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CASUAL LOOK

Front cover: GREY SHOT with the trainers

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# INTRODUCTION

The 2002 season has ended with Kingsclere trained horses registering 64 domestic wins on the flat, which is the most I have had in 38 years of training. Although it is not the best year in terms of prize money won nor is the highest number of total winners in one season, it is immensely gratifying to finish my training career on a high note.

It was also satisfying to enjoy a season that for the large part was a very healthy one, whether this was due to our change in vaccination policy or to other factors. With the exception of possibly October, it remained a year in which the horses seemed to run consistently to a high level of form.

I am particularly excited that Andrew will start his first season with a full yard and some high quality horses. In Rimrod, Casual Look and Speed Cop we have three potentially top class three year olds. There is strength in depth amongst the older horses and with no fewer than forty-eight yearlings we have the largest intake of juveniles that I can remember.

The regime at Kingsclere for 2003 will be similar to the one we had in place for the 1999 season. Andrew and I will work closely together on the training programmes and racing plans of every horse, communication with owners and all other aspects of running the yard. As ever Emma will play a major role in the running of the business and for that matter all other aspects of the day to day running of Kingsclere.

Lindy will provide us with all the support and assistance in the office and no doubt continue to ensure some level of efficiency amidst the hectic whirlwind of the flat season. Michael Patrick assisted by Dylan Holley will run the Ormonde and Flying Fox yards and Simon Burgoyne will head the Mill Reef, Selkirk and Tagula yard team with Keith Bettridge.

**Whilst the public face of Kingsclere may have changed, the old team is still very much in place. We have much to look forward to in 2003, starting with an exciting group of National Hunt horses for this winter! ■ I.A.B.**



# FLAT SEASON 2002

## JANUARY

Having approached the New year with a great deal of hope for the coming season it was nice to get off to a flying start with no fewer than seven winners in the very first month of the year. **Moor Lane** jumped to the forefront of the Grand National betting markets with impressive wins at Newbury and in the £65,000 Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster.

On the all weather, the new 'Polytrack' surface at Lingfield was receiving rave reviews and in a month of heavy rain we were more than happy to support this excellent new innovation. **Back Pass** opened the score for our flat team narrowly winning a maiden thanks to a fine ride from Martin Dwyer; she was promptly retired and headed down under for a date with Danehill. **Palawan** won twice and was second once in a busy month; the five-furlong speedster seems to relish the surface and under Neil Chalmers it looks like the winning streak may yet continue. Also at Lingfield, **Yalla Lara** is impressive when justifying favouritism to break her maiden, whilst Dubai Thoroughbred Racing's other horse **Dubaian Gift** also gets off the mark at Southwell.

## FEBRUARY

At the umpteenth time of asking **Palua** finally records the first win of his career. Having his first start since finishing second to **Distant Prospect** in the Cesarewitch, he shows a clean set of hooves to fourteen rivals in the 15 furlong maiden at Lingfield.

Dubai Thoroughbred Racing's rich vein of form continues as both **Yalla Lara** and **Dubaian Gift** follow up last month's successes with further wins and **Palawan** notches a couple more creditable placed efforts.

**Grey Shot's** long and distinguished racing career comes to an end at Wincanton after he takes a heavy fall in the Wessex Handicap Chase. Happily he is none the worse, but owner Jeremy Hitchins decides that enough is enough and the grey is to start his new career as the senior trainer's hack with almost immediate effect. During eight seasons of racing Grey Shot raced in England, Germany, France and Australia managing to win races on the flat, over hurdles and over fences. He was successful in 13 of his 44 starts and counted the Goodwood Cup, Jockey Club Cup and Kingwell hurdle amongst his biggest victories.

## MARCH

It is a miserable month for Kingsclere horses from start to finish. **Moor Lane** runs slightly below par when finishing second at Newbury. He does not appear to travel with any

fluency and his run raises more questions than answers. It is decided however, that he shall now go straight to Aintree for the National. The Cheltenham Festival does not open well for us with **Duchamp** taking a heavy fall in the Kim Muir; although the horse is unhurt, his amateur rider P.J. Colville is admitted to hospital with a suspected broken shoulder. More bad news on the Wednesday as **Master George** pulls up in the Sun Alliance Hurdle with a suspected broken blood vessel. To add insult to injury Galileo, the horse that had beaten him on his previous start at Kempton, wins the race by a country mile. **Logician** lifts spirits somewhat on the Thursday with a bold show of front running and spectacular jumping as he makes the best of his way home in the Grand Annual Chase. He is collared by the winner approaching the second last, but plugs on to be a gallant fourth giving all his connections (who include his former trainer Tony Noonan), a huge thrill and a great day out. The opening of the Turf season at Doncaster is as damp as the weather, both **Tarawan** and **Palua** are lost in gloom and the mud.

## APRIL

It is a month of mixed fortunes that starts on a high as **Border Arrow** wins the Magnolia Stakes at Kempton for the second year running. Grand National fever has engulfed Kingsclere with both our entries **Moor Lane** and **Logician** in terrific form. However it is a case of last minute disappointment as Moor Lane narrowly fails to make the cut for the big race and has to run instead in the Topham Chase. He is never really in the hunt over an inadequate 2 miles 5 furlongs but jumps well on his first attempt at the big fences. **Takaroa** is an easy winner at Folkestone on the same day, he wins the



BORDER ARROW

7 furlong Classified race by a distance. Sadly it will not count, as K. Fallon does not notice the recall man frantically waving his flag signalling a false start, after half of the stalls had failed to open! The prospect of fast ground gives hope for some optimism that **Logician** may have a good outsiders chance in the Grand National; sadly he is one of eight casualties in the first fence melee. He is quickly to his feet but there is neither sight nor sound of him for over twenty minutes after the race has finished; rumour has it that he was busy gate-crashing picnics in the Canal Turn car park. The flat horses are continuing to run to form with **Seignosse** winning under Neil Chalmers at Ripon before running away with a competitive handicap at Epsom. **Palawan** records his third win of the year at Folkestone, but it is his first for two seasons on the grass and a first of the season for Liam Keniry. **Bold Raider** returns to his happy hunting ground at Windsor winning under a strong ride from Kevin Darley.

## MAY

May Day is a cracker, **Marabello** runs out of his skin to finish third on his debut in the best two year old race of the season so far. **Bourgainville** wins the conditions race at Ascot and **Vanderlin** wins at Pontefract; **Tarawan** narrowly fails to make it a treble on the day as he is denied by a short head in a thriller under Leanne Masterton in the apprentice race.

Vanderlin is in for a busy time; he follows up his Ponty win scoring again at Salisbury and then runs a fine second to Feet So Fast in a £50,000 Handicap at Lingfield. **Highland Shot**, **Clipperton** and **The Fisio** all get off the mark but **Rimrod**'s racecourse debut is a bitter disappointment, Martin Dwyer all but pulls him up after he is struck into shortly after the start.

The Goodwood May Meeting is a triumph with a winner on each day; **Passing Glance** and **Dumaran** both win £50,000 added handicaps and **Western Fling** creates a good impression when he wins the six-furlong maiden first



PASSING GLANCE



TRAVELLING BAND

time out. **Pentecost** manages to get beaten at odds on in a three-runner race at Ayr- when will he ever win a race?

## JUNE

A wicked blow to everyone as **Seignosse** is humanely destroyed after breaking a hind leg in the feature race at Musselburgh; it is particularly cruel for his owners The Pink Hat Partnership and his lad Melvin Rhodes. **Dark Charm** turns from sinner to saint, having refused to load the horse-box for an intended engagement at Southwell, he makes no mistakes the very next day and bolts up at Newbury. **Travelling Band** makes light of a near two year absence from the track when winning at Chepstow, **Highland Shot** and **The Fisio** both win for the second time this year. **Dumaran** wins the big seven furlong handicap at the Derby meeting and **Golden Chalice** records a first win for Andrew Christou's Holistic Racing at Goodwood, after a frustrating run of four consecutive seconds. Royal Ascot opens with disappointment with a below par effort from **Western Fling** in the Coventry but, **Emerald Fire** runs a blinder to win 'her side' in the Balmoral Handicap. **Speed Cop** also performs with great credit to take fourth behind Romantic Liason in the Queen Mary, as does **Distant Prospect** under a big weight in the Ascot Stakes. Three Kingsclere runners line up for the Britannia Stakes, **Passing Glance** and **Dark Charm** are beaten by the two furlong marker, but **Pentecost** finishes strongly under the stands rail to collar the strongly fancied Ghannam. At 25/1 he is one of the longest priced winners of the meeting providing Liam Keniry and the Hitchins family with their first Royal Ascot success. **Grey Shot** who had been going so well as the trainer's hack made a comeback in the Queen Alexandra Stakes, he was quickly retired after it became obvious that he no longer goes as well for jockeys as he does for retiring



PENTECOST winning Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot

trainers! **Dark Charm** shows no ill effects at the end of an active month and wins at Lingfield as does **Swashbuckler** in the colours of the late and much missed Gill Allen. **Lochridge** and **Clipperton** both win races at Salisbury in spite of the fact that both horses would appreciate more give in the ground and **Travelling Band** makes it a treble on the day in the Carlisle Bell.

## JULY

Roger Parry is keen that **Voice Mail** should run at Kempton if there is a suitable race as his company is sponsoring the card. There is a suitable race and Voice Mail duly starts favourite, mainly due to the weighty support of his owner's clients and friends. The saddle slips right up the horse's neck and James Davies is unable to do anything but hang on for dear life as the horse trails in a distant last. The month gets better as **Logician** wins at the last jump meeting to be held at Wolverhampton, **Yeoman Lad** wins at Chepstow and **Speed Cop** looks a star of the future as she scoots home at Bath. **Casual Look** makes

a promising start to her career with a third place at Ascot. Another filly making her two-year-old debut is **Sweet Portia**, she runs a promising race in what appeared on paper to be just another run of the mill fillies median auction maiden; the first two home are Soviet Song and Airwave! **Golden Chalice** shows that he may just be better than a handicapper when he gets some give in the ground as he wins at Salisbury under Willie Ryan with embarrassing ease. **Thundergod** so often the bridesmaid finally gets his head in front at Brighton, but it takes all of Tony McCoy's strength and power to get him there in the 'Jump Jockey's Flat Challenge'. The penny finally drops with **Pacific Paddy** who wins at Lingfield after running terribly green in his two previous races; **Golden Dixie** on the other hand is a natural at the first time of asking, making



PACIFIC PADDY

an impressive debut at Salisbury. **Highland Shot** wins her third race of the year with another typically gutsy display-Jeff Smith's racing manager Ron Sheather is disgusted that he is running out of horses to enter in the sales.

## AUGUST

The month starts by drawing a blank in the first four days of Glorious Goodwood. With the two trainers safely exiled to the Saratoga Sales the tide begins to change; **Dubaian Gift** makes all and holds on to win the five-furlong handicap on Steward's Cup day, the cheers of 'the enthusiastic bunch of lads who own him' can be heard at the check-in queue at Heathrow Airport! Two days later **Voice Mail** wins his first race in the Showcase Handicap at Bath and two days after that **Dark Shah**, **Southampton Joe** and **Captain Ginger** complete an across the card treble. Lord Huntingdon, who has taken credit for the sudden surge in the form of the horses, calls for both trainers to remain in America until the end of the season. Contrary to this advice they arrive back in England having purchased £200,000



DUBAIAN GIFT

worth of yearlings without any owners. Denis Caslon alert as ever notices that there is a Cozzene colt amongst the trio and snaps it up, the others will no doubt get paid for at some stage. **Oblige** who has threatened to win in her first two starts, does so at Brighton in dogged fashion; **Pacific Paddy** wins a novice auction race at Beverley, **Golden Dixie** a classified race at Newcastle and **Voice Mail** follows up his Bath win by taking a seven furlong handicap at Lingfield. **Speed Cop** adds to her already considerable paddock value by winning the listed St Hughs Stakes at Newbury with a fine example of front running.

York's Ebor meeting holds no joy for Kingsclere horses but the month ends on a high note as **Rimrod** finally shows the rest of the world what he is capable of as he trounces Oasis Dream in the seven furlong maiden at Sandown.

## SEPTEMBER

The Autumn season starts with further frustration at York when **Bourgainville** finishes second in Listed company for the fourth time this season. **Irony**, a top class two year old for Jamie Osborne had joined the yard at the end of July but is again disappointing in his second start for us but it may significant that this is third poor run at York in as many starts. **Oblige** wins a valuable Nursery at Haydock from her BHB mark of 79 and on the same card **Dubaian Gift** wins for the fourth time in his last start of the season. **Southampton Joe** is proving to be worthy of his association with the world's greatest team when he scores again at Lingfield and **Memorial Arch** partnered by Tony McCoy is an appropriately named winner of the Cantor sponsored charity race at Hereford on September 11th. Chepstow, and **Tiny Tim** is eliminated for the 23rd time this year; it is decided that the 37 rated flying machine's talents would be better appreciated on the polo fields. **Rimrod** makes it a special day at Goodwood as he takes the Stardom Stakes in ultra impressive fashion; he breaks his own brother's course record and gives IAB one hundred wins at the track. An unusually warm and dry month sees the many soft ground horses that had sat the summer out still waiting for rainfall. **Casual Look** takes a mid September maiden at Bath by eight lengths, the race is run on ground officially described as hard. **Pacific Paddy** maintains our good record at Ayr's Western Meeting when scoring under top weight in the nursery and **Captain Ginger** wins his second race for HM The Queen at Warwick. **Casual Look** provides the yard with a big thrill by finishing a gallant second in the



RIMROD beating Oasis Dream at Sandown

fillies Mile at Ascot, **Oblige** runs an astonishing race in 5th having looked likely to be tailed off turning in. Europe wins the Ryder Cup and everyone ends the month in high spirits in spite of a severe lack of rainfall.

## OCTOBER

A double at Newmarket courtesy of **Lochridge** and **Passing Glance** indicates that the horses are still in good form. Passing Glance is not finished yet and runs twice more in the month; in a total of fourteen starts this year he has won twice and been placed a further eight times. **Swashbuckler** swoops late to take the mile nursery at Windsor, **Trumpton** runs well to finish third in the same race and **Speed Cop** runs yet another fine race in defeat as she finishes second in the Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot. **Rimrod** is supplemented for what looks the most open Dewhurst Stakes in many years; sadly he does not run to form and finishes a disappointing seventh behind the surprise winner Tout Seul. Champions Day continues in an anti climactic way as **Distant Prospect** fails in his bid to become the first horse in history to win the Cesarewitch twice. Horribly drawn in stall one in a field of thirty-two, Martin Dwyer elects to switch in behind and at the half way stage finds that he still has thirty-one horses to try and

pass. Having been stopped in his tracks on two separate occasions, **Distant Prospect** flies home to snatch fourth place and is widely considered an exceptionally unlucky loser. Things improve as **Casual Look** rounds the day off on a slightly happier note by running a fine second in the seven-furlong Group 2 Rockfell Stakes. **Dumaran** wins his third valuable handicap of the season at Newbury under a superb Liam Keniry ride.

## NOVEMBER

**Tiny Tim**'s retraining is going well. He is not only leading the newly broken yearlings in their figure of eights, but the senior trainer can now wield a polo mallet from on top of him at the same time. The sale season has been a busy one leaving Michael Patrick and 'Taffy' Cheshire flat out breaking a seemingly never-ending conveyor belt of young horses. **Hoh Investor** gives us all a pleasant surprise as he defies a four-month lay off to win a six-furlong nursery at Lingfield, he gets up to beat **The Fisio** by a length to record a 379-1 exacta for stable. He is winner number 64 in what has been a fabulous season on the flat. **Logician**, also having his first run since the summer runs a fabulous race under top weight to finish second in the two mile handicap at Newbury on Hennessy Gold Cup day. ■



*DUMARAN winning at Newbury*

# THE CHASERS AND

## The Chasers

**Moor Lane** enjoyed a marvellous season last year, the highlight of which was an impressive win in the Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster. That victory saw him head many of the ante post markets for the Grand National, but sadly he failed to make the cut for the big race. As a result he was forced to run in the John Hughes Chase over an inadequate trip, on ground quicker than ideal and although putting in a good display of jumping he was never in a challenging position.

His campaign this season has not exactly gone to plan as of yet! His seasonal debut at Ascot saw him jump and travel well before tiring badly from three fences out in what were fairly testing conditions.

Moor Lane came out of the race in great shape and it was decided that his next race should be back over the big fences at Aintree. The Becher Chase is recognised as one of the main trials for the National itself and with £60,000 added to the stakes it was no surprise to see a particularly strong field line up, that included Bindaree, Smarty, Blowing Wind and Amberleigh House.



MOOR LANE and Andy Whitehall

Moor Lane ridden as he had been at Ascot by Mark Bradburne, once again appeared to travel and jump well, before landing steeply and crashing onto his side at the 11th fence. Happily, both horse and rider were quickly on their feet and with no serious damage apparent to either one.

Following this setback, plans for Moor Lane are a little less clear cut, although his main seasonal objective remains the Grand National in April.

**Gunner Welburn** was another leading contender to miss out on making the line up in last year's National. A top class hunter chaser over the past three seasons when trained by Caroline Saunders, we were thrilled that his owners David Hall and Will Ritson chose to send him to Kingsclere for this National Hunt season.

The winner of the Aintree Foxhunters two years ago, "Welly" also finished second in both the Cheltenham and Liverpool Foxhunters last season. Expertly handled during this time he has only moved yards because Caroline's permit does not enable her to run her horses in races other than Hunter Chases.

Seemingly well handicapped on a mark of 123, Gunner Welburn has settled in well to his new surroundings and will be a major competitor in any of the many staying handicap chases throughout this season.

**Cool Monty** is another exciting new recruit to the team. A promising novice hurdler for Richard Rowe last year, he had displayed plenty of ability with placed efforts in useful company, before a serious injury that required surgery prematurely ended his season.

Having recovered from his operation, which involved pinning a fractured fetlock, his owner Guy Luck felt that the grass gallops and facilities at Kingsclere would give him the best chance of staying sound.

Cool Monty returned to action at Ascot in a hurdle race, a run that should put him spot on for what looks sure to be an exciting career as a Novice Chaser.

**Logician** has become a particular favourite of everyone's since he arrived in the yard from Australia two years ago; his enormous ears seem to endear him to one and all! Oozing class in appearance (admittedly in an 'old fashioned chaser' way) it is quite a sight to see him in full flow over his fences either schooling or on the racecourse.

He has already won this year and was also placed third in the £65,000 Summer Plate at Market Rasen in July and ran another terrific race to finish second under Richard Johnson on his winter reappearance at Newbury. Judging by the form he is in at present, he hasn't finished yet in spite of his advancing years.

# THE HURDLERS A.M.B.



*LOGICIAN and Simon Burgoyne*

**Duchamp** had taken to chasing very well as a five year old and in his six starts last season he won twice and was placed in three others. An immaculate jumper, Duchamp started this season over hurdles at Southwell but has fared better since returning to the larger obstacles. His recent second to the vastly experienced Hurricane Lamp at Kempton was an excellent run and he should continue to go well in handicap chases this winter.

## The Hurdlers

**Dumaran** finished the flat season on a high with a gutsy win in a competitive handicap at Newbury; registering his third win of the year and adding to a seasonal haul of almost £60,000 in ten starts. One of the most pleasing aspects of this latest success was that he appeared to relish the step up to nine furlongs and as if Jeremy Hitchins needed any encouragement in the first place, his future over hurdles became a priority!

Having schooled particularly well and made a more than satisfactory debut at Newbury in a hot novice hurdle. In spite of a busy campaign this summer he is still relatively lightly raced, he relishes soft ground and has a turn of foot that could see him go right to the top in his new found occupation.

**Vitelucy** has been the butt of one or two 'in house' jokes, (also the victim of some unfairly disparaging remarks made by the senior trainer)- Now those doubters look set to eat their words! Ordinary at best on the flat, 'Lucy' has however taken to jumping like a duck to water and she now looks to have found her vocation in life.

Formerly owned by Melissa Williamson who sadly died this spring, she is now the property of a certain Miss Clare Balding who is anticipating great things for the mud loving three year old.

**Scorned** has always been a horse of immense potential; talented, but alas frustratingly injury prone. A Listed race winner and Group placed on the flat he made his hurdles debut at Doncaster last December, before once again incurring an injury that required another six month recuperation period in Devon.

Under the careful supervision on John and Mo Gray, Scorned recovered sufficiently well to come back into full



*SCORNED*

training and at the time of writing is not much more than a fortnight from a return to racetrack. He is a high quality galloper and his second place on his sole start over obstacles looks useful form; if he can stay in one piece he will be a staying novice of huge potential.

**Stands to Reason** has also returned from a serious injury, but had showed some fairly useful flat form for Gerald Cottrill in 2001. Owned by Diana Joly, the grey is an athletic son of Hernando whose performances on ground that is softer than good cannot be faulted. He is yet to school over hurdles but possesses plenty of scope and if he can steer clear of injuries is yet another exciting prospect for this winter. ■

# I.A.B. – MY

The management have decided that it might be interesting if I was to write a short piece about the best fifteen horses I have trained during my career. I will start with numbers 15-13 in this Quarter and work backwards with four horses in each issue next year culminating with the top four next Christmas. It has been great fun but not easy to finalise my selections and there are certainly some good horses missing from the final fifteen.

**No. 15  
SPINNING**

b.g. 1987 by Glint of Gold out of Strathspey  
bred and owned by Paul Mellon



Having trained both his sire and dam and his grand-sire and grand dam, I was bound to be fond of SPINNING. He had an extraordinary career, starting with being ante-post favourite for the Derby after his very first race as a two year old, then going through a stage as an unrideable villain and ending up an extremely talented hurdler.

His career began in a listed contest over the straight mile of the July course at Newmarket in late August as a two year old against some very useful previous winners. He won comfortably by seven lengths despite hanging across the course inside the final two furlongs, costing him probably another five lengths. By any standards it was a remarkably impressive debut. Sadly he failed to confirm that promise in his only other two races finishing third in a listed race at Goodwood and unplaced in the Royal Lodge Stakes where he hung so badly that John Matthias was unable to ride him out and finished last.

In his first race as a three year old he again hung left so violently in the Warren Stakes at Epsom that he

frightened Steve Cauthen enough that he virtually pulled him up. Seamus O’Gorman, our stable apprentice at the time, had no option but to ride him in his next four races as none of the professionals wanted the pleasure. In his next eight races as a three year old he won twice and was placed five times. However it was not a difficult decision at the end of the season to geld him and he had by now earned a squiggle in Timeform!

He only won one race as a four year old but, now ridden mostly by Ray Cochrane, was second in the Group II Geoffery Freer Stakes at Newbury and demoted from third to fourth in the Grade I Turf Classic at Belmont where Paul Mellon came to watch his infuriatingly talented but wayward ‘child’.

He went straight on to a winter over hurdles and won his first three novice events and was third in the Imperial Cup at Sandown with Jimmy Frost now steering him successfully. As a five year old in 1992 he had easily his best season on the flat, by now he had grown into his strength and become a much easier ride. Ray Cochrane’s coolness and strength in a finish suited SPINNING perfectly and together they won the Bessborough Stakes at Royal Ascot and then memorably two high-class races within three days at Glorious Goodwood. We took him for another crack at a Grade I race at Belmont in the autumn and he finished third in the Man O’War Stakes. In that flat season ten years ago he earned over £100,000.

Over hurdles once more the following season he was third again in the Imperial Cup and in the County Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival before impressively making all and breaking the track record in the Cordon Bleu Hurdle at Aintree. This was closely followed by a third in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot, a win at Brighton and another impressive win over hurdles in the Swinton at Haydock. In the space of one calendar month he had won two valuable hurdle races, a flat race at Brighton and been third in an Ascot Gold Cup trial race.

1994 was his last season and with Ray still riding he

# TOP FIFTEEN

won once and was placed three times from his eight races. Sadly that winter he injured his back quite badly when schooling and had to be retired. I will always remember SPINNING as a tall handsome dark brown horse with the most beautiful action. At his best he was brilliant both on the flat and over hurdles however he was always unpredictable and a difficult horse to ride. Sean Coates looked after him all his racing life and in the stable he was a considerable character. He chewed his way through so many rugs that he ended up living without one and on one particular night he got out of his rug with all the straps still done up Houdini style. At exercise he pulled as hard as any horse I have ever trained. A school report would read 'wayward boy with enormous talent who should have achieved far more than he did'.

## No. 14 EXAMPLE

1968 Ch. Filly by Exbury out of Amicable  
bred and owned by H.M. The Queen

**E**XAMPLE was a beautiful big strong chestnut filly with a broad intelligent head and she possessed a lovely temperament. A backward type she only ran twice towards the end of her two year old season.

As a three year old she won easily over a mile and a quarter at Bath on her debut and then finished a good second in the Lingfield Oaks Trial. It was decided to keep her for the Ribblesdale at Royal Ascot rather than run in the Oaks. Sadly she pulled a muscle in the heavy ground that prevailed at Ascot that year and was virtually pulled up. We gave her plenty of time to recover from that

injury and she did not run again until the Galtres Stakes at York in August. She ran very well to be second when probably not 100% fit and went on four weeks later to win the Group II Park Hill Stakes comfortably over a mile and three quarters (the fillies St Leger) easily reversing the form with the Galtres winner. Lester Piggott rode her beautifully and over that longer distance she had a devastating turn of foot. She went to France a month later to try her luck again on fast ground in the Prix Royallieu. Lester rode her with amazing confidence and once again she showed good finishing speed to win easily.

Happily it was decided to keep her in training as a four year old and in the spring she won the very valuable Group II race at Saint Cloud the Prix Jean de Chaudenay. She was ridden by Lester again on this occasion. Once again she disappointed at Royal Ascot in the Hardwicke Stakes but finished off her racing career being third in both the Geoffery Freer at Newbury and the Prix de Pomone at Deauville.



*EXAMPLE winning the Prix Royallieu at Longchamp*

EXAMPLE retired to stud and was bred to Nijinsky the next spring but tragically she died foaling a filly called PAS DE DEUX. Her Timeform rating of 122 tells how good she was and the memory of her and Lester coming from behind to win those three prestigious races is one I shall always cherish. In her time at Kingsclere she was looked after by Rita McNeill.

**No. 13  
MARTINMAS**

1969 b.c. by Silly Season out of Calvine  
bred and owned by Colonel Berry



Colonel Julian Berry had owned my very first winner as a trainer and I was so happy when his little stud at Hackwood Park should produce its first seriously good horse. This pleasure was double because he had used SILLY SEASON who was the first stallion to go to stud that I had trained. The offspring was a tall handsome bay colt called MARTINMAS who was very reminiscent of his sire.

He was a pretty useful two year old winning his first race, a maiden at Newbury, following up with a comfortable win in a condition race at Lingfield. He only ran twice more but showed his potential by finishing second in the Solario Stakes at Sandown and fourth in the Group I Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

As a three year old he started his campaign by comfortably beating Sharpen Up in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury. He was ridden by Philip Waldron and it was a very impressive victory. We decided to go for the Irish 2000 Guineas rather than the English as it gave him more time. MARTINMAS took up the running about two furlongs out but tragically was just touched off by the unraced Ballymore trained by Paddy Prendegast. Ironically the English Guineas winner High Top was behind us in third place. We then aimed him at the Group III Diomed Stakes at Epsom on Derby Day. He had been working hard with Mill Reef right up to the

meeting and we discovered later that both horses were suffering from rhinopneumonitis. MARTINMAS ran his only poor race and Mill Reef held on bravely to just win the Coronation Cup the following day.

He had a good rest and did not appear again until mid-August when he ran a fine race in the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury over what I felt was his best distance of seven furlongs. He was just beaten by Home Guard ridden by an inspired L. Piggott. MARTINMAS went on later that same month to finish second again narrowly beaten by Sallust in the Group II Goodwood Mile. He ended his second season with two Group I races at Longchamp finishing an honourable fifth in the Prix du Moulin over a mile and then an exceptionally meritable second in the Prix de la Foret to the brilliant Lyphard.

After MARTINMAS had finished second in the Irish Guineas we had invited Lester Piggott to come and ride work on him to see if the great man would like to ride our horse in the Derby. It was one of those years when he was not retained and on the look out for a ride in the Epsom Classic. Because of awful weather we only worked four furlongs down below rather than the proposed mile and a quarter on the Downs. Great judge that he was Lester felt sure he was a miler at best and had no chance of staying. So the idea of running him in the Derby was sensibly abandoned.



MARTINMAS was a bit of a disappointment as a four year old running well only when second in the Prix du Muguet (Gr III) at Saint Cloud and when making all to win the Prix Messidor at Maisons LaFitte. He had a Timeform rating of 122 both at three and four and was sold to stand as a stallion, in Ireland. Jim Corfield, who is still an important though part-time worker at Kingsclere, looked after MARTINMAS. He also "did" ROWANTREE his full sister who won the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury a couple of years later. She too was bred at Hackwood and owned by Colonel Berry. ■

# NEWSWORTHY

By CLARE BALDING

## Waterlow Park

The death of Waterlow Park at the grand old age of 20 brings a personal chapter to a close as he was the last surviving of the old stagers whom I was privileged to ride during my brief amateur career. Along with Knock Knock and Song of Sixpence, Waterlow Park was a multiple contributor to my tally of winners in 1989 and 1990 and helped me along to the amateur championship and the champion ladies' title in the latter year.

He was a lovely horse to ride in a race, with a big easy stride and an uncanny knack of knowing what he was meant to do, even if the pilot hadn't a clue. Occasionally this would get us into trouble, once at Goodwood when he saw a gap before I did and dived through it, bumping another horse on the way and landing us both in the Stewards' Room. My defence (that Waterlow Park made the move and it was nothing to do with me) did not find much sympathy.

While that incident passed with little comment, a

similar occurrence at Beverley in 1989 was covered by every tabloid newspaper in the country. Waterlow Park (Miss C. Balding) was second favourite in a very open mile-and-a-half amateur handicap. There was a bigger crowd than usual on a midweek afternoon at Beverley and the atmosphere was building for the amateur race because the favourite looked as if it had been laid out for the race and was ridden by HRH The Princess Royal.

I had decided to ride my usual race – which involved letting everyone go as fast as they wanted, sit at the back until we got into the straight and then shout at anyone in front of me so that they moved off the rail. I would then sneak through to win on the line. It had worked before and rather naively, I could see no reason why it wouldn't work again.

Waterlow Park was drawn towards the outside and as usual, we broke slowly, I thought in last place. The first bend on the mile-and-a-half course comes up quickly and is in full view of the stands but right after it is a path across the track which Low-Low decided to jump and in



*WATERLOW PARK with Clare winning at Goodwood*

his infinite wisdom (he knew much more about racing than I did), he did so diagonally and took himself to the rail, gaining about 4 lengths on the inside as he did so.

Having thought I was last, I heard a torrent of abuse from another jockey, screaming at me for carving her up. Oh dear. Someone had been even slower out of the stalls than I was, had been trying to make up ground on the inside when we unceremoniously stopped her in her tracks. Never mind, I thought, still a mile and 3 furlongs to go and anything can happen.

We turned into the straight in about 6th place, made steady progress and passed the post in a blanket finish of 5 horses. I thought I had just got up but I wasn't sure so when my mother greeted me in the paddock and asked me,

'Do you realise what you've done?'

I replied, innocently,

'Well, I think I've won.'

'No, you fool, you've carved up the Princess Royal and right in front of the stands.'

Ah, not very clever. Even I could see that – not very clever at all. Particularly as when the photo was announced, I had won by a short head, HRH had dead-heated for second, with a head back to fourth and the fifth horse only a neck behind.

I was delighted for Waterlow Park, on whom it was my second win that season, thrilled for the owners who had backed him and quite pleased with my ride but, strangely, I was a little hesitant about going back into the Lady Jockeys' Changing Room. Instead I asked the stewards whether there was an enquiry (when did a winning rider ever do that?) and watched the tape back with them. The stewards' secretary told me that they could see from the tracking camera that Waterlow Park had jumped the path, that the interference was accidental and that it had happened too early on to make any difference.

Armed with this information, I tentatively opened the door to the changing room. Standing there in a state of semi-undress was the Princess Royal and, funnily enough, she didn't flash me a warm smile and pat me on the back. My 'friends' in the weighing room had decided that it would be very funny to tell HRH that I was always carving people up, that I probably did it on purpose and that I was a danger to my fellow riders. Ha bloody ha ha. Meanwhile David Nicholson, the Princess Royal's self-appointed minder, was castigating my mother outside, telling her I was effing dangerous and should never be allowed on a racecourse again.

'Are they holding a stewards' enquiry?' a voice of steel enquired.

'No, Ma'am,' I ventured, 'They said that it happened too early on to make any difference.'

'Nothing happens too early on to make the difference of a short head.'

A year passed without a word being exchanged between us until we met at the same racecourse in a similar race a year later. I was riding the wonderful Knock Knock and once again, HRH was on the favourite. Nothing untoward occurred and she won by a couple of lengths. As we pulled up I offered my congratulations,

'Well done Ma'am. That was worth waiting for, wasn't it?'

To give her full credit, she did smile and we have got along fine ever since but the incident made Waterlow Park and myself headline news for a day. He coped with it rather better than I did! I rode him six times in total and we won three of them, two at Goodwood and the infamous race at Beverley. He was a true gentleman of a horse and a talented one at that winning a total of eight races in all.

### George Ennor Award

As the New Year approaches and the I.A Balding becomes A. Balding on the trainer's licence, it is a time of great excitement about the future but also warm reflections on the achievements of Balding Snr over the past 35 years. Dad will be suitably honoured by various sections of the racing world but I am particularly pleased that he has won an award from the most difficult people in the world to please, the media.

The Horserace Writers and Photographers Association give an annual award of merit, named after their former President George Ennor and voted for by a select band of journalists. Not being on the voting panel, I cannot reveal who else was discussed nor how the votes were cast but I am delighted that Dad was deemed a worthy recipient of an award that has been won in the past by the likes of Vincent O'Brien and Dermot Weld.

Although the Award recognises outstanding accomplishment, it also reflects the willingness of the winner to co-operate with the media, something which my father has always felt to be an important part of his job (long before his daughter started working in that field). I know that Andrew will be similarly helpful, open and communicative and I hope that their attitude will help to promote Park House and to encourage more owners to enjoy the Kingsclere experience. ■

## THE JOCKEYS

Congratulations to Martin Dwyer on recording his first ever century of winners in one season. It is a terrific achievement for any jockey but the fact that Martin is very much home grown talent makes it particularly exciting for everyone at Kingsclere. No fewer than 35 of those winners have come from the yard and we hope that he will continue to figure prominently in our riding arrangements next year. One of the most pleasing aspects of this season was the emergence of Liam Keniry who has enjoyed a memorable year and is widely recognised as one of the leading apprentices in the country. He will shortly have his allowance reduced to three pounds and the decision was taken that Liam would be better off preserving his right to claim for 2003 turf season, rather than risk losing it on the all weather this winter. He

has ridden a number of fine races on Kingsclere trained horses this season, not least on Pentecost in the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot and is sure to be in high demand from all the top yards come next April. Neil Chalmers is another apprentice on an upward curve, his riding continues to go from strength to strength and he has now had over one hundred rides this season. With Nicky Adams on his side Neil has enjoyed all the



Liam Keniry

benefits of employing a hard working agent and it will be no surprise to see him make an even bigger impact in 2003.



A.B. with Martin Dwyer & others at Haydock



Neil Chalmers

### Some seasonal Statistics:

#### Most Successful Owners

Jeff Smith	9 wins
The Hitchins Family	8 wins
Dubai Thoroughbred Racing	6 wins
Hollistic Racing	4 wins
Park House Partnership	4 wins

#### Most Successful Jockeys

Martin Dwyer	35 wins
Liam Keniry	13 wins
Neil Chalmers	3 wins
Kieran Fallon	3 wins

#### Most Successful Horses

Dubaian Gift	4 wins
Dumaran	3 wins
Highland Shot	3 wins
Pacific Paddy	3 wins
Palawan	3 wins

### CAPTION NEEDED?



# THE 2002 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

**There are several milestones this year. We have the easiest winner since the competition began, proving yet again that he is a true professional the only problem is that may be he should have been handicapped? Next year we will take care of this!! I know that he will have been keeping a record of his list and only hope that the scoring is correct. Any way many congratulations to Julian Wilson.**

**Mr Random Walk succeeds in making the top four yet again and the 'random' aspect of the selections seems open to question! Finally Jeff Smith has scored the most points he has ever amassed, he claims he put the jumpers in because he knew their scores wouldn't count but whatever happened he loses the precious £5 to Royal Greenland who have the undoubted pleasure of retaining their money.**

**Again please register with me if there are any mistakes, omissions or indeed any ideas for the future. We will try and be organised enough to get the Spring Quarter out in time to start the competition on the first day of the Doncaster Lincoln meeting running through again until December 1st. E.B.**

**There were 215 entries this year, I confess I managed to lose one of these (refund pending), which produced a pool of £1075**

**1st £588.50 2nd £267.50 3rd £160.50 and joint 4th £26.75 each with £5 returned to the last.**

<b>1. WILSON, J.D.B.</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>2. DERBYSHIRE/CHIVERS (B)</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>3. WALK, R</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>4. COPE, C (A)</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>WILLIAMS, P</b>	<b>279</b>

6. PALMER, BILL	276	24. MICHAELSON, RPB	250	42. FOSTER, CHRISTINE	237
7. MCLAREN, SARAH	275	25. WHITE, CAROLINE	249	43. BUCKLEY, ROGER	236
8. PLUMMER, ANN	275	26. POLLITT, L	248	44. BALDING, JUDY	234
9. YEATES, R (C)	275	27. YEATES, R (A)	248	45. GORDON, JOHN	234
10. SCOTT, C.S.	268	28. BURTON, WENDY (A)	246	46. IMPEY, MARTINA	234
11. O'BRIEN, M & D (B)	265	29. AEBERHARD, WERNER	245	47. MASTERTON, R	234
12. BALDING, IAN	263	30. THURSFIELD, R	245	48. RAE SMITH J	232
13. HALE, BARRY	263	31. WEEDY, MICKY	244	49. KENT, M (B)	228
14. HODGKINS A (B)	262	32. ALLPORT, DAVID	242	50. KENT, M (A)	228
15. GREEN, MARION (A)	261	33. COPE, C (C)	240	51. SAVORY, PAUL	228
16. IRELAND, ANNE (A)	261	34. MACREADY, NEVIL	240	52. STANSBY, CLIVE	228
17. FINLAY, ROSEMARY	259	35. MCPHEE, S. (B)	240	53. YEATES, R (D)	228
18. MICHAELSON, RCB	259	36. GAY, EDWARD	239	54. HILL, AUDREY	227
19. RHODES, M/ROSE	259	37. IRELAND, ANNE (B)	239	55. JOHNSON/BOUNDS (C)	227
20. PONSFORD, JAN (C)	257	38. PALMER, ANNE	239	56. GOSWELL, SIMON	225
21. COX, MARK	253	39. WOODS, JULIA	238	57. TOLHURST, ANDY	224
22. MCWILLIAM, D	251	40. BURTON, WENDY (B)	237	58. MRUK, DAVE	223
23. NURKOWSKI, K	251	41. DANGAR, RICHARD	237	59. COX, TOM	222

60. JOHNSON/BOUNDS (B)	222	112. GAMBLE, MARK	187	164. CATRIDGE GIRLS	154
61. RYDEN, GLORIA	222	113. OATES, DES	187	165. RUMMING, L	154
62. WATSON, GREG	222	114. DILLON, BATT (A)	186	166. GAY, WILLIAM	153
63. CASLON, D	221	115. MCPHEE, S. (A)	186	167. RANSON, JOHN	152
64. PLUMBLY, SIMON	220	116. PERROTT, JIM	186	168. LUMLEY, PETER	151
65. RIGBY, GEOFF (B)	220	117. BAVEYSTOCK, HOWARD	184	169. KHOSLA, MINA (A)	150
66. WATES, CAROLINE	220	118. CHARLTON, MIKE	184	170. RAE SMITH, D	149
67. BUTCHER, MRS	218	119. GROSVENOR YARD	184	171. LEE-ROBINSON, N	147
68. WATKINS, I	218	120. WECHSLER, ENID	184	172. HUMPHRIES, G	144
69. EVANS, M	217	121. CAMPBELL-GRAY, J	182	173. AYRES, JEAN	142
70. FOGDEN, ERIC	217	122. MARABLE, JOHN	182	174. POWELL, DAVID (B)	142
71. WIGAN, JAMES	217	123. CHESHIRE, A (B)	181	175. SIMPSON, ANDREW	141
72. MILLER, J	216	124. COOPER, JAMES	181	176. COPE, C (B)	140
73. PRINCE RUPERT	215	125. FEANE, JOHN	181	177. WOOLLEY, SHARON	139
74. GOVER, TONY	214	126. O'BRIEN, M & D (A)	181	178. HODGSON, NIGEL	138
75. GRANT, PATRICK	214	127. PARSONS, D.J.	181	179. MICHAELSON, B.K.	138
76. MASON, TERRY (A)	214	128. W/BECK MANOR STUD (A)	181	180. LYSAGHT, C	137
77. COVENTRY, SERENA	213	129. DOHERTY, TERRY	179	181. WILLIAMS, ANNA LISA	137
78. VICKERY, RAY	213	130. SOOTY THE CAT	179	182. COVENTRY, BRYAN	135
79. BEDFORD, LES	212	131. GEE, MARY	177	183. BROUGHTON, B	134
80. GALE, PAULINE	212	132. PHILLIMORE, I	177	184. PETTITT, D (B)	134
81. GEE, SIMON	212	133. TANSLEY, CATH	176	185. SYMONDS, L	132
82. WOOLLEY, S/WEEDY, K	212	134. BEASANT, PETE	175	186. HASTINGS, P	131
83. GAY, DAVID	209	135. PETTITT, D (A)	175	187. CORFIELD, REG	130
84. BALDING, EMMA	208	136. PONSFORD, JAN (B)	174	188. JOHNSON/BOUNDS (D)	128
85. CORFIELD, BERYL	207	137. NOKES, KATIE	173	189. SMITH, J.C.	127
86. YEATES, R (B)	207	138. PLUMBLY, HELEN	173	190. JUDD, NORMA	126
87. DERBYSHIRE/CHIVERS (A)	206	139. ATRILL, LEN	170	191. BURTON, TREVOR (B)	125
88. MELLUISH, ANNA	205	140. KENT, M (C)	170	192. DE SOUZA/CHAPMAN	125
89. DILLON, BATT (B)	204	141. POWELL, DAVID (A)	169	193. BAILEY, MARIE	122
90. SIMPSON, F	204	142. BROWN, DAVID	168	194. CHAPPLE, SHIRLEY	122
91. ALLEN, GILL	203	143. EGLIN, MIKE	168	195. KINGSCLERE STUD	119
92. LAMBOURNE, E	203	144. GAY, SUE	167	196. LUMLEY, SUE	116
93. BURTON, TREVOR (A)	202	145. MINALL, DAVID	167	197. COLEMAN, GEORGE	115
94. PAYTON, MICHAEL	202	146. AUBREY, D	166	198. MASON, TERRY (B)	112
95. CHESHIRE, ANGELA (A)	201	147. OVETT, NICK	166	199. HASTINGS-BASS, A	109
96. KNIBBS, MARK	201	148. COX, VIV	165	200. MRUK, KATE	106
97. RIGBY, GEOFF (A)	201	149. ROGERS, KATE	165	201. CRISP, GERRY	102
98. NEWMAN, LINDA	200	150. PONSFORD, JAN (A)	164	202. BELL, CLIVE	101
99. HARRIS, NIGEL	199	151. REES, LINDY	164	203. WHEELER, MIKE	101
100. WOOLLEY, STEVE	198	152. WOOLLEY, JEAN	164	204. CORY, FRANCES	95
101. HASTINGS-BASS, S	194	153. BURGOYNE, SIMON	163	205. CHONG, GARY	94
102. MINALL, PAUL	194	154. GURDON, M	163	206. CLARK, SIMON	94
103. SHARLAND, R	194	155. GREEN, MARION (B)	161	207. KHOSLA, MINA (B)	88
104. AUBREY, EILEEN	193	156. HOLISTIC RACING (B)	161	208. RESPICIO LYN	88
105. WOOLLEY, SAM	193	157. HOLISTIC RACING (A)	160	209. BROUGHTON, T	86
106. HODGKINS, A(A)	192	158. KOOROS, L	160	210. MASTERTON, L	83
107. WHITEHALL, ANDY	192	159. W/BECK MANOR STUD (B)	160	211. H.M.B.	70
108. KENIRY, LIAM	190	160. MCWILLIAM, R	159	212. BROTHERTON, DAVID	68
109. PALMER, JOHN	190	161. RIGBY, GARY	157	213. PARMEE, DAVID	50
110. LEES, FIONA	188	162. JOHNSON/BOUNDS (A)	156	214. BROWNING, KATHY	36
111. BALDING, ANDREW	187	163. FOSTER, ROY	155	215. RYL GREENLAND	33

# TOP SCORING HORSES 2002



PASSING GLANCE & VANDERLIN

SPEED COP	46
VANDERLIN	44
DARK CHARM	44
HIGHLAND SHOT	43
PASSING GLANCE	40
GOLDEN CHALICE	38
VOICE MAIL	38
DUMARAN	36
BOURGAINVILLE	33
CASUAL LOOK	31
PACIFIC PADDY	31



SPEED COP



GOLDEN CHALICE

## LEADING LISTS

### J.D.B. WILSON

ARCTIC DESERT	4
BOURGAINVILLE	33
CLIPPERTON	26
DARK CHARM	44
HIGHLAND SHOT	43
MANICANI	18
PHOENIX REACH	6
RIMROD	23
SPEED COP	46
THUNDERGOD	27
VANDERLIN	44
WESTERN FLING	24

### DERBYSHIRE/CHIVERS (B)

ARCTIC DESERT	4
BORDER ARROW	26
DARK SHAH	16
DISTANT PROSPECT	12
DUMARAN	36
GOLDEN CHALICE	38
LOCHRIDGE	24
RIMROD	23
SEIGNOSSE	26
SWASHBUCKLER	26
VANDERLIN	44
WESTERN FLING	24

### MR RANDOM WALK

BORDER ARROW	26
BOURGAINVILLE	33
FAR STORM	
GOLDEN CHALICE	38
LOCHRIDGE	24
OYSTER ISLAND	
RATIO	1
SPEED COP	46
SWASHBUCKLER	26
THUNDERGOD	27
VANDERLIN	44
WESTERN FLING	24

### CORDELIA COPE (A)

ARCTIC DESERT	4
CLIPPERTON	26
DARK SHAH	16
DUMARAN	36
GOLDEN CHALICE	38
SEIGNOSSE	26
SO DEAR	7
SOUTHAMPTON JOE	29
STRATOSPHERE	17
SWASHBUCKLER	26
TAKAROA	10
VANDERLIN	44

### PETER WILLIAMS

ARCTIC DESERT	4
BOURGAINVILLE	33
CLIPPERTON	26
DARK CHARM	44
DARK SHAH	16
DISTANT PROSPECT	12
LOCHRIDGE	24
RIMROD	23
SPEED COP	46
STRATOSPHERE	17
TAKAROA	10
WESTERN FLING	24

# BITS AND BRIDLES

## BRANDY RAMSDEN RIP



It is with great sorrow that we have to report the demise of one of our most loved equine inmates. He arrived here with TOP CEES as his inseparable companion in 1998. Their relationship was tenuous to put it mildly, TOP CEES bullying poor BRANDY unmercifully and they saw very little of each other!!

A strong and lovely looking pony he was an extremely awkward ride and those who rode him didn't just fall off once in a morning, he was a serial dumper!

Sadly he suffered from laminitis and this recently became unmanageable. He will be much missed. He was the original stable character, constantly demanding attention with untiring door banging.



BRANDY with Amy Parsons 'ready for the Drag Hunt'

## QUIZ

1. Who was John Dunlop's last contracted Stable Jockey?
2. Name the sire of Mill Reef.
3. Before winning two Champion Hurdles, Sea Pigeon finished 7th in a Derby. Who won that Derby?
4. Who was the only jockey to ride Desert Orchid in a flat race?
5. In how many races did Ribot remain unbeaten?
6. Name the horse (in the 1990's) that has fallen in the Champion Hurdle, The Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National.
7. Grey horses won both the 2000 and 1000 guineas in 1991. What were they?
8. Who took over from his father and soon after trained the winner of the 1983 Derby? [Maybe it will happen here soon!]
9. The only horse ever to beat Brigadier Gerard was?
10. Which jockey (no longer riding) holds the record for the most consecutive rides in the Grand National?
11. At which stud does Selkirk stand?
12. What basic horse colour consists of a mixture of red and white with yellow or black? (Clue - 1964 - Sussex Stakes winner)
13. The Ian Balding-trained Abel won at York in May 1965 to give which jockey (Still race riding occasionally) his first winner?

## THE 2002 CESAREWITCH

By David Rae Smith

Some say that with a clearer run,  
A better draw, a bit more rain,  
Distant Prospect would have won  
The Cesarewitch again.

We'll never know. He ran with zest,  
And this we can certainly say -  
Distant Prospect gave his best  
Once more on Champions Day

## ANSWERS

- 1 Ron Hutchinson; 2. Never Bend; 3. Morston (1973); 4. Brian Rouse; 5. 16; 6. Black Humour; 7. Mystiko; 8. Geoff Wragg; 9. Roberto; 10. Michael Scudamore; 11. Lanwades; 12. Roan (Roan Rocket was the horse in question); 13. Ernie Johnson

Back cover: *On the way home from the downs*

