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Happy scenes in the winner's enclosure after HAVANA BEAT'S victory at Sandown in the Coral Marathon with Janice Mariscotti, Maryann Wall & Chad Phillips

Front cover: *The Countess of Wessex presents the trophies for the Britannia Stakes* (Matthew Webb)

Back cover: *Our apprentice team for 2014 sponsored by Huntswood* (Hugh Routledge)

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INTRODUCTION

2013 has already been a year to remember for all at Park House. We have achieved a record number of wins, winning horses and domestic prizemoney for the period of January to August, and with so many soft-ground horses being saved for autumn campaigns it would be a great disappointment not to better last year's total of 102 winners!

The visit of the President of Ireland in the Spring and a wonderful party to celebrate IAB's fifty years at Kingsclere were non-racing highlights that have added to 2014 being a very special year.

The focus on the premier racedays has continued to reap rewards, and with a treble at the Chester May meeting, a Royal Ascot winner and a truly Glorious Goodwood the prizemoney levels have been boosted to put us past the million pound mark by the middle of August.

We still have plenty of unfinished business, however, and there is little chance of any of the amazing staff employed at Park House taking it easy before the job is completed. Roll on an equally memorable second half of the season! ■



Nick and Mercedes Watts with Oisín Murphy and friends prior to ZAMPA MANOS running in the Britannia Stakes



Kim accepting best turned out for COLLABORATION at Goodwood

HALF TERM REVIEW

by Andrew Balding

We had an outstanding season in 2013 with several Park House records broken and, with everyone connected to the yard enjoying that experience immensely, we have all naturally been very keen to emulate those tremendous achievements this term.

A sun-drenched summer is something few of us experience too often, but several weeks of fine weather have seen those horses suited by a sound surface thrive, whilst their soft-ground counterparts remain under wraps for what we hope will be a wet autumn! With over three months left of the 2014 season, I am delighted that, at this stage, we remain on course to match, if not surpass, last year's success.

We sit in 10th place in the Flat Trainers' Championship, with over £1,000,000 in prize-money and 71 winners on

Queen Elizabeth II at Ascot on Qipco Champions Day in October.

Glorious Goodwood is always one of the highlights of the flat season and I was delighted to register two winners this year, one with the very game **Van Percy**, who was given a terrific ride by David Probert. Although not a big horse, he is incredibly tough and his narrow success in the Summer Stakes was his third win of the campaign, following victories at Lingfield Park on his reappearance in March and then at Newmarket in May. The Ebor is his target, for which a penalty could see him creep in at the bottom of the weights. The long-term dream for him is the Melbourne Cup, though he would need to rise another 10lbs or so in the weights to get in.

Another stayer who could be bound for Australia is



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TULLIUS wins the Group 2 Bet 365 Mile in comfortable fashion

the board. A Royal Ascot winner for the second successive year, courtesy of Born In Bombay, was a fantastic achievement and, with the team remaining in excellent form, we will certainly be doing our utmost to chase down the 100 winners once again this year!

The admirable **Tullius** had to endure over a year on the sidelines before returning for a light campaign last autumn, but he resumed this year in the form of his life, finishing a fine second off second top-weight in the Lincoln before running away with the Group2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown Park in April. That Sandown win was a new career-best performance on his favoured soft ground, but perhaps better still was his excellent second in the Group 1 Lockinge on an unsuitably quick surface, which was followed by a fourth in the Group 1 Queen Anne. He has had a break since then and all eyes are on the Group 1



Hugh Routledge

VAN PERCY shows his determination to win The Summer Stakes at Goodwood

Havana Beat, who showed tremendous resolution to get the best of a three-way finish to land the Listed Coral Marathon (Esher Stakes) at Sandown Park in July, beating the Ascot Stakes winner Domination. Unlucky not to win in Group 3 company last term, he remains fairly-handicapped, having finished a good 5th off 1lb lower over an inadequate trip at Newmarket in May.

It has been really pleasing to see the six year old **Whiplash Willie** back on the racecourse following a near three year absence. His win in the City Bowl at Salisbury in May under Liam Keniry on his first run back from that mammoth layoff was a tremendously popular one. He must have soft ground and, given the summer we have had, he has been limited to just one start since, when a good third to Brown Panther in the Group 3 Henry II at Sandown Park later that month. He will be entered in all the big staying races and we will go

wherever the rain is, though the main objective is the Qipco Champion Stayers at Ascot in October.

Absolutely So was another to reappear after an absence last term but he has made up for lost time with a string of excellent performances this year, most notably when winning over 7f at Goodwood in May and when finishing runner-up in the Bunbury Cup at Newmarket's July Festival. He has many options going forward, but is another who requires give in the ground and it was a shame that he encountered a fast surface for the first time when sent off favourite for the Wokingham at Royal Ascot. Given his current progression, he looks one that could make the transition into Group company in the coming months.

Here Comes When showed a liking for Chester when winning at the May meeting last year. He is clearly a lucky individual as, for the second time in as many starts on the Roodeye, he was drawn in stall 1 on his return there exactly a year to the day later. It led to an almost identical success, the sole difference being the margin of victory as he came clear by five lengths. Faced with tough tasks in Group 3 company and in the Royal Hunt Cup since, he is ideally suited by a mile on a turning track and is a very useful performer when granted his conditions.

The same can be said for **Soviet Rock**, who won three

times last year and resumed with two fine efforts on his first two starts this term, finishing third in the City and Suburban at Epsom in April before winning well at Lingfield Park the following month in customary game fashion. Off since a below-par effort on Oaks day, he is another with a preference for soft ground and there should be more to come from him when he reappears in the autumn.

Swan Song, the last foal of the great mare Lochsong, who sadly died this year at the grand old age of 26, has continued her progression this season, showing glimpses of her mother's extraordinary speed when winning at Chester in May. Fifth in the Dash at Epsom and in the Shergar Cup Dash, she is hopefully set for a successful second half of the season.

Daylight is another improving sprinter for whom the fitting of an eyeshield has seen huge progress made this term, with wins at Brighton and Lingfield Park under Oisín Murphy prior to two good efforts in defeat at Glorious Goodwood. He can progress further this season.

Debdebdeb was a wide-margin winner on her reappearance at Bath in May, she is now rated 90 and I hope that she might prove capable of picking up some black type in time. She was a fast finishing fourth in the Shergar Cup Stayers, having been given quite a bit to do by her Japanese jockey.



John Beasley

WHIPLASH WILLIE – after 988 days off the track with a triumphant return to win Salisbury's City Bowl under L.P. Keniry



HERE COMES WHEN puts in an impressive seasonal debut at Chester

Purcell started the season in style, winning twice over 7f at Lingfield Park, on the latter occasion benefitting from an easy time of it in front under a well-judged ride from Oisin Murphy. Unfortunately, the subsequent 7lbs rise has proved insurmountable in a couple of strong turf handicaps, but he has been freshened up since and should return with renewed vigour later this term.

Another at home on soft ground is **Desert Command**, who also won on his reappearance at Bath this year. He has run very creditably in defeat since and remains on a fair mark, off which he should be winning this term. The consistent **Angelic Upstart** won at Wolverhampton in April and fully deserved to get his head in front again. His fantastic win at Glorious Goodwood under Kieran Shoemark was a career best effort.

One that loves the fast ground is **Dandy**, who has won twice again this year and is rediscovering the form he showed as a juvenile, while **Perfect Mission** is also at home on a sound surface and provided the promising amateur Hugo Hunt with a first career winner when successful at Salisbury in June. An ideal conveyance for the younger, inexperienced jockeys in the yard, he remains on a very competitive mark and should find further success.

Last year's Group 1 Mackinnon Stakes hero and stable



SWAN SONG showed blistering speed to win at the Chester May meeting

star **Side Glance** has run some excellent races in defeat so far this year, filling fourth place in the Dubai World Cup for the second year in a row before taking in the International Cup in Singapore and the Queen Anne, prior to a very good third in Group 1 company at Monmouth Park in the USA on his latest outing.

He is set to return to the States for another crack at the Arlington Million, a race in which he finished third last



SIDE GLANCE continues to run well internationally

year. He will then head into quarantine for Australia and has various options over further. The Caulfield Cup is a possibility, which in turn could lead to the chance of a tilt at two miles!

His half-brother **Rawaki** offers real hope that the trip won't be an issue for Side Glance, as he has himself shown a strong level of form over 1m4f-1m6f this term, having previously finished close up over 2m at Ascot last year. In the first four on all four outings in Pattern company this term, Rawaki has been given a midsummer break but will return for an autumn campaign and he thoroughly deserves to win a nice prize.

Another stayer to note this autumn is **Ballinderry Boy**, who won impressively in an end of season handicap at Ascot last October and is better than he has shown in a couple of starts so far this term. The Cesarewitch is his main target, in which we may also run **Communicator**, who



ANGELIC UPSTART and Kieran Shoemark victorious at Glorious Goodwood

finished third in the Stayers' contest on AW Championship day, in the Chester Cup and most recently in the Shergar Cup Challenge.

There have been few more popular horses at Kingsclere in recent years than **Highland Knight** and, in what is his last season, it would mean a great deal to everyone involved with the horse if we could get another win on the board with him. A model of consistency, his latest run at Pontefract was out of character but he will now be sent home for a little break before returning for what will hopefully be a winning swansong.

Zanetto has yet to replicate his form of last year, which saw wins in a sales race and Listed company in the spring,

but his last two efforts have been steps in the right direction and he has become a potentially well-handicapped horse for the second half of the campaign.

Another yet to show his form of 2013 is **Highland Colori**, though his fantastic Ayr Gold Cup win remains fresh in the memory and he could yet find himself on a fair mark off which he could make a bold bid for back-to-back successes in that prestigious contest.

Things haven't worked out for **New Fforest** so far this term and she fluffed her lines at the start on her latest outing at Ascot, but she has hit form in the second half of the season in the past two years and her turn shouldn't be far away. That could also be the case for **Dungannon** and **Intransigent**, both of whom ran in Dubai in the spring but have shown their best form in the late summer and early autumn in recent years. The former is back down to the mark off which he won a valuable handicap at



Alan Wright

STORM FORCE TEN and a proud owner breeder with his only flat horse!

Doncaster last October, whilst Intransigent came back to his best, taking the Listed Queensferry Stakes on his latest outing at Chester.

Butterfly McQueen has been beaten a long way on two of her three starts this term, but they came on very testing ground and she showed she retains all her ability when running well behind subsequent top-level winner Thistle Bird in the Princess Elizabeth at Epsom on Oaks Day. She should find an opening in the coming months.

Breakheart and **Sea Soldier** will both be back in the autumn having suffered minor setbacks in May, while unfortunately **Modern Tutor** picked up a knock on his debut for the yard that will prevent him from reappearing until the autumn. He remains an exciting prospect.

Signposted and **Roserrow** showed a good level of form in defeat in the spring and early summer, but both have since been sold, the former to Hong Kong and the latter with a National Hunt career in mind.

THE THREE YEAR OLDS

A Royal Ascot winner was, as ever, one of our main targets for the season and, a year on from Chiberta King's success in the Queen Alexandra, we were all delighted to see **Born In Bombay** come out of the Britannia pack two furlongs from home. He showed tremendous spirit in keeping on strongly, lasting home by half a length to give David Probert his first Royal Ascot winner. That it came for George Strawbridge, who has been such a wonderful supporter of Kingsclere over many years, was very special and I was delighted that George was able to be there in person.

With only an All-Weather maiden win under his belt and on just his fourth career start, it was an outstanding performance by a very promising colt in what looked a typically hot renewal. A very good offer has since been made for him to race abroad and he is now set to join new connections in Hong Kong.

Storm Force Ten shed his maiden tag at the fifth time of asking with an authoritative front-running display on his first attempt beyond 1m2f at Kempton Park in April and followed that with a gritty win at Chester's May meeting. He has been given a break over the summer and, a son of Shirocco, he could go jumping in the autumn.

From Frost was very impressive in winning his first two career starts, both over 1m4f at Southwell, but he failed to run any sort of race when sent off favourite at

Doncaster in July for his first start on turf. A well-bred son of Nayef from the family of French Leger winner Montare, there is nothing to suggest he won't be able to match his All-Weather exploits on turf and hopefully he can make amends in due course.

Another to win his first two starts is **Der Meister**, whose narrow win in a 1m2 maiden at Yarmouth saw him allotted what looked a good mark on his handicap debut. Successful over 1m4f at Windsor on his only subsequent start, soft ground is important for him and he has had a break since with an autumn campaign in mind. Good ground is also required for **Montaly**, who has run five excellent races this season, winning on his reappearance, finishing second twice in handicap company and fifth in the Queens Vase. However most recently he won a good Haydock Handicap in very game fashion.

Man Of Harlech could also do with some juice in the ground, being a sizeable individual out of the useful, mud-loving racemare Ffestiniog. He has shown a very good level of form in three career starts to date and is a very exciting prospect.

Nabatean looked a useful prospect when coming clear to win his maiden at Lingfield Park in June under David Probert and I was very pleased with his run in a valuable handicap at Ascot on his next outing, finishing fifth from what was a poor draw. He is a good prospect, as is **Secret**



Gavin James, GJ Multimedia

DER MEISTER makes it two from two with victory at Windsor



MAN OF HARLECH wins his maiden in good style at Windsor

Hint, a daughter of Oasis Dream who displayed a nice turn of foot to win a Doncaster maiden on her second start, the form of which has since been franked by the 82-rated runner-up winning next time.

Belfilo is open to further progress over a trip, having won his maiden over 1m4f at Lingfield Park in March. He shouldn't be long in winning again, while **Gallic Destiny** looks on a very fair mark, having run a fine race in defeat on his first try at 1m6f last time behind a subsequent runaway winner.

Willy Brennan won over 6f on the fibresand at Southwell, but the manner in which he stretched clear suggested his optimum trip would prove to be over further. However, he hasn't appeared to get home in two subsequent starts and a drop in trip now beckons. That is also a possibility for Bath maiden winner **Mymatechris**, who will also be fitted with a tongue-tie on his next outing, having disappointed on his handicap bow at Newmarket.

Pool House won three times on the AW at the turn of the year before running a fine race to finish third in the AW Championships at Lingfield Park. Having been kept very busy, he has now had a break and will be back in the autumn.

Bishop of Ruscombe has recently returned to the track having suffered a setback after his ready win on Kempton Park's All-Weather in March. He should be making his mark in handicap company, with similar comments applying

to Bath maiden winner **Royal Warranty**, who also had a niggle that forced a short break over the summer. The useful **Zampa Manos** showed improved form at Kempton Park in the spring and he faced some very tough tasks in three subsequent starts on turf. He will be brought back for a polytrack campaign, which will also be the case for **Merry Me**, who is back in fast work after a couple of little problems since her win at Lingfield Park in May.

Alumina ran up an incredible sequence of six wins on the All-Weather over the winter, which saw her handicap mark rise 38lbs in just three months. Forced to step up significantly in grade, she failed to reach the frame in three subsequent starts and has since been retired to the paddocks.

The Kingsclere Racing Club has a good team of horses again this year and both **Spectator** and **Chesil Beach** have added wins this season. Spectator, a full brother to Side Glance, got off the mark over 1m2f on soft ground at Chepstow, but has since shown improved form for a step up in trip, winning over 1m6f on good to firm ground at Chester in July. While Chesil Beach is operating at a lower level, she did get her head in front at Lingfield Park in June and has since run very creditably in defeat over longer trips.

Comanchero has been a steady improver this year and, having won at Chepstow on his reappearance, he did well to defy a wide draw to land the spoils over an extended seven furlongs at Chester in July. He is a consistent individual who

can win again this year, as I hope will **Collaboration**, who also won on his reappearance, likes soft ground and has been freshened up since last seen in early June.

Sadly, we lost the promising Wonder Weapon to colic after two good runs on the polytrack at Kempton Park, while **Libeccio** has been sold since shedding his maiden tag at Brighton in July.

We had high hopes for **Scotland** this year and his work prior to his reappearance at the Greenham meeting had been excellent, but he failed to match up to expectations on that occasion and time has shown him to be more of a stayer and a very promising one at that. He ran a very good trial for the St Leger when finishing third in the Group 2 King Edward VII at Royal Ascot and lost little in defeat when finishing a close fifth in the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood. He looks open to improvement when he is stepped up in trip and I am looking forward to seeing how far he can go.

Impulsive Moment ran a cracking race in defeat to finish second in the Sandown Derby Trial to subsequent Derby sixth/Group 2 winner Western Hymn and it is a shame he couldn't produce his best in the Derby itself, finishing 11th. Unlucky not to go close in the Listed Glasgow Stakes at Hamilton last time, having been short of room at a crucial time, he also has a Leger entry, though plans are fluid at this stage.

End of Line was a very impressive winner of his sole start at two and there was plenty to like about his reappearance second at Sandown Park, after which we tilted for the French 2,000 Guineas. He ran with credit to finish ninth that day, but I was disappointed with his subsequent effort at Sandown Park when favourite for the Listed Heron Stakes. He has since been gelded and is another for whom we are desperate for rain!

It is hard to believe **Smiling Stranger** remains a maiden, but the son of Nayef has finished runner-up in three starts this term. Having been unsuited by the fast ground at Pontefract in June, he has been unlucky to bump into one in two Newbury maidens either side of that. He looks a well-handicapped horse off 85, which I also feel is the case with **High Drama**, who has had a holiday since her three runs in maidens in the early summer. A half-sister to Highland Knight, she is capable of much better.

Jonny Rae looked a nice prospect on his first outing at Newbury and, after a little break, he was just too keen when fourth at Lingfield Park in July. He picked up a knock there that will keep him off the track until the autumn and he is likely to be gelded in the interim. **Obstinate** has only recently returned from a break and the son of the excellent Fastnet Rock looks sure to get off the mark soon, having run three good races in maidens in the spring/summer.



Tony Knapton

ALUMINA was our star of the winter winning six races in a row!

Rizal Park and **Royal Preserve** both won their maidens last term but have had a little time on the sidelines since reappearing earlier in the season. They are both good individuals with the scope to progress. **Chinotto**, like Royal Preserve a son of Duke Of Marmalade, is another who has encountered a couple of setbacks since his last run in May, when he slipped up at Windsor. Having been gelded, he should be out in the coming weeks and he looks open to further progress.

Enliven, a beautifully-bred Dansili filly, looked desperately unlucky not to get home at Carlisle last time, having taken up the running going strongly only to be

Scoppio Del Carro is improving steadily and, having run three times over 1m2f this term, he looks ready for a further step up in trip. **Mime Dance** looked to be down to a competitive mark and so it proved when he recorded a deserved victory at Brighton last time

Hannington was beginning to shape up at home and duly won his maiden at Nottingham on his second start and hopefully will progress further. **Knockroon** is a bit of an enigma but there is plenty of ability there and I hope it can be unlocked in the coming weeks, with a drop back in trip to the minimum next for him. It had been frustrating to see **Roskilly** finish in the first three on four of seven



Alan Wright

SPECTATOR relishes the soft ground to win at Chepstow under David Probert

caught close home. She has a lot of speed and should not be long in winning her maiden. **Micras**, also bred and owned by Her Majesty The Queen, was a good third on her handicap debut over 1m2f at Doncaster in June and there are races to be won with her this term.

Elbereth shaped with a huge amount of promise on her debut at Kempton Park in July and duly followed up with a win at the same track last time. **Every Time**, from the outstanding family of Time Charter, was disappointing last time but had previously shown plenty and I hope she can return from a break with a win. **Cape Victoria**, a daughter of the useful race mare Victoria Montoya, herself a half-sister to Passing Glance, is a scopey filly and she showed up well on her debut at Chepstow, running green but keeping on well in the closing stages.

starts, so we were delighted when he got his head in front at Chester last time.

Wylve is a lovely Dalakhani filly and had plenty of subsequent winners behind when taking her maiden at the first time of asking in heavy ground at Newbury last October. She got jarred up on her return at Windsor in April but will be back in the autumn and is one to watch out for, while I am confident **Stybba's** turn will come soon, having finished in the frame in two handicap starts prior to a below-par run on unsuitably fast ground last time.

The Sky Sports filly **On Demand** had a couple of near misses over the winter but is back in and she can open her account soon. **Bikini Island** is better than she showed on her debut at Salisbury in June, having picked up a knock there. She will be back in the autumn and could go for a

polytrack maiden, which is where we are likely to head with **Darting**, who ran well on her sole start on the surface at Kempton Park in April and is down to a fair mark off which she should be able to go close.

I am also confident **Grace And Favour's** turn is not far off, though in contrast to those above, she will be back on turf next time, having disappointed on her handicap debut/All-Weather bow at Lingfield Park last time.

It perhaps wasn't the finest piece of race planning to take on the subsequent Oaks and King George winner Taghrooda with **Casual Smile** at Newmarket last year, but in my defence that incredible filly was making her

extremely useful in a winning debut at Epsom under Thomas Brown. He handled the sound surface and idiosyncrasies of the track with aplomb.

Dance Of Fire showed huge promise on his debut at Sandown Park. Out of a half-sister to the dam of Jeff Smith's French Group 2 winner Norse King (also by Norse Dancer), he is an exciting colt with a good future. That also applies to **Elm Park**, who ran a race full of promise to finish third at Sandown Park on his debut in what looked a good maiden.

Kinematic ran very well to finish second at Newmarket in May and time has told she had an impossible task on her



Johnny Hathaway

COMANCHERO wins in determined fashion under Oisin Murphy

racecourse debut! Casual Smile was unable to build on that form in two starts this term, the first of them when sent off favourite for the Lingfield Oaks Trial, but she has now returned to America and will be raced there for a new yard at Belmont Park.

We have yet to really get underway with the two year olds, though our first juvenile winner of the season came last month courtesy of Guiding Light. An attractive Acclamation colt, he improved on his debut at Newmarket with a professional display, winning over six furlongs at Chepstow under Jimmy Fortune. He should get further and is a nice prospect.

The same can be said of **Make It Up** who looked

only subsequent outing at Sandown Park in June, where she finished third to the impressive July and Richmond Stakes winner Ivawood. She has shown more than enough to suggest she will be winning races, while I was also very pleased with **Berkshire Beauty's** run at Sandown last time. She can step up further next time.

I was quite satisfied with **Cosmic Ray's** debut at Lingfield Park, where he was very green in what looked a decent contest. He showed enough to suggest he can go very close next time. **Red Rubles** ran really well in two competitive maidens in June but failed to handle the track at Epsom last time. He has since been gelded and will have a break before returning in the autumn. ■

THE 2014 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

**These are the scores up to and including July 31st.
Of course there have been more winners and placed horses since
and the two year olds have yet to get going.
Plenty of time for slow starters to climb the table.**

1. Friend, Stuart	112		
2. Venter, Theo	112		
3. Burns, Danny (B)	108		
4. Dr & Mrs O'Brien (C)	108		
5. Hoskins, Sam	104	31. Payton, Michael	79
6. Richardson, John (B)	103	31. Stud, Woburn	79
6. Simpson, Felicity	103	35. Balding, Jono, Toby & Flora	78
8. Cheshire, Angie (D)	101	35. Balding, Andrew	78
9. Vees, Jan	95	35. Gale, John	78
10. Ford Fuels (B)	93	35. Palmer, Bill	78
11. Chinner	92	39. De Paiva, Ben (A)	77
12. Powell, D.F (A)	91	39. Mackinnon, Roger	77
12. Ford Fuels (C)	91	39. Watson, Sue	77
13. Cheshire, Nathan	90	42. Brister, Colin	76
15. King, Charlie	89	42. Plummer, Ann	76
15. Mackinnon, Bridget	89	42. Richardson, John (C)	76
17. Dr & Mrs O'Brien (D)	88	42. Tregaskey, G.M	76
18. Box, Peter	87	46. Bullion, Barbara	75
18. Powell, D.F (B)	87	46. McPhee, Stuart	75
18. Spickett, Paul (A)	87	48. Arnold, Alice	74
21. Boyce, Mr ID (A)	86	48. Dr & Mrs O'Brien (B)	74
21. Dillon, Batt	86	48. Dr & Mrs O'Brien (E)	74
23. Brown, D	83	51. Kingsclere Stud	73
23. Gay, Joshua	83	52. Doherty, T	72
23. Hall, David (B)	83	52. Smith, Jeff	72
23. Hodgkins, Adrian	83	52. Woolley, Sharon	72
27. Dangar, Richard	81	52. Garnet & Andy (A)	72
27. Lumley, Peter	81	56. Cheshire, Angie (C)	71
27. Lumley, Sue	81	57. Balding, Clare	70
27. Measures, Derek	81	57. Paris, Rex (A)	70
31. Hunt, Kevin	79	57. Webb, David	70
31. Hunt, Kenneth	79	60. Gay, David	69
		60. Wellman, John	69
		62. Hutchinson, Mark	68
		62. Oury, Gerald	68
		62. Palmer, Clare	68
		65. Burns, Danny (A)	67
		65. De Paiva, Ben (B)	67
		67. Felton, Peter	66
		67. Jakes, M	66
		69. Balding, Ian	65
		69. Burns, Will	65
		69. Oates, Des	65
		69. Woolley, Steve	65
		73. Burdett, Adam	64
		73. Hall, David (A)	64
		73. Jordon, Leigh	64
		73. Mariscotti, Mick	64
		73. Read, Teresa	64
		73. Garnet & Andy (B)	64
		79. McPhee, Angus	62
		79. Dr & Mrs O'Brien (A)	62
		79. Rafferty, Gerry (B)	62
		82. Fowler-Watt, D.G	61
		82. Hoof-Hearted, Mr & Mrs	61
		82. Thio, Lynn	61
		85. Chivers & Derbyshire (A)	60
		86. Coles, Michael	59
		86. Conroy, Gloria	59
		86. Green, Marion	59

86. Rafferty, April	59	117. Paris, Rex (B)	51	150. Gee, Simon	41
90. Gosling, Caroline	58	117. Weedy, Kathryn	51	150. Rae Smith, Alan	41
90. Measures, Derek (B)	58	122. Balding, Emma	50	153. Finlay, Rosemary	40
90. Swallow, Bruce	58	122. Burns, Richard	50	154. Hetherington, Tessa	39
93. De Paiva, Ben (C)	57	122. Gay, Sue	50	154. Horne, Ray	39
94. Elsesser, Martha	56	122. King, Gail	50	154. Ker, Jeremy	39
94. Holmes, Rachael	56	126. Cousins, Rose	49	154. Knight, John	39
94. Ford Fuels (D)	56	126. Plumbly, Helen	49	154. Ford Fuels (A)	39
97. Arnold, Pamela	55	126. Chivers & Derbyshire (B)	49	159. Lucy, Tom & Robert	38
97. Broughton, B	55	126. Stratton, Larry	49	159. Register, Layton	38
97. Cadbury & Mackinnon	55	126. Jamie, Daisy & Ella	49	159. Slade, Martin	38
97. Rendell, Phil	55	131. Broughton, T	48	162. Donovan, Brian (B)	37
97. Richardson, John (A)	55	131. Kent, Emily	48	163. Palmer, Anne	35
102. Boyce, Mr ID (B)	54	131. Plumbly, Simon	48	163. Robinson-Gay, Maggie	35
102. Brister, Mary	54	131. Read, Ian	48	165. Fox, Philip	34
102. Cheshire, Angie (B)	54	131. Sewar, Graham	48	165. Hutchinson, Fiona	34
102. Gordon, Susie (A)	54	131. Spickett, Paul (B)	48	167. Balding, Mack	33
102. Newbery, Karen	54	137. Burns, Sarah	47	168. Coventry, Bryan	32
102. Paris, Rex (C)	54	137. Conroy, Carl	47	168. Michaelson, Bob	32
102. Stansby, Clive	54	137. Donovan, Brian (A)	47	170. Burns, Lynne	29
102. Trussel, Steve	54	140. Gardiner, Andrew	46	170. Jones, Cherry	29
110. Mariscotti, Janice	53	140. Michaelson, Sooty	46	172. Arlington, Jenny	27
110. Routledge, Hugh	53	140. Slade, Valerie	46	173. Gordon, Susie (B)	25
112. Aeberhard, Werner	52	143. Bishop, Trevor	45	173. Reditt, Mrs P	25
112. Balding, Boris	52	143. Evans, Richard	45	175. Reardon Smith, Julia	24
112. Beasant, Pete	52	143. Watson, William	45	176. Whitehall, A	19
112. Derbyshire, Mrs D	52	146. Fearn, Paddy	44	177. Scutt, Kevin	16
112. Rafferty, Gerry (A)	52	146. Thompson, Linda	44	178. Hyde, M	14
117. Blaydon, Paul	51	148. Cheshire, Angie (A)	43	179. Lane, Angela	7
117. Gardiner, Carolyn	51	149. A'Court, Peter	42		
117. Jones, Nicholas	51	150. Gee, Mary	41		

SELECTION OF THE LEADERS

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COLLABORATION	6	BALLINDERRY BOY	0	DER MEISTER	20	DEBDEBDEB	16
END OF LINE	11	COMANCHERO	31	GALLIC DESTINY	26	DER MEISTER	20
GALLIC DESTINY	26	DESERT COMMAND	17	JONNY RAE	1	END OF LINE	11
PURCELL	10	END OF LINE	11	MYMATECHRIS	11	HIGHLAND COLORI	2
ROYAL PRESERVE	8	MERRY ME	11	NABATEAN	16	SMILING STRANGER	22
SMILING STRANGER	22	MONTALY	22	OBSTINATE	2	TULLIUS	21
VAN PERCY	20	STYBBA	10	SMILING STRANGER	22	WONDER WEAPON	6
EQUITANUS	0	BRANDON CASTLE	0	BERKSHIRE HONEY	0	GUIDING LIGHT	10
HAVISHAM	0	FAST APPROACH	0	DOCTOR BONG	0	HAVISHAM	0
RED RUBLES	9	MAKE IT UP	10	FAST APPROACH	0	MR QUICKSILVER	0
SCARLET MINSTREL	0	SCOTTISH	0	MAKE IT UP	10	PARADISE BIRD	0
SNOOZING INDIAN	0	SNOOZING INDIAN	0	OPTIMYSTIC	0	SNOOZING INDIAN	0

Side Glance the Globetrotter

By Tessa Hetherington

If you are a very frequent flyer with British Airways, you become a 'Gold' member of the airline's executive club. Membership provides access to the most luxurious lounges, extra baggage allowances, free pre-flight spa treatments, cabin upgrades, discounted rates at top hotels, and the opportunity to share these benefits with family and friends.

As far as I'm aware there is no equine equivalent of BA's executive club but, if there were, you can be sure that Side Glance would be one of its most valued gold cardholders. Over the past few years he has joined a select band of international globetrotters, horses that do most of their racing on distant shores.

Now a still-sprightly 7 year old and with his travelling days not yet over, 'Sidey', as he is affectionately known, has at the time of writing clocked up over 63,000 air miles on his way to and from assignments in Canada, the USA, Dubai, Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia. He has finished in the first four in no less than six Group 1 races and has picked up a staggering £1,273,076.16 in internationally-won prize money. (The 16p was, one hopes, spent on polos).

Side Glance is Kingsclere born and bred, but his aptitude for international racing was first shown at the relatively tender age of 4, when he was sent by his trainer to Canada to contest the Woodbine Mile, his first run in Group 1 company. He finished 4th to the Charlie Lopresti-trained Turallure, beaten only 1¼ lengths.

As a 5 year old, Sidey stayed home, winning the G3 Diomed Stakes on Oaks day at Epsom, finishing a gallant third to Frankel in the Queen Anne, and placing 3 further times at Group level. This consistency made him an ideal candidate for a more concerted international campaign, which began in Dubai in March 2013. Having finished an encouraging 4th in the Group 1 Jebel Hatta on Meydan's "Super Saturday", it was initially anticipated that the Park House flagship would contest the Dubai Duty Free on World Cup night, which is run over the same 9 furlongs of Meydan's turf course as the Jebel Hatta. This would, however, have led to a direct clash with another of Sheikh Fahad's turf



Air Miles a plenty with Side Glance's travels charted

milers, Trade Storm, and so it was decided that Side Glance should instead have a tilt at the world's richest horse race, the Dubai World Cup. Run over 10 furlongs and on the artificial tapeta track, this presented new challenges in both trip and surface, and although Sidey had been training well on the tapeta in Dubai, he wasn't certain to stay 10 furlongs on pedigree or running style. He is, however, as game as they come, and ultimately the move proved to be inspired. Side Glance ran an absolute cracker to finish 4th behind Animal Kingdom, easily staying the distance and netting his connections a cool \$500,000 in prize money in the process.

After a brief stint back at home and a run in the Prince of Wales Stakes at Royal Ascot behind Al Kazeem, Sidey and his work rider and best mate Leanne were off again, this time to Chicago for the Group 1 Arlington Million, again over 10 furlongs and on a firm turf track. Once again Sidey ran a great race, finishing third behind American horse Real Solution and South African-trained The Apache.

Side Glance's passport now had stamps from North America and the Middle East, but his growing travel scrapbook was missing mementoes from Australasia and the Far East. That was soon remedied and in September 2013 he entered quarantine in Newmarket before flying to Australia and the Werribee International Horse Centre in Victoria, his home for the next few months.

His first run "down under" was in the Group 1 Cox Plate, one of Australia's most famous races, run over 10 furlongs at Moonee Valley. Having adapted



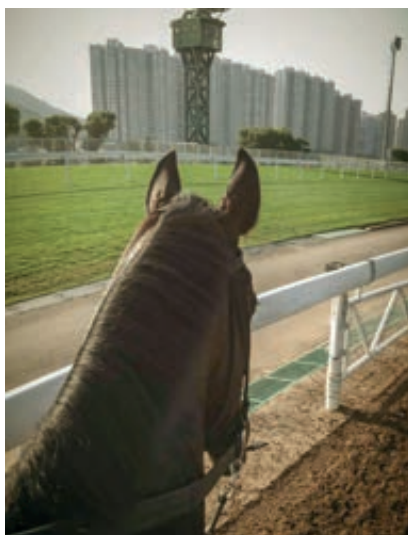
Hong Kong with regular rider Jamie Spencer

brilliantly to his new surroundings, Sidey set off rather too exuberantly and paid the price in the latter stages of the race, finishing 6th of 14. As a consequence he remained rather under the radar of the Australian press in the build up to the Spring Carnival at Flemington. Given his consistency and the fact that 5 of the 8 horses behind him at Moonee Valley were Group 1 winners, this was something of an oversight, and one that was illuminated just a week later when he stormed home under a brilliant front-running ride to land the Group 1 he so deserved, in the Mackinnon Stakes. He went off at odds of 11/1 but would probably have been an even bigger price had he not been such a stand-out in the paddock – a testament to Leanne’s care.

From Australia Sidey and his sidekick flew to Hong Kong for a sojourn among the skyscrapers at Sha Tin racecourse. Taking on a field of twelve in the Hong Kong Cup including local superstars Military Attack and Akeed Mofeed and the French warhorse Cirrus des Aigles, Side Glance finished a very respectable 5th, beaten only 1 ½ lengths.

Like many jetsetters, Side Glance returned home for Christmas with the family, enjoying a bit of downtime in a field at Chris Bonner’s with his mate Chiberta King before packing his bags for a return to Dubai. After a prep run in the Al Maktoum Challenge he lined up once again for the Dubai World Cup, at odds of 33/1 and largely ignored by press and pundits despite the previous year’s result. Once again he showed that he should never be discounted on the international stage, running on well to record another 4th placing (and another \$500,000). He was beaten 7¾ lengths by runaway winner African Story but his draw and the pattern of the race meant that he ran 19 metres further, which equates to exactly that margin...

Still, there was not much time for Sidey to stand around in Ormonde yard reflecting on what might have been, as he was soon back in the air, this time on



Hong Kong – skyscrapers and dim sum



Singapore – high humidity



Arlington – Chicago USA

his way to Singapore for the Singapore Airlines International Cup. Held up in last position until the final 2 furlongs, he couldn’t quite close in on the leaders but stayed on well to finish 5th.

After returning to home soil for his annual trip to Royal Ascot, Side Glance’s latest international posting was to Monmouth in New Jersey, for the aptly named United Nations Stakes. This step up to 1 mile 3 furlongs was relished by our valiant voyager, who finished 3rd behind Main Sequence, a recent import to US trainer Graham Motion from the yard of David Lanigan.

What makes Side Glance such a good horse in foreign contests? In addition to his genuineness and consistency, he goes well on the firmer surfaces most often encountered abroad, and copes brilliantly with big occasions. He seems to love the individual attention he gets from his devoted groom and adapts quickly to new lodgings, entertaining the rest of the barn with his ‘beat-boxing’ and funny faces. His striking looks and big personality mean that he has something of a cult following among the photographers who cover international meetings, and also amongst my fellow Darley Flying Start trainees, as he has followed us around the world for the past two years – a welcome familiar face at each of our ports of call.

Side Glance is now back at Park House following another holiday at Bonner’s - most people go abroad for a holiday, but Sidey comes home. He looks in tiptop condition ahead of his next jaunt, back to Chicago for another crack at the Arlington Million. After that he may head back to Australia - the world is, as they say, his oyster. And if British Airways ever do open up their executive club to equine travellers, you can bet he’ll be there, kicking back with Red Cadeaux in the VIP lounge, enjoying a free massage with Mull of Killough in the spa, letting Leanne use his baggage allowance, and occasionally taking his brothers Rawaki and Spectator along for the ride. ■

MY TRIP TO DUBAI – JONNO BALDING

Jonno was lucky enough to go out to Dubai to see Side Glance running in the Dubai World Cup this year. Here, he tells us a little about his experience:

I went to Dubai on the plane with Mummy. We arrived on the Wednesday before the race, and it was pouring with rain and very cold, but luckily the weather got better! We went to our hotel, The Meydan, and unpacked. Our room had a TV in the bathroom and a mini fridge – it was so cool. I had my own bed next to the window and I could see the finishing line on the racecourse from my bed.

On the first afternoon we went to the stables to see my good friend Side Glance. He seemed really pleased to see me and he looked very well. His coat was gleaming and he had a lovely stable.



Jonno helps Leanne after the morning workout

Whilst I was in Dubai I helped Leanne look after Side Glance. I loved doing the feeding but I had to put a glove on because it was so sticky. Early in the morning I would give Side Glance his carrot stretches. This included putting carrots under his legs and getting him to stretch to eat them. After his gallop each morning I helped wash him down.

Saturday was the day of the big race and Daddy came! He kept talking to Mummy about how much his plane trip had cost... Soon it was the night we had all been waiting for, and Sidey ran a great race and finished 4th.

This was a holiday I will never forget. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club – the season so far

It has been a tremendously enjoyable 2014 so far for members of the Kingsclere Racing Club, which is fully subscribed once again this year.

Side Glance's brother Spectator has led the way in terms of wins, shedding his maiden tag at Chepstow and adding to that victory with a hard-fought success at Chester under a good ride from Oisin Murphy.

Chesil Beach got her head in front at Lingfield Park and has continued to run very well in defeat since and we are all looking forward to the autumn campaigns ahead for

the high-class pair Intransigent and Rawaki. The former gave us a brilliant day out at Royal Ascot when a good seventh in the Buckingham Palace Stakes, before a well deserved Listed victory at Chester last time. While the latter has been placed in four outings in Listed/Group company.

There has also been immense promise shown by some of the younger Club horses, including Victoria Montoya's daughter Cape Victoria and two sons of Lady Brora, Jonny Rae and the Phoenix Reach two year old Elm Park, who looks a most exciting prospect.

The weather has stayed on our side throughout the season for our monthly gallop mornings at Park House, while the recent KRC dinner at Park House was very well-attended by Club members and a really fun occasion. With plenty still to look forward to both on and off the racecourse, hopefully we are set for an enjoyable and successful second half of the season.

If you are interested in finding out more about the KRC or to join the waiting list for 2015, please contact Club Manager Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435 or by email, krc@kingsclere.com.



Johnny Hathaway

Chad, Jon Rae and David Probert

A DAY IN THE LIFE – OISIN MURPHY

Oisin arrived in Kingsclere on 29 October 2012 from Ireland, where he had worked for trainers Jim Culloty (his uncle), Tommy Stack and Aidan O'Brien. His race-riding career began inauspiciously at a gloomy Chepstow evening meeting on 14 May 2013, when he finished tailed-off in the rain on a 50-1 shot (not a Park House inhabitant, we hasten to add...). Luckily, things soon started looking up, and he rode his first winner on Imperial Glance at Salisbury just over a month later. Since then his scaling of the riding ranks has been rapid, and on 4 July, just 402 days after his first ride under rules, Oisin lost his claim, riding his 95th winner at Sandown.

Within those 402 days, particular landmarks have been a historic 9,260/1 four-timer at Ayr in September last year (spearheaded by the victory of Kingsclere stalwart Highland Colori in the Ayr Gold Cup), a successful winter notching up 13 wins in Australia, a first Group victory on Hot Streak in the Temple Stakes, and a first ride in the Derby on Red Galileo.

Kingsclere has played a key role in Oisin's experience to date and in his success, with 26 of those 95 wins scored on horses trained by Andrew. Here, we find out what an average day holds for the yard's latest protegee.

Since I lost my claim I've moved in with my great aunt in Bradfield, but I still ride out at Park House 3 to 4 days a week. On the other days I ride out in Newmarket, usually for Ed Dunlop or David Simcock. If I'm in Newmarket I stay



Hugh Routledge

with Marc Monaghan, a mate of mine from Ireland who is apprenticed to Marco Botti. In Newmarket I'm up at 5:30, but on Kingsclere mornings I get to stay in bed until 6:30 – a lie-in!

The first thing I do when I get up is get on the scales, to see how much weight I need to lose for that afternoon's racing. It takes me about 25 minutes to get to Andrew's and I usually have time to ride two lots before I need to head off for racing. I ride a lot of different horses in the mornings but my favourite is probably New Fforest, the Oasis Dream filly owned by Elite Racing Club.

I generally don't eat breakfast so I head home after second lot and get changed – I may need to sweat in the bath a bit first. I'm completely addicted to the racing admin website – I check it at 10:30 once the declarations are out to see if there are any spare rides going, and again at 1pm once the entries are in. I speak to my agent, Sara Metcalfe, at each stage to discuss plans.

I generally drive myself to and from the races, which is probably for the best as if things don't go well I'm in such bad humour on the way home I'd be terrible company. Like many jockeys, I spend a lot of time on the road – my car has done 23,000 miles since the start of the season!

Once I arrive at the races the first thing I do is to get undressed and onto the scales again, to see if I've any more weight to lose. What I can eat depends on the scales, but my favourite food at the racecourse is chicken nuggets. I'm also a big fan of the caramel hot chocolate from Costa Coffee, which I find is improved by the addition of about six sugars. I'll use some of the time before racing starts to go through the cards and check any non-runners etc. In the weighing room I generally sit beside Silvestre de Sousa, and Kieren Fallon is really helpful if I need any advice.

At this time of year there is evening racing most nights, so I'm often not home until 9:30pm or later. I'll speak to Sara on the way home to discuss the day's rides, and I'll watch the replays of them all when I get home. I also watch race replays of my horses for the next day so I'm as prepared as possible for each race. Then it's time for bed before the cycle begins again.

When things are quieter and I can have a bit of a holiday I generally go back to Ireland and eat a lot! Whilst I'm there I ride out for my uncle Jim and try to tell him how to train his horses. He's been doing pretty well so I think he must be listening... ■



Dan Abraham

Oisin and Andrew in the Colour Room at Kingsclere

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

It was a great honour to be invited to entertain the President of Ireland and his wife during their State visit to England in April.

Acknowledging the integral part that Ireland and Irish people play within the racing industry globally, President Higgins was keen to see behind the scenes of an English racing yard, and Her Majesty the Queen kindly suggested a visit to Park House as part of his itinerary.

A tour of the yard was followed by a trip to the Downs to admire the view from the gallops. As a lover of literature and poetry, the President was particularly keen to see the landscape that inspired Richard Adams to write 'Watership Down'.



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President and Mrs Higgins with Eugene Cullen and Omar Khayyam

We were fortunate to be blessed with wonderful weather for the President's visit and his enthusiasm and charm made it a very happy occasion for all involved.

GOLF DAY



The annual Park House Golf Day will be held on Tuesday 9th September, at Sandford Springs Golf Club in Kingsclere.

Tee Off from 10am.

Price per person: £50
(KRC members go free)

Price includes coffee and a bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes followed by lunch.

Please email Anna Lisa
(annalisa@kingsclere.com)
if you would like to take part
– all welcome!

COMING UP: SALES SEASON

The yearling sales season will be upon us before we know it, and the Park House team will be heading out looking for stars of the future. Purchases in recent years have included Listed winners Havana Beat, Zanetto and Goldoni, together with multiple winners Signposted, Pool House, Collaboration, You Da One, Mysterious Man and Expense Claim.

This year the plan is for Emma to attend Doncaster (26–28 August) and Fairyhouse (23–25 September) whilst Andrew will attend Goffs Orby Sale (30 Sept–1 Oct) and the whole team will be at Tattersalls for Books 1, 2 and 3 (7–17 October).

If you are interested in purchasing yearlings at the sales, please contact Andrew (ab@kingsclere.com).

IAB's 50 Years at Kingsclere

50 years is a long time in anyone's lifetime so it was only fair that we celebrated I.A.B's half century at Kingsclere in style. A lunch party to entertain those who have contributed so much during this period was the most fitting way to recognize this landmark and it was lovely to welcome so many old friends back to Park House.

Whilst we were reasonably impressed by I.A.B.'s longevity at Kingsclere, Her Majesty The Queen was quick to point out that she has been an owner here for even longer and it was unfortunate that we picked one of the busiest times of June and she was unable to come. Never one to be outscored, William Huntingdon was keen for everyone to know that he has been here longer than anyone!





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