket's July meeting, and for Constant Contact a return to easy ground will help him this autumn.

Victoria Montoya failed to show her true colours this season and having been covered by Mount Nelson before her seasonal reappearance in the Ormonde at Chester she has now been retired in foal. She won three times and was placed in both Listed and Group company. With her total prize-money haul of £69,850 she has been much appreciated by one and all too!

Side Glance was a 50-1 winner of a Newmarket maiden on his debut last season, but he has been much more prominent in the betting on each occasion this season, and having run with great credit in defeat in hot six furlong handicaps at Newmarket and York, he got his deserved reward when winning a valuable seven furlong event at Ascot in July. He has since finished third back at Ascot on King George day over a mile, and is clearly very progressive.

Tartan Trip had some solid maiden form to his name last season but he had a few niggles after his reappearance run at Kempton Park in April, where he had finished a promising second. However, a three-month break and the step up to a mile led to him losing his maiden tag at the fifth time of asking, though not without giving the large group of club members at Sandown Park a real fright, as there was a lengthy Stewards' enquiry to endure before the trophy presentation could begin!

Advertise has long been considered the 'lovable rogue' of the Club, but having run several good races



SIDE GLANCE ears pricked at Ascot with David Probert

in defeat he managed to get his head in front (for the first time since 2yo maiden win at Warwick in 2008) in very good style, giving the yard's amateur jockey Ali Rawlinson his first ever winner in the process. A full-brother to Side Glance, he has plenty of ability and hopefully he can win again this season.

There have been several promising performances by some of the other Club horses, including Fire Raiser, who finished second at Windsor, and Tweedledrum, who has finished fourth on both her career starts.

With some of the two year olds hopefully not too far from a run and a couple of our three year olds likely to improve on softer ground, we are all looking forward to an exciting second half of the season. ■

SINGLED OUT



Tom Pennington joined the team to fill the role of pupil assistant in March of this year. Since arriving at Kingsclere he has played an important part behind the scenes and has provided invaluable assistance to the management team. He has also ensured that the lad's

summer football season has occurred without injury or unnecessary fighting (the necessary fighting was somewhat reduced this summer as well!). Tom was previously busy gathering experience from all corners of the industry having had spells working for Philip Hobbs (Where he was lucky enough to sit on Flagship Uberalles), a sales season with Watership Down Stud and a spell at Kittin Hills Stud in Australia. Tom's horse to follow for the rest of the season could well prove to be a shrewd selection as it is the beautifully bred and highly promising **Desert Law**.



Ali Rawlinson has been working at Kingsclere since 2007 having been a graduate of the Northern Racing College. With a build somewhere between a runner bean and a very tall runner bean, it was unlikely that Ali would ever be comfortable doing the light

weights required of a flat apprentice and as a result took out an amateur licence this season. He showed both style and poise when booting home Advertise to win at Salisbury to gain his first win from only his fourth ride. A career as a jump jockey looks most likely now and he has already spent a week riding out for Nigel Twiston-Davies where he skilfully managed to find his way into almost every single one of the Gold Cup/Foxhunters winning photos during that memorable day in March! Ali's horse to follow would have been his own Gardening Leave but his departure to Hong Kong has made him ineligible for selection, so instead he has chosen **Stage Attraction**, a two year old who was showing plenty prior to a setback and who is now back cantering and should run this autumn.



Kim Tierney has worked in racing for over twenty five years but has only had two previous employers in this time Toby Balding and Richard Hannon. So it will come as little surprise that she was disappointed that at Kingsclere the trainer's language in the morning does

not even require a parental guidance certification! Kim rode as an apprentice on the flat during her time at Fyfield but her best memories came with a jumper as she used to look after the Cheltenham Gold Cup hero Cool Ground. Kim has been a real asset since she started at Park House and the experience of riding so many good two year olds during her fifteen years with Richard will help us enormously in the years to come. Her horse to follow for the rest of 2010 season is **I Love Me** a filly by Cape Cross who appears to have plenty of class.



Simon Pearce is our newest recruit to the team at Park House and joins as an apprentice who has already ridden over thirty winners and has received rave reviews in the process. Simon is certainly bred for the job as his mother was one of the best lady

amateurs in the history of flat racing and his father is the successful Newmarket trainer Jeff Pearce. Remarkably Simon did not even start riding until he was eighteen but still managed to become champion amateur jockey at the age of twenty! He soon followed in the footsteps of Ryan Moore by turning professional and has ridden a steady stream of winners since then. The best horse he has had the pleasure of riding was during a fortnight's work experience with Richard Hannon when he was lucky enough to have a sit on Paco Boy, it was only on the gallops and the horse was still a maiden at the time, but it sounds good! Simon's horse to follow for the rest of this year is **Night Carnation** whom Simon has ridden in some work and feels that she could be up to winning races this autumn. ■

ERIC KRONFELD – OWNER PROFILE

Formerly a lawyer in New York he is now an investment banker primarily in technology, media and telephony in China. He breeds under the name of Maverick Productions Ltd. his movie, record and television company. When not racking up the air miles he lives in New York City.

Developing interests in horseracing

As a teenager, Eric used to visit the racecourse frequently but more often than not, this was to see Standardbred horses, a sport that Eric followed avidly for many years. One thing led to another and it wasn't long before he was at Belmont following the thoroughbreds and he soon had an interest in the Thoroughbred world.

The first horse owned and was the venture a success

In 1976 Eric Kronfeld had some money in the UK and with the prohibitive laws for exporting currency it made sense to invest in England. He wanted to buy a farm and to cut a long story short, was led up a garden path by a useless estate agent who dragged Eric and his partner down to a Manor House in the South of England which looked perfect. However they had forgotten to mention that the widow of the recently deceased owner had sold 90% of the land to pay death duties. They arrived and were met by the most bizarre of women who had an equally bonkers daughter. Eric didn't hang around long in the house and on the way out he noticed a mare with foal at foot, this foal was by Crepello out of Caramel. To make conversation Eric asked what the plan was for this foal, 'going to the Houghton Sales with a reserve of £3,000' was the short response. Then and there Eric bid the lady £3,000, an offer which was accepted and Eric instructed his solicitor to get the horse away from this mad house as soon as possible and move it to a more appropriate home. This was in early summer and in the following winter, he went down to visit the 'alternative' investment (now named, Foreign Intrigue) in Moreton in Marsh. 'A long term prospect' was the thinking at this time, so being the impatient personality that Eric is, he was then shown a filly which didn't make her reserve



MRS PENNY Champion two and three year old filly

at the sale and bought her, this horse was soon to be named Split Personality.

Eric then had to find a trainer, Dick Hern was first choice but he wasn't interested in training for this first time owner so the call went into IAB, the Queen's second trainer. By all accounts, the only reason that IAB took Eric on was because the dam of Eric's second horse was related to a good filly called Siliciana that IAB had bred and trained. Foreign Intrigue was second in the first race, won the next at Haydock and then went for the Chesham but did nothing else on the track.

In 1978 IAB was invited to Saratoga by Eric where the trainer instantly fell in love with a yearling later to be named, Mrs Penny.

Racing highlights and lowlights as an owner?

Owning the wonderful filly – Mrs Penny, who was named after Eric's wife at that time, cost \$40,000 and she won 6 Group races and was a Champion at both 2 and 3 yrs old.

"Mrs Penny winning the Prix de Diane was very special, she was ridden by Lester Piggott who 'beat the crap out of her' and won by a short head, my heart nearly stopped. She was also second in the King George and then won the Prix Vermeille which was a fantastic achievement by the filly."

The low light was Deep Water Bay, he was a big flop,

the trainer thought he would win multiple Group races. Oh, and come to think about it, he thought the same about Water Mill who was also a big disappointment! There was another horse called Triple Axle, won at Lingfield and then IAB sent him over to Gulfstream where the horse disappointed badly, despite the trainer having told everyone to back it! Eventually this horse did actually go on and win a big stakes race as a jumper.

Eric has also been successful in the other code and in 1992 won the Arkle with a horse called Young Pokey, trained by Oliver Sherwood and ridden by Jamie Osbourne.

Another highlight has been breeding arguably the best female to ever step foot on a track in the USA, Zenyatta. This wonder mare won the Breeders Cup in November 2009 however, when asked if Eric was there to cheer her on, he replied "I have never seen her run!" He is very superstitious and despite being a great friend of the owner, he would rather stay at home and watch it on the television. Her dam has since been sold but Eric still owns one of her offspring who is by Bernadini and currently a yearling, a horse he has no intention of selling.

Current interest at Kingsclere, hopes and aspirations for them?

Robin Hood USA, a Mr Greely two year old who apparently has shown the trainer enough to sound pretty positive on the phone but the excuses have already started to pour in!

Mecox Bay – a Noverre three year old handicapper who won a couple of months ago and has run a couple of good races since. The dream plan would be to sell

him to the Far East where the second hand market is so strong.

Allumeuse (an interesting translation for the French for anyone who wants to look into it, not really suitable to print in this magazine) The hope is that she will win a race that can demonstrate the talent that AMB thought she had the minute he saw her. And it would be great to see Robin Hood USA compete in the 2011 Kentucky Derby!

Favourite and least favourite racecourses UK and USA

Thirsk is a million miles from Kingsclere, which costs the owners a fortune in travel expenses and can't be very pleasant for the horse, so that has to be the least favourite. All the tracks in the UK have charm in different ways, but Newmarket has a lot of charm as well as being a wonderful track both the Rowley Mile and the July Course and it has to be my favourite.

In the USA, Saratoga combines everything that Newmarket has and is jam packed with people in the month of August when both the racing and the Sales take place. One feels very close to the horses as they are saddled amongst the crowds under trees which is a great spectacle and it has the feel of a country carnival. Aqueduct is a great big ugly concrete box with no charm whatsoever, infact, it has nothing at all positive to take from it.

Eric closed the interview by saying 'I owe everything to IAB, I have been a very lucky guy and it ain't over yet!' ■

FOR SALE COLT WITH PROVEN PEDIGREE

Rangy two year old dark bay colt from family of winners

By DOYEN (a son of Sadlers Wells and himself a Group 1 winner)
out of ELEMENTAL (by Rudimentary)

Elemental has a 100% runners to winners record to date. Her three raced offspring have twelve wins between them and her third foal CRITICAL PATH, with Andrew Balding, posted her third win at Newmarket 31/07/10.

This strong athletic colt is un-raced, un-named and ready to go. He has been in pre-training this Spring and arrived at Kingsclere earlier in July.

FOR SALE AS A WHOLE OR IN SHARES £30,000

SALES

Whilst we have enjoyed a successful year so far there is plenty of unfinished business in 2010 and the ambition is burning brightly at Park House for both the remainder of this season and of course next year. It is frightening to think that the yearling sales are already upon us and with the ever increasing gloom surrounding prize money it would seem that a yearling purchase could never be deemed an investment... However!! Prize money aside, the opportunity may be better than ever, as the second hand sale value of our proven performers has never been stronger. The likelihood is that the upcoming sales may be the opportunity buyers have been waiting for, as consigners have got to be realistic with their reserve valuations to halt the alarming fall in clearance rates.

As ever the Kingsclere buying team will be at all of

the major sales this autumn so please let us know if we can help! Of our thirteen yearling purchases of 2008 ten have won races and have included Chink of Light (Group placed), Danger Mullally (Three time winner), Dromore (dual winner) Dungannon (winner), Gardening Leave (Listed winner), Ipswich Lad (winner), Kakatosi (three time winner) Mon Cadeaux (dual winner and Listed placed) and Suffolk Punch (winner) with the average purchase price for this group of horses only 24,000 gns we are confident that were this group to be re sold tomorrow the average would be well over double that figure!

Lets hope that the same can be said of our 2009 purchases as they begin to find the racecourse later this year and with the likely purchasing opportunities this autumn it should be even more rewarding to buy a yearling in 2010! ■

STATS to July 26th

Top Five Horses (prize-money won)

	HORSE	OWNER	EARNINGS
1st	Fireback	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds VII	£72,729
2nd	Balducci	McMahon/Gorell/Pausewang/Russell	£56,393
3rd	Dream Eater	J C Smith	£53,209
4th	Side Glance	Kingsclere Racing CLub	£35,496
5th	Breakheart	J C Smith	£34,127

Top Five Courses (number of wins)

	COURSE	WINS	STRIKE RATE
1st	Kempton Park (AW)	9	25%
2nd	Newmarket	6	24%
3rd	Lingfield Park (AW)	5	24%
4th	Sandown	4	25%
5th	Warwick	3	43%

Top Five Jockeys (by number of wins)

	JOCKEY	WINS	STRIKE RATE
1st	Jimmy Fortune	17	19%
2nd	David Probert	15	18%
3rd	Liam Keniry	5	12%
4th	William Buick	2	33%
5th =	Kieren Fallon	1	100%
5th =	Ali Rawlinson (Amateur)	1	50%
5th =	Sam Hitchcott	1	50%
5th =	Franny Norton	1	25%
5th =	Neil Chalmers	1	11%

HONOURED AT EPSOM

I.A.B.

I received the huge compliment this year of being invited to be the guest of honour at the Derby. Epsom treated both Emma and I superbly and we both enjoyed the two day meeting enormously. They sent a very smart chauffeur driven Jaguar to collect and take us home on both days and we were extremely well entertained in the Derby Suite. I was sorely tempted to insist on switching places with our chauffeur as I felt he was seriously wasting the power there obviously was under the bonnet.

About ten days before Derby Day I was asked to go to Epsom for Breakfast with the Stars where



IAB and AMB, trophy presentation for the Investec Derby Trial at Epsom

Barry Hills produced the only Derby contender ridden by Ernie Johnson to gallop on the course. Daughter Clare held the show together with telephone interviews with prominent trainers who for one reason or another were unable to turn up and I did an interview with Nick Luck for Racing UK.

On Derby Day itself I arrived early and walked the course with the assistant Clerk of the Course Bernie Clifford. It was fun to remind myself what an extraordinarily testing course it is for an immature three year old and just how beautifully maintained the Epsom turf is. I then did a couple of radio interviews, had a short conversation with Her Majesty as she came into the paddock and shook hands with all the jockeys as they entered the parade ring before the big race. Keiran Fallon gave

me his big trade mark wink and Frankie fortunately refrained from hugging and kissing me.

I had made a speech before lunch in the Derby Suite where various owners, trainers with runners in the race and members of the committee were gathered. In it I recalled my very first visit to Epsom well over fifty years ago when I had ridden a winner over the full Derby course and distance. It was then, and will always remain, one of the most exciting moments of my life. I talked about Mill Reef's memorable victory in the 1971 race which of course meant so much to all of us at Kingsclere.



IAB meeting jockeys on Derby day

Finally I recollected that amazing day in 2003 when Andrew Balding, in his first season holding the trainer's licence, had a treble which included the Oaks with Casual Look. It was the prelude of course to a somewhat embarrassing and tearful interview on TV with the Balding family which readers may well remember.

I cannot finish my thoughts about the 2010 Derby without a mention of the incredibly enthusiastic sponsors, Investec, who even commissioned a fabulous new perpetual trophy designed and sculpted by Charlie Langton. Then there was the winner himself, Workforce. Time will tell how great a horse he turns out to be, but he was certainly one of the most impressive winners of this legendary race that I have seen. ■



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