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INTRODUCTION

It has been a glorious summer of racing to date and whilst we have enjoyed a steady stream of winners at Kingsclere, I strongly feel that the best is very much to come.

With the likes of Tullius, Highland Knight, Bonfire, Race and Status and Whiplash Willie scheduled to return to the racecourse for the Autumn campaign it will be an exciting end to the season. In addition we have some lovely two year old prospects who should all be busy in the latter half of the season. There will be an all-out assault to reach the magic 100 winner mark for the year.

Tom Brown is currently leading the charge in the race to become Champion Apprentice for 2013 and the yard will be doing all it can to support his challenge. We will also be looking to give further opportunities to our other promising apprentices namely Dan Muscutt, Oisin Murphy and Jack Garritty who are already making an excellent impression with the winners they have ridden and maiden wins won't be far away for either Rob Hornby or Jon Willets.

The recent completion of a new one mile all weather gallop on Watership Down has further enhanced the facilities at Park House and it will add an extra dimension in our ability to prepare horses in the spring and autumn months when the grass is too soft to be used.

The highlight of the season so far has been Chiberta King's courageous victory in the Queen Alexandra Stakes at the Royal meeting. He is a horse who has been at Kingsclere since his two year old days and he has enjoyed a wonderful career of which this win was very much the highlight.

At the time of writing we are at the mid-point stage of the season and I am very much looking forward to the second half being even more rewarding than the first. ■



Toby with Windsor Trophy – he really wanted the Champagne bottle

HALF TERM REVIEW

by Andrew Balding

It has been an excellent season for the yard so far, with 59 winners and over £700,000 in prize-money on the board and three months of the 2013 campaign remaining.

Six years on from Dark Missile's victory in the Wokingham under the then 5lbs claimer William Buick, I was delighted to be in the winners' enclosure at Royal Ascot once again, with **Chiberta King** showing just how versatile and tough he is with a battling success in the 2m 5½f Queen Alexandra Stakes.

Given a really strong ride by Jimmy Fortune, he repelled the late challenge of French raider Shahwardi to win by a neck, the same margin as Dark Missile in 2007.

He has run very creditably in the last two runnings of the Goodwood Cup but we have decided to give him a break this year with a view to running in the Cesarewitch and then a return to hurdling, as there could be more to come from him in that sphere.

Sandown Park has been a happy hunting ground for us this term and our 5-25 record there in 2013 has been helped along by two successes over a mile for **Roserrow**, the second of them coming in a £50,000 handicap in June. A progressive homebred son of former Park House Listed-placed mare Sabah, he could be one for the Cambridgeshire.

The Kingsclere Racing Club are enjoying a good year and half-brothers Rawaki and Taglietelle have both been on the scoresheet.

Rawaki finished third on his reappearance in the Listed Braveheart Stakes at Hamilton and was undone by the fast ground on his next start. It was therefore very pleasing to see him bounce back to form with a ready success at Windsor in late June under a good ride from Thomas Brown, who rode a treble for us on the card. Both horse and jockey have improved this season and, while a potential target for the former is the November Handicap on the final day of the season, Thomas is currently leading the Apprentice Championship and he will hope to have the title wrapped up by then!

Taglietelle won an AW maiden at Kempton Park on his first start of the year and, after two good efforts in defeat, he followed up under a very good front-running ride from Thomas at Newmarket in June. He has found



RAWAKI wins in impressive fashion at Windsor

life tougher off higher marks since but is from a family that improves with age and there is scope for further progress.

Beyond Conceit joined us at the beginning of the season and hasn't looked back in four starts, making all under Jamie Spencer to win the Great Metropolitan at Epsom in April and finishing in the frame in two competitive handicaps since. A well-bred individual, there is more to come from him and he, too, could be one for the Cesarewitch.



TAGLIETELLE and Tom Brown leading in an emotional Vicky Ball

After agonisingly losing out in a photo in last year's Ayr Silver Cup, **Highland Colori** will go for gold at Ayr this year, his ready win in a competitive 7f handicap at Newmarket in June putting him on a mark off which he will get a run in the main event. Effective on all ground and at 6-8f, he is a tremendously versatile and classy handicapper.

It is just a year since **Benzanno** was well-beaten in a Salisbury claimer but he followed a win on his final start of 2012 with a narrow success on his reappearance on the AW at Lingfield Park in March. He has run well since in the face of some tough tasks and he looks just the type to do well if he is sold to go hurdling.

Another in winning form on the AW is **Restaurateur**, who brought his record on the polytrack to three wins from six starts when getting up on the line at Kempton Park under a well-judged Jimmy Fortune ride. He is handicapped to win again in that sphere.

It has been a relief to see **Dandy** return to some form this term with two front-running wins at Leicester and Chepstow, the second of them under Cathy Gannon, after David Probert had taken a nasty fall following the victory of **Queen's Star**, the second of her career to date, in the preceding contest. With a subsequent scan showing David had fractured his hip, he missed six weeks of the season but thankfully he is now fully mended and back in the saddle.

Silver Samba was another winner at Chepstow this summer, dropping back in trip to 1m4f having seemingly struggled to get home over further despite winning over 1m6f last term. Both she and Queen's Star possess good pedigrees and I hope they can register further success this year.

Another to have enjoyed something of a renaissance is **Breakheart**, a formerly useful handicapper for us whose fortunes had dipped in the past couple of seasons. Since returning to the yard he has enjoyed a new lease of life as schoolmaster for our burgeoning ranks of apprentices and his three wins this year have included the first two in the career of Jack Garritty, who looked particularly promising when guiding the partnership to an all-the-way win at Sandown Park in July.

One who looks less of a schoolmaster is **Black Cadillac**, who is far from the easiest to train but has the ability to win when things go his way, as when coming from a long way back at Lingfield Park in February for his second win on the surface.

We were absolutely delighted with the effort of **Side**

Glance to finish fourth in the Dubai World Cup in March, after which he was given a break with first Royal Ascot and then globetrotting exploits in mind. He perhaps didn't quite get home in the Prince Of Wales's on his first racecourse outing since Dubai, but that run should have teed him up nicely for his Autumn campaign, which could start with the Arlington Million in August.

An Autumn campaign is also on the cards for last year's German Group 2 winner **Highland Knight**, who sustained an injury in the Huxley Stakes at Chester in May, and for **Bonfire**, who has had a breathing operation which we hope will see him rediscover his Dante-winning form of last year.



HIGHLAND KNIGHT and BONFIRE lead the field in the Hurley Stakes at Chester

Stirring Ballad finished in the frame on two starts in Listed company prior to enduring a nightmare run in the Royal Hunt Cup, for which she had been sent off joint-favourite. A half-sister to Group 1 winner Balisada, she is a talented filly who deserves to find an opening this term.

Sprinters **Top Cop** and **Dungannon** have failed to fire so far in 2013 but they have dropped to potentially useful handicap marks that could see them return to the winners' enclosure in the second half of the season, while **Intransigent** has performed well in defeat in several competitive turf handicaps but looks a better horse on the AW and he is a possible for Dubai next spring.

Bana Wu came so close to providing us with a second winner at Royal Ascot 2013 with a fine third in the Wolferton. She had finished fourth on both her previous starts this season, in Listed and Group 3 company, and she thoroughly deserves to get her head in front – the

Upavon Stakes at Salisbury could be her next target. Also deserving of a change of fortune is **John Biscuit**, who ran on well after encountering a troubled passage at Epsom on Derby day, a track at which he has won twice and finished out of the first four just once in six starts.

Swan Song, the last produce of superstar sprinter Lochsong, showed promise in the face of tough tasks in Listed company on her first two starts of the year and it would be lovely to pick up some black type with her. Similar comments apply to **Miss Cap Estel**, who has finished in the prize money on all her starts this term, finishing runner-up at Ascot off a career-high mark.



ZANETTO (Liam Keniry) winning the Tattersalls Million at Newmarket

I have been very pleased with **A Boy Named Suzi** in his two starts since joining the yard and there could be a good staying prize in him this term. Sent off favourite when third on his seasonal reappearance and debut for us behind subsequent triple Group winner Universal, he went on to finish a fine fourth in the Yorkshire Cup despite badly missing the break.

Communicator has failed to show the sort of form this term that saw him finish runner-up to 2013 Northumberland Plate winner, Tominator, in a Listed handicap at Chester and then fill the same position in the November Handicap on his final start of 2012. However, a bit of ease in the ground this Autumn should suit and he is back on a good mark. Another on a fair mark if rediscovering his old form is **Bernie The Bolt**, who is now 12lbs lower than when successful in the 2010 Shergar Cup Stayers. He has had his problems since but could yet prove capable of defying his current rating.

Another with good staying prizes on the agenda

is **Mysterious Man**, who failed to get home after travelling well in the Ascot Stakes at Royal Ascot. Only a four year old, he remains open to plenty of progress.

Open Water has had just one run this term, finishing fifth on his reappearance from 11 months off in May. His maiden and handicap form from last year is strong and I hope he can have a successful second half of the season. **Omar Khayyam** has also been off since disappointing on his seasonal debut but he is capable of much better.

Perfect Mission has been rested for an Autumn/Winter campaign on the AW, on which he is a dual winner, while another to watch out for on that surface is



NINGARA wins again at Sandown

Angelic Upstart, who has finished in the frame on 10 of his 14 starts on the AW.

Fortrose Academy, **Gold Mine** and **Sea Soldier** have largely struggled to find their form this year but all three are on marks off which they should be competitive as the season goes on.

Zanetto led our three year old team by example at the start of the season, winning a £100,000 sales race at Newmarket in April and scooting clear in the Listed Carnarvon Stakes at Newbury the following month. He has since taken on the best sprinters around in the Diamond Jubilee and July Cup but, though he has struggled in that lofty company, he is a young sprinter of some potential. He returned from Newmarket a little jarred up and will now have a short break before heading to Germany for a Group 3 contest in August.

We have always thought a bit of **Ningara** and, having been a little disappointing on his first two handicap starts on the AW over the Winter, he has got his act

together this Summer, winning twice over 1m1f-1m2f at Sandown Park. He could yet step up again in trip, a comment that also applies to **Van Percy**. He would have been desperately unlucky not to get his head in front at Haydock Park in May, but Cathy Gannon extricated him from a pocket on the rails in just enough time to win by the narrowest of margins. Out of a Listed-winning miler, his Derby-winning sire Sir Percy is already proving to have a real stamina influence on his progeny.

Hayley Turner struck up an immediate partnership with **You Da One**, the pair making all to land a valuable 7f handicap at Goodwood in May. His last two below par runs have come on good to firm ground and he can



Cathy Gannon – has ridden four winners for the yard this season

resume his progress when returned to softer conditions in the coming months.

We have had plenty of success at Chester in recent seasons and **Here Comes When** became our first winner of 2013 at the Roodee with an impressive success over 7½f in May. He was too keen and looked ill at ease when only 4th in the Listed Surrey Stakes at Epsom on Oaks day and his subsequent Ascot defeat can be forgiven as he sustained an injury there. He will have a good break before returning in the Autumn and he remains an excellent prospect.

Soviet Rock was also an early season trailblazer, making all to land two 1m2f handicaps at Newmarket in the spring under well-judged rides from David Probert. A very well-bred son of Rock Of Gibraltar, he too will have a break before embarking on an Autumn campaign and will return on a very workable mark.

Prairie Ranger could be a young stayer to follow after winning what is traditionally a hot Newbury handicap in

May. The form looks strong, with the runner-up a possible for the St Leger and, upped 12lbs, **Prairie Ranger** showed improved form to finish 4th in a very competitive Ascot handicap on his return from a couple of months off in July. He could be set for a very good second half of the season, as could the progressive **Purcell**, who has run very well in defeat in handicap company since winning his maiden at Lingfield Park in April.

The very well bred **Melvin The Grate** was progressing nicely, with two consecutive wins over 7f at Kempton Park, prior to a below-par effort return to the turf in May. He has been given plenty of time to get over that and has the scope to prove better than his current



HERE COMES WHEN quickens away from the field at Chester

mark when returning this summer.

We could be looking for some black type before too long for **Butterfly McQueen**, who added a six length handicap win under Thomas Brown at Ascot in July to her nine length maiden success earlier in the campaign! A daughter of young sire Curlin, that win put her on the border of Listed class and, with just five career starts to date, she is capable of further improvement. Also a potential improver is **Thistleandtworoses**, who made a winning debut at Kempton Park in March and faced a tough task in a conditions event on his only subsequent start the following month.

Black-type is also the aim for **Debdebdeb**, who has improved no end since winning her maiden at Kempton Park in February to win competitive handicaps at Newbury and Sandown Park. On the first occasion getting the race in the stewards' room having passed the post a nose behind – the first such reversal I have had in my favour since starting training! Her target is the



BUTTERFLY McQUEEN winner at Lingfield and Ascot this season

Melrose and her latest win should ensure she gets a run in that.

Oisin Murphy is another Park House-based apprentice to have made a name for himself this season, quickly racing to 9 winners this season despite his first ever racecourse ride coming in mid-June. He was seen to good effect on **New Fforest** at Warwick in July, hitting the front a furlong out and keeping on well. A half-sister to three Group/Listed winners at 6-8f, she is a speedy and progressive filly who could step up in grade later in the year.

Another sprinting filly off the mark for the term is the well-bred **Oasis Spirit**, who provided the second leg of a Windsor treble for the yard when winning a 6f maiden in June. She is a homebred of George Strawbridge's, who also had Stirling Ballad's half-brother **Powder Hound** shed his maiden tag at Windsor in the spring, before finishing runner-up on his handicap debut. He has the potential to improve markedly on his current handicap rating.

We have done well with the progeny of former stable star Passing Glance and his son **Imperial Glance** showed a likeable attitude to make most en route to a ready success at Salisbury in June, giving Oisin Murphy his first ever winner.

A son of Firebreak, **Daylight** shed his maiden tag in good style at Bath in June and should improve with time, having had just five career starts to date, while Desert Law's brother **Desert Command** should come on plenty for getting his head in front for the first time, keeping on well to win a 6f handicap on Lingfield's all-weather in July.

King Muro made a winning reappearance in a 1m3f maiden at Kempton Park and ran well in defeat to finish third in the 1m2f handicap at Epsom on Derby day. He has not run to that form in three starts since but is certainly capable of adding to that maiden victory this term.



DEBDEBDEB makes it three for the season with a typically game performance at Sandown

Brick Rising got off the mark at Windsor in April under a good ride from David Probert and, despite a couple of defeats since, we hope he can return to form in the coming months.

There have also been some very promising efforts in defeat from some exciting three year olds, plenty of which I hope will be winning in the second half of the season.

Havana Beat has shown a high level of form in defeat this season and looked very unlucky not to give us a second win in the Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket's July meeting, encountering a nightmare passage in the final couple of furlongs before running on very strongly



OASIS SPIRIT makes it a double on the day for Tom Brown

when the first two had already got clear. Sadly he disappointed at Goodwood and we will have to reassess where he goes now.

Lizzie Tudor is a really promising young filly, having finished fourth in two very competitive handicaps this season, the latest when suffering some trouble in running at Newmarket's July meeting. There could be a big prize in her. I hope that is also the case with **Operation Chariot**, who has largely struggled this year after a good two year old campaign that saw his mark reach 100. He is now back down to a workable rating.

I was taken by the debut performance of **Refectory**, who finished runner-up in what looked a very competitive 1m2f maiden at the Newmarket July meeting. In last position at the two-furlong pole, he finished to really good effect and is a well-bred colt with a good future.

We have been limited to just one run from the highly promising **Race And Status** this term. When a below-par sixth in the Feilden in April. His half-brother was a

Grade 1 winner in Hong Kong earlier this season and we have high hopes for him when he returns to action in the autumn.

Pearl Castle has also been restricted to one outing in 2013, at Windsor in April. A winner of a Goodwood maiden last summer, I hope he can make up for lost time in the months to come.

It has been a frustrating season so far with **Storming**, who remains a maiden after ten starts and has looked the winner on more than one occasion this season only to be headed in the dying strides. He certainly has the ability to win off his mark and, with a success under his belt, he could be the type to improve further. That could well be the case with **Martial Art**, who has finished second on five of his nine career starts, including both outings in 2013, and with **Mr Fitzroy**, who was denied a maiden victory in the last few strides in a 1m handicap at Kempton Park in July in what was a competitive contest for the grade. **White Month** has finished in the frame on three of his four starts this term and he too deserves to find an opening.

Beautifully-bred fillies **International Love** and **Near Time** have both shown promise in their three racecourse starts to date and look more than capable of shedding their maiden tags. Though **Marishi Ten** was a disappointing favourite on her only start this year, she showed plenty in a Newbury maiden last May and she can win this term, as can **Vicksburg**, a filly out of a sister to Derby winner Commander In Chief. She has finished third on two of her three outings so far and should be winning her maiden. Similar comments apply to **Rancho Montoya**, who made a pleasing first racecourse appearance when keeping on nicely to finish fourth on her debut at Kempton Park.

Nellie Forbush is a half-sister to Whiplash Willie and she looks likely to improve for a step up in trip when sent handicapping after three runs in AW maidens in the spring/summer, which is also the case for **Miss Mitigate**, who showed some promise in three turf maidens in May/June. One who is sure to appreciate further in time is **Ballinderry Boy**, a son of leading National Hunt sire Kayf Tara. He finished third on his handicap debut over 1m6f at Sandown Park and could be a nice stayer in the making.

Musikhani, a daughter of Dalakhani out of a Listed-winning mare, has struggled to make an impression on her first couple of starts in handicaps but she has the ability to win races and, with the handicapper relenting, she could find success this Summer.

Hot Secret is a really consistent filly and she deserves to find a race in the coming weeks, as does **Signature Dish**, who shaped nicely on her second start of the year at Lingfield Park in July.

Cape Crossing and **Halling's Treasure** are both owned by Mildmay Racing & Denis Caslon and both have shown enough to suggest they can win races in the coming months.

Kingsclere Racing Club three year olds **Florida Beat** and **Rocky Ride** should both be competitive when switching to handicap company, the former having looked green on both his starts this Summer and the latter having had a break since her latest outing at Wolverhampton in April.

The Wizard Of Aus will be qualified for handicaps after one more run having shown promise in his two starts so far, while **Simple Joys** is ready for that test now having improved with each of her three starts in maidens, finishing runner-up at Windsor in June on her first outing of 2013. Also set for handicaps is **Perfect Spell** who is, like Simple Joys, by Singspiel. He has been beaten upwards of nine lengths on each of his three outings but goes handicapping off a realistic mark.

Our two year old team has so far remained very much under wraps but the signs at home are very positive and we are all eagerly looking forward to introducing some lovely newcomers to the racecourse as the summer progresses.

Rizal Park was our first juvenile winner of the season, winning quite comfortably at Windsor in June despite a poor draw. A half-brother to six winners, he is a nice type for nurseries and looks to have been handed a fair opening mark.

Trading Profit showed promise and inexperience in equal measure on his debut at Salisbury in mid-June, but it was a different story altogether on his next outing at Windsor a month later, as he travelled well and powered clear under Ryan Moore to win in the style of a useful prospect. Out of a sister to Abbaye winner Avonbridge, it will be interesting to see how he progresses.

The beautifully-bred **Pearl Spectre** has finished in the first three on both his outings, making an encouraging start when runner-up at Newbury in June and showing a similar level of form when third at Salisbury on his next start. He is open to any amount of improvement, as is **Highland Acclaim**, a half-brother to Highland Colori and high-class sprinter Genki, who showed plenty to like on his debut over the minimum trip at Ascot in May.

Zampa Manos made a pleasing start to his career



RIZAL PARK was our first two year old winner of 2013

with a keeping-on fourth at Salisbury in June and he looks a nice colt, as does **Mime Dance**, a son of Notnowcato who should appreciate a step up in trip after two third placings from as many starts in 7f maidens at Salisbury and Epsom.

Merry Me showed promise in the face of a tough task on her debut in a novice event at Kempton Park. Out of a Listed winner and by the excellent sire Invincible Spirit, she is capable of leaving that form behind. The same applies to **Iconic Artist**, an Arch colt from a good American family and If, a son of Rock Of Gibraltar out of a half-sister to a German Oaks winner. Both started slowly and were always playing catch up at Newmarket and Ascot respectively on their only outings to date. **Collaboration** is another who has looked in need of the experience in two starts so far, but he is a well-related son of Halling who will improve and looks one for next year. ■

THE 2013 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

These are the scores up to and including July 18th. 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 as there are still a lot of two year olds to come out. So there is still all to play for!!

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117. Jephcott, Jerome	53	155. King, Anderson	41	190. Pascoe, Richard	26
122. Hyde, M.	51	155. Richardson, John (A)	41	190. Oury, Gerald	26
122. Woolley, Suzanne	51	158. Birkett, Kerrie	40	193. Arnold, Pamela	24
124. Brown, David	50	158. Jakes, M	40	193. Green, Marion	24
124. Elson, Pip	50	160. Broughton, T	39	193. Palmer, Clare	24
124. Holmes, Rachael	50	160. Rhodes, Melvin/Rose	39	196. Gee, Simon	23
124. Lees, Ian	50	162. Holmes, Katherine	38	197. Hunt, Olena	22
128. Chinner	49	162. Rylance, Graham	38	197. Newton, Sandie	22
129. Mackinnon, Bridget	48	164. Scutt, Kevin (B)	37	199. Finlay, Rosemary	21
129. Register, Layton	48	164. Simpson, Felicity	37	200. A'Court, Peter	19
129. Watson, Bella	48	166. Holmes, Sarah	36	200. Dunn, David	19
132. Balding, Clare	47	166. Powell, D. F. (A)	36	200. Fearne, J	19
132. Boyce, I D (B)	47	168. M. E. Wates, Mrs	35	200. Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (C)	19
132. Gay, Edward	47	168. Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (A)	35	204. Woolley, Sharon	17
132. Whitaker, Carolyn	47	170. Whitehall, Lorraine	34	205. Richardson, Andy	15
136. Gardiner, Andrew	46	171. Burns, Lynne	33	206. Bowers, Carla	14
136. Harte, Winter	46	171. Richardson, Adrian	33	206. Harte, Martha	14

SELECTION OF THE LEADERS

WILL WATSON		CHARLIE KING (A)		PETE BEASANT		KENNETH HUNT	
BREAKHEART	36	BEYOND CONCEIT	24	TAGLIETELLE	12	BONFIRE	5
TAGLIETELLE	12	STIRRING BALLAD	9	BALLINDERRY BOY	8	RACE AND STATUS	0
DEBDEBDEB	30	OPERATION CHARIOT	0	POWDER HOUND	16	BUTTERFLY MCQUEEN	26
HOT SECRET	17	HERE COMES WHEN	17	PURCELL	26	HIGHLAND KNIGHT	16
MELVIN THE GRATE	4	ZANETTO	29	SOVIET ROCK	20	A BOY NAMED SUZI	5
HIGHLAND COLORI	11	BUTTERFLY MCQUEEN	26	WHITE MONTH	16	ZANETTO	29
BUTTERFLY MCQUEEN	26	OPEN WATER	0	DESERT COMMAND	10	PURCELL	26
BORN IN BOMBAY	0	PEARL SPECTRE	10	FIELD OF FAME	0	MYMATECHRIS	0
CHESIL BEACH	0	MUIR LODGE	0	LIBECCIO	0	IMPULSIVE MOMENT	0
MICRAS	0	MAN OF HARLECH	0	SIGNAL	0	END OF LINE	0
MYMATECHRIS	0	ICONIC ARTIST	0	STORM FORCE TEN	0	BELFILIO	0
TELEGRAPH	0	TELEGRAPH	0	TELEGRAPH	0	TELEGRAPH	0

PETER FELTON – OWNER PROFILE

How did you first come to develop an interest in Horseracing?

I was always interested in a whole range of sports and would have been aware of the big races each year and listened to the Grand National on the radio. I remember a mare called Gentle Moya (I think), which kept being placed but when I started work, a few folk in the office followed racing and I started backing horses in fairly modest fashion. Most ran on the flat although I always had a good experience in the National because of Red Alligator and Red Rum. I took more and more interest and started going to the races and remember seeing Nijinsky, Mill Reef and Grundy win the Derby.

What was the first horse you owned and was the venture a success?

I owned one eleventh of a horse called Temple Bar Maid in conjunction with ten other actuaries. I wouldn't have described her as hugely successful but she did win a seller at Lingfield. She was trained by D A Wilson at Epsom, who appears in Clare Balding's autobiography in places. So does my second horse, Profit a Prendre, who was successful for a number of years. One of my co-owners, Robert Harris, is the father of Nick Harris of whom more later.

What have been your racing highlights and lowlights as a horse owner?

Perhaps I can have two highlights. Both involve horses in our current syndicate, Another Bottle Racing. The other members are the aforementioned Nick Harris, my good friend John Bridgman and my two sons, Michael and James. Gardening Leave won a listed race for 3 year olds at Newmarket on 2000 Guineas Day, ridden by Jimmy Fortune. He started at 16 to 1 and beat Wigmore Hall, the favourite, by enough. What made it even more memorable was that James was having his stag do at the racecourse so there were many happy punters in the party. The other magic moment was when Expense Claim won the London Handicap at Newbury in May last year, shortly



Peter Felton

before Frankel won the Lockinge so obviously there was a very large crowd there. The lowlight would have been a visit to Musselburgh (then Edinburgh) with Temple Bar Maid in 1985. We went there for a Nursery because it was an easy 5 furlongs and her optimal trip was 4.5 furlongs! To cut a long story short she would have started favourite but was withdrawn not under orders because a strap broke. I had just said it was a long way to go for a minute and we didn't even get our minute.

Do you have any current interest at Kingsclere, if so, what are your hopes / aspirations for them?

We have two two year olds at Kingsclere at present. They are Collaboration and Trading Profit and both have run twice. Collaboration has looked good on the gallops but needs to sort out a breathing issue. When that is sorted he should turn out to be a very decent three year old. Trading Profit won well second time out and we would hope he'll win a couple of decent sprints this year.

What are your favourite and least favourite racecourses?

I love Goodwood for a combination of good racing, easy viewing and beautiful scenery as a backdrop. For reasons above I wouldn't be too keen to go to Musselburgh again, but that may be a bit unfair! ■



GARDENING LEAVE holds on to deny Wigmore Hall in the Newmarket Stakes

THE NEW GALLOP

investing in the future of Park House

I.A.B.

The trainer and his family team decided a few months ago that we would replace the old Ash Gallop on Watership Down with a new all-weather surface called Equivia. We had already used this product to top up our Lochsong gallop and also more recently to re-do the surface in our indoor covered ride. Both of these jobs were extremely successful so we had no qualms about asking David Humbert to do this new and much bigger project.

David had been responsible for putting in our old five furlong Fibresand gallop around the Far Hedge as long ago as 1985. In the meantime he and his team have completed 150 all weather gallops all over the country including at stables as prestigious as Manton, Beckhampton and Jackdaws Castle, so they certainly know what they are doing. David's foreman and very much his 'main man' is Lee Morrissey. He was a young schoolboy when the Fibresand gallop was put in and can remember riding on a tractor here as his father worked on the job for David.

Clearing all the ash and chalk, re-doing the central drain and replacing the soakaways with proper concrete chambers, putting in a three inch layer of stone, before covering it with a Terram separating



The New Gallop – walking home

membrane and then adding the final six to eight inches of Equivia all took about a month. Equivia is a mixture of special textile fibres and high quality silica sand and, most importantly, is heavily waxed. It drains incredibly well and the wax ensures that it does not become dusty in very hot conditions.

The first two horses to go on it, on July 10th, were Ispahan, ridden by myself, and Pinch of Salt ridden by the Olympic Gold Medal winning dressage rider, Charlotte Dujardin. Shortly afterwards Andrew was using it regularly on work mornings as even the old turf on the Downs during the hot spell was too firm.

When I first put the gallop in up there in 1978 it was made of wood chips and five years later changed to industrial ash. The next Spring was a very wet one everywhere and our horses seemed to have a big advantage because we used nothing but this new mile gallop. It certainly paid dividends for us then, as we finished first and second in the Lincoln Handicap of 1979 with Fair Season and Be Better.

The new gallop, which is not yet named, should enable Andrew to get horses fit in all conditions and we hope to have many winners as a direct result of it. ■



Groundworks begin in preparation of the new gallop



Extensive drainage is a key element to any all weather gallop



Highclere Castle in the background provides the perfect backdrop to the perfect gallop!

DRUGS IN RACING

– A SUPPORT OR A CONFLICT?

by Simon Knapp MRCVS LVO

Racing in the UK is the envy of many worldwide, a fact that is due in no small part to the strict regulations involving medication of racehorses both in training and on the racecourse. The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) is tasked with maintaining the balance between integrity and equine welfare whilst encouraging optimum performance on a level playing field for the benefit of the equine athlete and for public confidence in racing.



Simon Knapp

With the ever increasing drive for success and the ready availability of numerous performance enhancing drugs, the battle to maintain fairness and promote horse welfare is becoming increasingly more complex. There is a reported link between over medication and injury,

The BHA testing regime incorporates in-training and racecourse sampling which can be undertaken pre and post race. Pre-race testing is performed to deter the use of 'milkshaking' – the administration of sodium bicarbonate 4-6 hours before racing to counteract the accumulation of lactic acid in muscles and hence aid performance and endurance. Post race sampling is performed at the behest of the stewards and may be totally random or may reflect information given to the BHA. In the case of Group I races, it is mandatory to test the winner and one other horse.

Once selected for sampling, horses at the racecourse are chaperoned by the 'catcher' and escorted to the veterinary sampling unit where they are identified, tagged and a urine sample obtained. On the rare occasions where the horse is unwilling to produce a sample, blood will be collected by the veterinary officer. The urine is divided into an A and B sample and sealed in a tamper proof container prior to transport to the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory in Ely (HFL). The A sample is submitted for a screening test whilst the B sample is stored and only used if a confirmatory analysis is required. This may be undertaken at HFL or at an independent accredited laboratory such as Paris or Hong Kong.

Urine is currently the preferred substance for sampling drugs as their metabolites (breakdown products) are

present for longer in the body. There is a move however to evolve to blood-samples as the preferred medium, but more development is needed to achieve a comprehensive degree of detection and sensitivity.

In the event of the screening test being positive, a detailed qualitative and quantitative test is performed to determine the source of the substance and the route and time of administration.

In training testing is designed to offer help and support to trainers

with the aim of preventing positive samples on the racecourse, as well as incorporating a regulatory component to ensure that no 'illegal' substances such as anabolic steroids, which are banned from horses in training, are being administered. This testing involves the unannounced arrival of BHA veterinary officials at the training stable, equipped to blood sample all the horses in training. It incorporates inspection of the medicine cabinet, the methods of drug administration and medicine record keeping. It is a requirement under the rules of racing, that medication records are maintained to ensure a paper trail exists following the administration of any medication.

There is a fine balance between therapy to safeguard horse welfare and performance enhancing medication to give a competitive edge. Although it is the ultimate responsibility of the trainer to produce a horse at the racecourse free of medication and able to compete on merit, there is also an obligation for veterinary surgeons, who are the medicine professionals, to guide trainers through the medication minefield and act as a moral compass!

Although certain drugs such as Theobromide and Testosterone have threshold levels, there is in essence a zero tolerance policy for drugs in UK racing and no detectable medication must be present on the day of racing. No medication, other than normal nutrients, may be given to horses on the day of racing without the express permission of the BHA Veterinary Officer. This allows a degree of flexibility, permitting substances such as glycerine to be administered pre-race. No medications

may be taken into the racecourse stables without permission being obtained from the veterinary officer, who will inspect all medications. To help veterinary surgeons and trainers avoid a positive test, the BHA produce a list of detection times for a range of drugs, which acts as a guide. These times are not written in stone and there is variability depending on the individual horse, the route of administration and the amount given. The majority of racing veterinary surgeons, if in doubt, will follow the 8 day rule which encompasses the majority of medications. However there are differences between racing authorities in Europe and worldwide. In France cortico steroids may not be administered within 15 days of racing, a rule which is likely to be adopted by the BHA.

There have been well publicised problems involving the use of anabolic steroids in racing. These are 'body building' drugs which allow horses to develop increased musculature, giving them a competitive advantage. The benefit of these drugs is protracted and will outlast the detection time of the drug in urine. A hair test has been developed which will give analysts an anabolic history of the horse, confirming that these drugs have been administered to the horse in its lifetime. Anabolic steroids are not permitted for any horse in a training yard, although they may be given therapeutically to horses who are out of training and away from any

licensed training premises. Their use in cases of pelvic fracture and profound muscle loss is highly beneficial but should be reported to the BHA, and would result in the horse being out of training for six months.

A recent development involving anabolic steroids is their incorporation as a treatment regime for degenerative joint disease, - a frequent clinical finding. Although the efficacy of this treatment is not fully known, it is quite possible that the drug will have a lasting beneficial effect on cartilage metabolism making it a significant and useful addition to the veterinary surgeon's armoury in the treatment of joint disease. This obviously poses a major problem for the regulator, as current technology is unable to differentiate between the presence of anabolic steroid administered therapeutically to treat a joint and the intra muscular administration of anabolic steroid designed to enhance performance and cheat! In spite of the problems, racing should be open minded and try to accommodate advances in veterinary medicine which may be beneficial to horse welfare whilst maintaining the integrity of racing and the elusive 'level' playing field.

Although success is the name of the game, the vast majority of people involved in racing – the owners, trainers, veterinary surgeons and indeed punters – all wish to see horses competing on merit and 'au naturel' so that we can all say 'the best horse won on the day' rather than 'the most drugged horse carried the day!!' ■



SPILLERS AWARDS



Congratulations go to Michaela Carter (providing Zanetto with first class care!) Bryan Coventry (constant hard work and diligence on the main grass gallops on the Downs), Dylan Holley (feeding, riding, looking after and leading up Chiberta King at Royal Ascot) and Kiah Adams (riding Ningara every day in preparation for his two wins) These are the four winners of the 'Stable Lad of the Month' awards so far this season. Thank you to Spillers for sponsoring this very kind prize.

Michaela prepared Zanetto beautifully for the big sales race at Newmarket in the Spring but suffered an unfortunate accident just the week before so had to watch the race from her hospital bed. I am pleased to report that she has bounced back and is already back at work in full fitness, helped by 'Gamble' her new puppy who has forced her out for plenty of walks. ■

Michaela Carter, right, Bryan Coventry, centre, and Dylan Holley, left

A DAY IN THE LIFE – LEANNE MASTERTON



Leanne Masterton has been an integral part of the Park House team for almost 18 years. Having arrived fresh faced and full of innocence straight from school, Leanne remains remarkably fresh faced but probably a little less innocent than she was!!

Having ridden a number of winners as an apprentice jockey including having the honour of partnering IAB's last winner as a licensed trainer, Leanne has more recently shared the travelling duties with Richard 'Chad' Phillips. A top class rider with a supremely conscientious and diligent work ethic, she is the perfect person to take charge of our various runners abroad and she has overseen successful trips to Canada, Turkey, Dubai and Hong Kong as well as saddling numerous winners in the UK.

Here she tells us what an 'average' day might entail – where does she get the energy?!

Gosh this is quite hard as it can vary quite a bit!

Tim and Gilly Walker are away at the moment so if I am racing my very loud alarm goes off at 5.30 a.m. I go over and check on their three hunters, feed Riggins and the chickens and try to avoid being attacked by Osama the cockerel...he really is evil! It is then back to Kingsclere and depending on the time, I might have a quick cup of tea before tacking up first lot. Nigel, the Head Lad, would be very worried if I didn't pull out last.

Second lot I usually ride Side Glance. He is gearing up for a crack at the Arlington Million next Saturday, so he's a very important part of my day. After he's had his post exercise pick of grass it's time for breakfast. At this time of year there's a lot of evening racing which means I can normally ride out 4 lots before I go. After pinching Chris Bonner's Racing Post for a quick look at the day's runners and troughing down a bowl of Shreddies with blueberries on top (I am hooked on them at the moment and they give me so much energy!) it's back out for 3rd and 4th lot.

Fourth lot is over at 12.30 p.m so, if I'm not leaving for the races until 2 p.m, I will pop up and see my godson Charlie and have chinwag with his mum Trooper. We've been friends for about 16 years and although she hasn't worked in the yard since she had her first foal 9 years ago, she always knows any yard gossip before I do ... Her partner Neil Chalmers might have something to do with this!

1.30 p.m. Back at the yard, do a default check on the lorry (everything has to be recorded these days, VOSA love to pull horseboxes over!) The racing gear, horses and lads are loaded and away we go.



Once we've arrived at the races and settled the horses in, made sure they've all had a drink and don't have any loose shoes, cuts or bumps, I'll go and declare, check non-runners and then take myself for a run round the track. This has two benefits, firstly it prevents me from turning into a fat trucker and secondly it gives me a good look at the ground and I'll see if any rails have been moved. Once I've pulled up and stopped blowing I'll give Andrew a call, report on how the horses have travelled, any non-runners and what I think of the ground. After checking the horses, a shower and a change, I'll get the bridles ready. Equipment varies so I'll make sure the lads know what is for their horse and that they are wearing the right logo if their horse is sponsored.

After the last horse has run and we have hopefully had a winner everything has at least an hour to relax before we load the lorry for the way home. During this time, I will collect the colours from the weighing room where I always get lots of stick if I have to go in after the last race! I'll check the horses over and apply poultices to any horse that needs them, then grab a cuppa and a sandwich for the way home.

Once we are back in Kingsclere and unloaded, I'll hose the lorry out, put the racing gear away (thankfully we've got Vicky who looks after the colour room so I don't have to do any cleaning), check horses, doors shut, lights off and it's then back home (which is only 15 strides from the colour room) and time for bed, hopefully before midnight, but it normally takes me half an hour of a romantic novel to switch off! ■

Kingsclere Racing Club – the season so far



A big turn out at Newmarket

The KRC's older horses have really led the way in the first half of the season, with half-brothers Rawaki and Taglietelle accounting for the three Club wins so far this term and Intransigent running with credit in defeat in several valuable handicaps.

Rawaki's win at Windsor was followed by a very close third at Ascot and he has now been pencilled in for the Old Borough Cup, while Taglietelle has wins to his name at Wolverhampton and Newmarket, the latter under an excellent ride from Thomas Brown on a memorable afternoon for Club members, with three runners on the card.

What is particularly exciting is the very strong-looking team of eight two year olds that includes Spectator, a full brother to Side Glance, and Jonny Rae a very promising-looking son of Shirocco and named in honour of Club member Jonny Rae Smith, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Several of these two year olds are likely to be ready to run in late summer and early autumn and, as they also include the first foals of former KRC star fillies Victoria Montoya and

Inhibition, it really is a very exciting time for the Club, which is now into its sixth year.

Already, the KRC horses have won over £40,000 in prize-money this season, so we are well on target to surpass last year's tally, while Club members have enjoyed some fine weather at recent gallop mornings and for our annual evening racing picnic at Windsor in July. ■

If you are interested in finding out more about the Kingsclere Racing Club or to join the waiting list for 2014, please contact Club Manager Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435 or by email, krc@kingsclere.com.



Jonny meets Jonny

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