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WITH INTEREST off to Godolphin

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REVIEW

In the last paragraph of my report in the previous Quarter, I wrote that it had been a poor year on a domestic level [horsewise, I meant!] but that the exploits of our horses abroad and the promise of those yet to race meant that the year 2005 could still be a year to remember. Although our runners abroad continued to shine and our home runners did show improved form late in the season, I must admit that this will not go down as a memorable racing year for Kingsclere.

Our real superstar this year has been VANDERLIN who has been running better than ever. In August, he put up what seemed to be a career pinnacle effort when winning the Grade 2 Play The King stakes [\$200,000 added] at Woodbine. Despite a poor start he battled on really well to lead close home over his optimum trip of 7f. He followed this with an excellent fourth in the \$1m Atto Mile (Gr 1) at the same track. Conceding weight to all but the winner he met trouble in running and while not a match for the mighty Leroidesanimaux he was beaten under two lengths for second.

In September he produced a career best effort under an excellent ride from Richard Hughes to finish second in the prestigious Shadwell Mile (G1) at Keeneland. He was just touched off by Host who subsequently ran so well in the Breeders Cup Mile. He really looked like he might win 200yds out and we were all so proud of him. Later in that month, he proved the range of his ability when finishing a good 4th in the \$500,000 Nearctic G2 at Woodbine over 6f. The ground there may have been just a touch too yielding for him but he still ran a sound race. He is currently



VANDERLIN after winning the Play The King stakes

OF THE YEAR

Andrew Balding



SANTIAGO STAR at Woodbine

having a well-earned rest at home and will hopefully return to North America next spring in the hope of adding to an already impressive prize money haul.

The sad news of our runners abroad is that both SAINT ETIENNE and SANTIAGO STAR met with fatal injuries just when both were running in the form of their life. SANTIAGO STAR had won a \$70,000 allowance race in good style and tragically suffered a multiple fracture of his off fore whilst preparing for his intended target at the Keeneland Fall meeting. A wonderful advertisement for his sire Hussonet he was everything you could ask for in a thoroughbred, tough consistent and above all a great personality. SAINT ETIENNE had won twice at allowance level for her new trainer Edward Freeman having finished second for us in the G3 R N Stakes. She had been a favourite of her trainer and many of the staff at Kingsclere. Above all her loss will be most felt by her devoted owner/breeder Gary Chong.

Despite these regrettable tragedies the North American campaign of 2005 turned out to be a huge success with over \$480,000 in earnings. A huge thank you must go to Leanne Masterton for her tireless hard work and to Ed Freeman and Dara in whose barn they boarded.

At home, our most improved performer turned out to be quirky old BORDER MUSIC. He really found his niche over 6f and 7f on the all weather. Although he has always shown himself to be a horse full of promise on grass, for some reason he seems to get home much better on the polytrack. After breaking the course record at Wolverhampton in August, he overcame a poor draw to waltz home at Lingfield in October in a competitive handicap over 7f, under a lovely ride from Jamie Spencer. He then defied a penalty and drop to 6f to win well again five days later. Maybe he will star in a foray to the States to run on dirt next year. If he continues to progress through



CHANTACO at Doncaster (M. Dwyer)

the handicap ranks then we will have to start thinking about black type for him.

Among the three year olds, BANK NOTE, CHANTACO and KINGSHOLM all produced winning performances that were full of further promise for the future. BANK NOTE seems to run particularly well when fresh so I am thinking of one of the major early season handicaps as a possible target for him next year. CHANTACO could be called the winner a long way out when winning an extended ten furlong handicap at Doncaster by nine

lengths in October. Let's hope that he was not too flattered by the soft underfoot conditions because he could be a horse going places. KINGSHOLM has always been a lovely horse but seems to have met with one setback after another. I have a feeling that his devoted lass Cordelia might not have forgiven me if we did not win a race with him this season and he saved my bacon with a most game run at Windsor in October. He is sure to improve further.

Another three year old to watch out for next year is COMPTON COURT who ran some really promising races including a very brave 2nd place at Goodwood and is certain to improve again with another year on the clock.

At the start of the season, I was hoping to be able to set up a series of quick wins for HOLBECK GHYLL. An unfortunate serious injury during a race at Wolverhampton scuppered those plans but he gradually came back to fitness and finally did run up a quickfire hat-trick of wins in ten days at the start of September. There is a possibility that he can still improve further and keep ahead of the handicapper next spring.



BORDER MUSIC at Lingfield (J. Spencer)



CASUAL GLANCE at Brighton (N. Chalmers)

It is not often that we are tempted to run a 62 rated handicapper in a black type race – but we did have our reasons. CASUAL GLANCE had always shown us plenty of promise and had been waiting for soft ground. We did hope and believe that she was seriously well handicapped off 62 and she proved the point when winning a Brighton handicap in October under a well judged, stylish ride from Neil Chalmers [It's hard to believe that he is still able to claim 3lb!]. A filly by Sinndar – she is a half-sister to such good performers as Passing Glance, Scorned and Hidden Meadow so the plan has always been to win a race and retire her to the paddocks unless she looked capable of the all important black type. Meanwhile, we had spotted an ideal looking fillies only listed race at Yarmouth and there seemed to be nothing to lose and everything to gain. In the event she ran a brilliant race to finish a fast closing 4th at 66-1 – just missing out on the much sought after upgrade for her pedigree page. Maybe there will yet be an opportunity in the spring for her.

Talking of long-priced horses, we cannot remember our last 66-1 winner, but it looked as though DARK MISSILE was not entirely unbacked when she won her

maiden race at those rewarding odds in September. Probably my most enjoyable telephone conversation of the year was to her owner J C S who had backed her and to his racing manager Ron Sheather who could not stop laughing. Everyone was also delighted to see ISPHAHAN win for his devoted owner, Mr Rafique. He looks to be a bargain buy and we would all dearly love to see him win more races next year.

Our best two year old this season is WITH INTEREST, an athletic son of Selkirk. He won his Newbury maiden with some authority. He has now been purchased to run for Godolphin next year. If he does as well for them as Firebreak did then he will provide lots of fun. I suspect that a mile may be the very limit of his stamina. Whilst I regret not being able to train him next year I do not blame Godolphin for wanting him and I certainly do not blame George Strawbridge for accepting the offer! It is sad but every horse must have its price!

GORDONSVILLE, DEEPWATER BAY, KINGS RANSOM, PINCH OF SALT, LOCH VERDI and THEATRE ROYAL all showed plenty of ability without winning late in the season and it would not take much natural



GUNNER WELBURN still in front Grand National 2003

improvement for them to become top notchers. KALANKARI also showed himself to be a most tough and consistent horse and he has been most unlucky not to win already.

It was very satisfying to see late season wins for both BABETH and RAINBOWS GUEST – although Andrew Christou's delight at his first 2yo filly winner might have been slightly dampened by the rather harsh 11 pound ratings rise dished out to Rainbows Guest after her comfortable nursery win at Southwell.

There is, of course, still plenty to look forward to. Briareus will be running again over jumps this season and is a most exciting horse to watch. He will be joined by Rosecliff – a promising Juvenile hurdler – as well as old favourites such as Distant Prospect, Redi and The Player. We also have a new novice chaser this season, The Well Lad, who has been bought from the point to point circuit. Gunner Welburn is now in safe and happy retirement and it would be remiss of me not to mention how much we have all enjoyed his career at Kingsclere. In three seasons he raced 16 times winning 5 placed 4 with earnings of over £110,000. The highlights were his win in the Rowland Merrick and his wonderful fourth in the Grand National. My thanks to his owners Will Ritson and David Hall and to his devoted lad Pat Maguire.

There were a few other goodbyes to say this quarter.

Diktatorial was not able to reproduce his two year old form on the racecourse this year but still made good money at the sales, along with Prince of Thebes, Della Salute, Donastrela, Elkhorn, Foxy Gwynne, House Martin, Heat Alert and Roman Army. We will follow their future careers with interest.

Bourgainville is now in happy retirement with Lindy Rees but old favourites like Albinus, Voice Mail, Mr Lambros and Pentecost will all be back with us next season. We also hope to conjure a return to form from Cape Greko. Many horses that had injuries to overcome will get other chances to show what they can do next season – including HOH HOH HOH, OCEANCOOKIE, STORM CENTRE, DEEP PURPLE and ROGUE.

Lastly, good news about Phoenix Reach – a real stable flag bearer and stalwart. He is recovering from his latest setback and we hope to target the Sheema Classic in Dubai in March once again. He is as tough a colt as one could imagine. A horse rarely needs a general anaesthetic in their life – he has needed five to overcome different problems. He still comes back for more. I wish I could bottle that courage and dish it out to all our horses. ■

Happy New Year everybody!

TOP SCORING HORSES 2005

VANDERLIN	46
BORDER MUSIC	41
HOLBECK GHYLL	37
DELLA SALUTE	35
CONJUROR	34
VOICE MAIL	34
BANKNOTE	30
SANTIAGO STAR	26
ROSECLIFF	22
SAINT ETIENNE	22
SAMSON QUEST	22
RAG TAG	20

LEADING LISTS

CHIVERS + DERBYSHIRE

VANDERLIN	46
ALBINUS	14
BORDER MUSIC	41
PRINCE OF THEBES	18
DIKTATORIAL	1
SILVER HIGHLIGHT	13
TINY TIM	10
BABETH	17
CALL ME WAKI	10
SANTIAGO STAR	26
HOH WOTANITE	
OVERLOOK	

BARRY HALE

VANDERLIN	46
BORDER MUSIC	41
BANKNOTE	30
ROSECLIFF	22
SILVER HIGHLIGHT	13
SHADE COZY	15
FOXY GWYNNE	15
THEATRE ROYAL	4
CALL ME WAKI	10
THE JABR	
HOH WOTANITE	
GENEROSIA	

CHERYL MORRIS

VANDERLIN	46
SPANISH ACE	1
BORDER MUSIC	41
PRINCE OF THEBES	18
PENTECOST	14
ROSECLIFF	22
OCEAN COOKIE	11
BABETH	17
CALL ME WAKI	10
FLY BY JOVE	
DINGAAN	8
THEATRE ROYAL	4

SUSAN GAY

FLORIDA HEART	1
CASUAL GLANCE	11
BANKNOTE	30
VANDERLIN	46
PENTECOST	14
PHOENIX REACH	8
VOICE MAIL	34
PINCH OF SALT	6
COSTA PACKET	
RAG TAG	20
RAINBOWS GUEST	16
THEATRE ROYAL	4

WOODEN SPOON LIST

Mrs M RAE-SMITH

COUNTY CLARE	
DIKTATORIAL	1
DOUBLE OBSESSION	
HOH HOH HOH	6
PITTSBURG	
SHADE COZY	15
SPEED OF SOUND	
APACHE ANGEL	
BROADWAY CALLING	
TANGARITA	1
THEATRE ROYAL	4
RAHY COLT	

THE 2005 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

FINAL RESULT

As always, this year's competition depended on the ability to pick horses that were able to keep going and amass points throughout the season. It was hard to predict such a low scoring season proven class performers such as Phoenix Reach and Diktatorial.

The stable's end of season flourish meant that the result was in doubt right up till the 1st of December – with Shade Cozy's overdue win on the last day of November just enabling Barry Hale to catch and equal the Chivers and Derbyshire entry to ensure a rare joint win. Our own Cheryl Morris was in 3rd place [I expect that she can't believe that she didn't have Silver Highlight in the list!] - with long time front runner Susan Gay close up in 4th place.

1st £386 each 3rd £144.75 4th 48.25

£5 entry fee was returned to Mrs Rae Smith – who won the wooden spoon title in spite of Shade Cozy's late win!

Get your thinking caps on for next year's competition – April is not far away!

1. CHIVERS/DERBYSHIRE (B)	196
1. HALE, BARRY	196
3. MORRIS, CHERYL (A)	192
4. GAY, SUSAN	190

5. ABP	186	20. PADDY	146	35. POLLITT, L	128
5. BALDING, IA (A)	186	22. MORRIS, CHERYL (B)	144	38. BALDING, M R & C	127
7. BUTCHER, MRS G	179	23. MICHAELSON, RCB	141	38. WECHLER, ENID	127
8. EASTLEY, LISA	178	24. OVETT, NICK	140	40. WILLIAMS, P	126
9. GEE, MARY	177	25. BAVEYSTOCK, HOWARD	139	41. BALDING, EMMA	125
10. MACREADY, SIR N	174	25. PARRY, ROGER	139	41. COX, TOM	125
11. GORDON, JOHN	172	27. HUMBLE, JESSICA	138	43. HALLAS, GARY (A)	124
12. ROGERS, JAMIE (A)	168	28. SHARLAND, R	137	44. COPE, C (B)	123
13. BANYARD, ANDREW	165	29. CHONG, GARY	135	44. MICHAELSON, RPB	123
14. BOX, PETER	163	30. BALDING, AM	132	44. PECKHAM, GEORGE (B)	123
14. DILLON, BATT (A)	163	31. CULLEN, EUGENE	131	44. STRUTHERS, LORNA	123
16. WHITEHALL (A)	156	31. HYDE, MRS J	131	48. JOHNSON/BOUNDS (A)	122
17. HESLOP, DEAN	155	33. SAVORY, PAUL	130	48. WEEDY, MICHAEL	122
18. OSWALD, MICHAEL	149	34. BACK, DAVID	129	50. HOLISTIC	121
19. CASLON, DH	148	35. GEGIC, AMIR	128	51. COX, VIV	120
20. CHESHIRE, ANGELA (A)	146	35. MACKINNON, ROGER	128	51. GEE, SIMON	120

53. HODGKINS, ADRIAN	119	99. ARNOLD, HUGH	95	146. GAY, DAVID	73
53. MASTERTON, L & R (A)	119	99. WALK, MR R	95	146. O'BRIEN, DR/MRS (D)	73
55. COPE, C (A)	118	101. CLEGG, D & B	93	149. BROUGHTON, T	72
55. MASTERTON, L & R (B)	118	102. BARRINGTON, GLYNN	92	149. TREGASKES, G M	72
57. COPE, C (C)	117	102. CHESHIRE, ANGELA (B)	92	151. GREEN, MARION (B)	70
57. PLUMMER, ANN	117	104. JOHNSON/BOUNDS (B)	91	152. MCPHEE, MINA	69
59. MASON, TERRY (B)	115	104. BROWN, DAVID	91	153. GALE, JOHN	68
59. WARD, CARLO	115	104. LUMLEY, PETER	91	153. HMB	68
60. CLAYTON, PHILIP	114	104. RITCHIE, TINA	91	153. PECKHAM, GEORGE (A)	68
61. MELLUISH, MICHAEL	112	104. WINTERBECK	91	153. SUMNER, C & S (A)	68
61. MICHAELSON, SOOTY	112	109. HUMPHRIES, G	90	157. KENT, MARK (A)	66
63. CHRISTOU, KELLY/ANTH.	111	109. NICHOLLS, ANDREW	90	157. PINK PARTNERSHIP (A)	66
64. LEE-ROBINSON, NICK	110	109. PALMER, CECILIA	90	159. HARRIS, NIGEL	65
64. MULLIGAN, ALEXANDRA	110	109. RANSON, J M	90	159. HOBHOUSE, JOHN	65
66. DOHERTY, TERRY (A)	109	113. COUSINS, ROSE	89	159. MARSH, RACHEL	65
66. FARREN, JOHN	109	113. SUMNER, C & S (B)	89	162. MACKINNON, BRIDGET	64
66. WILLIAMS, ANNALISA	109	115. MCDUGALL, R	87	163. CATRIDGE	63
69. CHESHIRE, NATHAN	108	115. MCPHEE, STUART (A)	87	164. DOHERTY, TERRY (B)	61
69. GREEN, MARION (A)	108	115. THOMAS, KATH	87	164. SIMPSON, ANDREW	61
71. HILL, AUDREY	107	118. HALL, DAVID	86	166. BUCKLEY, ROGER	59
72. MASON, TERRY (A)	106	119. BARBER, DAVID	85	166. RAE-SMITH, MRS M (A)	59
72. POWELL, DAVID (B)	106	120. ANDERSON, CHARLOTTE	84	166. WATSON, GREG	59
74. KINGSCLERE STUD	105	120. DILLON, BATT (B)	84	169. HODGKINS, ADRIAN	56
75. ALLPORT, DAVID	104	122. DERBYSHIRE, IAN	83	170. MCPHEE, STUART (B)	55
76. BALDING, IA (B)	103	122. HYDE, MR M	83	170. O'BRIEN, DR/MRS (B)	55
76. HOWSON, GEOFFREY	103	124. BONNER, CHRIS	82	172. BROUGHTON, B	54
76. MAHER, TERRY	103	124. DERBYSHIRE, MRS D	82	173. ARNOLD, PAMELA	52
78. BALDING, CLARE	102	124. PALMER, CLARE	82	174. KNAPP, SIMON	51
78. MELLUISH, ANNA	102	127. DANGAR, RICHARD	79	175. ARNOLD, ALICE	49
78. PLUMBLY, SIMON	102	127. HALL, JULIA	79	175. PALMER, ANNE	49
78. WOOLLEY, STEVE	102	127. KNAPP, J	79	175. THOMAS, JT	49
82. OURY, GERALD	101	127. RITCHIE, POLLY	79	178. ARNOLD, ROB	48
82. PARIS, REX	101	131. JOLY, MRS D	78	178. BELL, CLIVE	48
82. RHODES, MELVIN	101	131. POWELL, DAVID (A)	78	178. LYSAGHT, CORNELIUS	48
85. COVENTRY, SERENA	100	133. BEDFORD, PETER	77	178. WILSON, D	48
85. PAYTON, MICHAEL	100	133. NEWTON, WILLIAM	77	182. FINDLAY, ROSEMARY	47
87. COVENTRY, BRYAN	99	133. PASCOE, RICHARD	77	183. ROGERS, JAMIE (B)	46
87. CHIVERS/DERBYSHIRE (A)	99	133. WALTON, CRAIG	77	184. CLAYTON, OLIVER	44
87. GOVER, TONY	99	137. LAMBOURNE, EMMA	76	185. HALL, BEVERLEY	41
90. BARBER, HAZEL	98	137. TOLHURST, ANDREW	76	186. CLAYTON, C & D	40
90. LUMLEY, SUE	98	139. WALTON, LOUISE	75	186. HALE, JANICE	40
90. MEARS, GARRY	98	140. CADBURY, SALLY	74	186. HALLAS, GARY (B)	40
90. PLUMBLY, HELEN	98	140. JENKINSON, ROB	74	189. HALL, SIMON	36
94. GAY, EDWARD	97	140. LAWRENCE, BEN	74	189. O'BRIEN, DR/MRS (C)	36
94. HALLAS, GARY (C)	97	140. MARSH, FIONA	74	191. HALL, MELANIE	35
96. CULLEN, SARAH	96	140. NEWBERY, KAREN	74	192. RAE-SMITH, ALAN	32
96. KENT, MARK (B)	96	140. O'BRIEN, DR/MRS (A)	74	193. PALMER, W	29
96. PINK PARTNERSHIP (B)	96	146. ANDREW, KAYLEIGH	73	194. RAE-SMITH, MRS M (B)	27

YEARLINGS FOR SALE

MARJU FILLY [Marju x Bright Spells by Salse]

One 25% share remains
PRICE: £5,500 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005.



Bought at Tattersalls and eligible for the £250,000 Tattersalls Sales race 2006 and the £250,000 Watership Down Stud sales race.

Strong and attractive filly by Marju [by Last Tycoon]. Marju won three races - including The St. James' Palace stakes at Ascot and has proved himself a very versatile sire. Soviet Song is probably his best known offspring and his best offspring seem to be fillies.

The dam is Bright Spells [by Salse], a black type mare who was a winner at 2 and also Listed placed. She has already bred three winners.

VAL ROYAL COLT [Val Royal x Chandni x Ahonoora]

PRICE: £19,000 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005 - or £5000 + VAT for 25% share.



Bought at Tattersalls and eligible for the £250,000 Tattersalls Sales race 2006.

Attractive, well-proportioned colt by Val Royal [by Royal Academy]. This colt is from Val Royal's first crop which have been very well received. He won 7 races from 1 mile to 10 furlongs including 5 Group races. His biggest success came in the fastest ever Breeders Cup mile.

The dam is Chandni by that wonderful speed influence Ahonoora. She is from the close family of Kings Lake and has already produced two other good winners.

GOLAN COLT [Golan x Delta Blues by Digamist]

PRICE: £24,000 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005.



Bought at Tattersalls and eligible for the £250,000 Tattersalls Sales race 2006.

Big, imposing colt by Golan [by Spectrum]. This colt is from Golan's first crop. He was a very exciting racehorse - perhaps best remembered for that dazzling burst of speed to win his 2000 Guineas. He also won The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and two other group races and was second in the Derby. He was a most versatile horse.

The dam is Delta Blues by the USA sire Digamist. All her four previous runners have won, including Wild Bunch who won 9 times and was placed 26 times [including Listed races], so the family are really tough.

KAHYASI COLT [Kahyasi x Platonic by Zafonic]

PRICE: £32,000 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005.



Bought at Tattersalls and eligible for the £250,000 Tattersalls Sales race 2006.

Athletic, good-moving colt by Kahyasi [by Ile de Bourbon] - a seriously under-rated stallion. A dual Derby winner, he is the sire of sixteen group winners including five individual group 1 winners.

This is the first foal of the dam Platonic [by Zafonic]. She is from the family of Puce, Magical Romance and Doyoun.

Bought at the 2005 sales at Doncaster & Newmarket

FANTASTIC LIGHT COLT [Fantastic Light x Khambani by Royal Academy]

PRICE: £12,500 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005.



Bought at Tattersalls and eligible for the £250,000 Tattersalls Sales race 2006.

Well-made, neat colt by Fantastic Light [by Rahy]. We think he will prove to be a bargain buy. Fantastic Light was a tremendous, versatile racehorse - winning twelve races from 2 to 5 between 7f and 12f. These included the Hong Kong Cup, Champion Stakes, Prince of Wales Stakes and the Tattersalls Gold Cup giving him higher earnings than any other European horse. He has quickly become a sought after stallion and 8 of his first 11 runners have won or been placed - including Prince of Light.

The dam is Khambani [by Royal Academy]. She is a winner and is from the close family of Sakhee and Celestial Storm.

MARJU COLT [Marju x Stately Princess by Robellino]



Bought at Doncaster and eligible for their £300,000 Sales race 2006.

Strong and impressive looking son of Marju [by Last Tycoon]. Marju won three races - including The St. James' Palace stakes at Ascot and has proved himself a very versatile sire. Soviet Song is probably his best known offspring.

The dam is Stately Princess, by Robellino - one of our favourite broodmare sires. She is a dual winner and we know the family well since we already have her promising 2yo - Kalankari - in training here.

BEAT HOLLOW COLT [Beat Hollow x Frond by Alzao] 50% For Sale

PRICE: £25,000 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005.



Bought at Doncaster and eligible for their £300,000 Sales race 2006.

Athletic bay colt by first season sire Beat Hollow - the top rated 3yo in France in 2000. He won 7 races [and over £1million] including The Arlington Million and The Grand Prix de Paris.

The dam, Frond [By Alzao] was a winner and has already produced two winners from only three runners.

VAL ROYAL COLT [Val Royal x Music of Life by Law Society]

PRICE: £35,000 + VAT - including all keep fees until end December 2005.



Bought at Doncaster and eligible for their £300,000 Sales race 2006.

Smart, compact, early colt by first season sire VAL ROYAL [by Royal Academy]. Val Royal won 7 races including the Breeders Cup mile.

The dam, Music of Life [By Law Society] has already produced 7 winners from 8 runners.

MUJAHID GELDING [Mujahid x Legend of Aragon by Aragon]



Bought at Doncaster and eligible for their £300,000 Sales race 2006.

Very attractive gelding by the promising Danzig sire MUJAHID - the champion 2yo in Europe in 1998. He has already demonstrated the ability to sire precocious 2yos.

The dam [LEGEND OF ARAGON] was also a winning 2yo and has produced two winners already, including MAFHEEM - a full brother to our colt.

MAKYBE DIVA

William Huntingdon

The Melbourne Cup is Australia's and arguably the world's greatest race. The first Tuesday in November is a public holiday in Victoria and the race stops the nation in all other States. It is the stayers Breeders Cup and a combination of the Grand National and Derby in tradition and public appeal. Makylbe Diva defines the Melbourne Cup. The race has united Australians through Two World Wars, the Great Depression and the intervening years. Phar Lap and Bradman kept spirits alive in the Thirties, now the great mare has left memories no one will forget in the huge crowd that witnessed a legend being enshrined. After defeats in the Ashes and Rugby World Cup the visiting Poms needed to be put in their place. After the race, Lee Freedman advised reporters to seek out the youngest child at the track because 'it will be the only person who may live long enough to have a chance of seeing this happen again'.

Makylbe Diva retired from racing on Tuesday November 1st 2005 immediately after the Cup. She was sound and the highest stakes earner in Australasian horse racing history with winnings of \$A 14,526,685. She carries the G.B. suffix as she was foaled in Dorset. Her dam, Tugela, by Riverman was twice raced as a 2-y-o. On her second start at Doncaster she finished a long way behind Putuna, who was third and trained at Kingsclere for the Hitchins. Sold by Juddmonte to the C.B.A. for £21,000, she was reconsigned to the December Sales by Ballylinch Stud in foal to Desert King and bought for Tony Santic by John Foote for £60,000.

Tony Santic was born on Lastova, a Croatian Island close to the Italian border. He arrived in Australia aged 6 with his family who moved to Port Lincoln on the Eyre Peninsula to fish commercially. Tony started fishing for orange roughie off the Tasmanian coast before



The finish of the 2005 Melbourne Cup



Glenn Boss triumphant

moving on to tuna. Recently he sold half his tuna business (the second largest in South Australia) and is busy developing Smytzer's Lodge, west of Geelong, as a stud farm and home for Makybe Diva. Smytzer was apparently the nickname coined for Tony's old Valiant car by a fellow fisherman. Makybe Diva was named by Tony's office staff using the first two letters of their christian names Maureen, Kylie, Belinda, Dianne and Vanessa. Perhaps Lindy, Mary and Stuart have something to live up to. Tony uses the Croatian flag as his colours and in 1997 went to New Zealand to buy his first mare, apparently he came home with thirty horses.

John Foote was the man responsible for buying Tugela. A sports-loving Queenslander, John spent part of his apprenticeship with the B.B.A in Newmarket. He is also responsible for buying the champion Hong Kong sprinter Silent Witness as a yearling. Normally in-foal mares bought by Australasians have their produce sold in the Northern Hemisphere as they are at a six month disadvantage down under. Luckily John is better at buying than selling; the £20,000 reserve stopped the sale of the Desert King filly out of Tugela and she was shortly on her way to the sun.

Dick Fowlston, late of Britton House Stud Dorset, was the man who foaled Tugela down with his stud groom Andy Slater and now is masterminding the development of Smytzer Lodge with his wife, Caroline. His son, Ollie, is an auctioneer with Tattersalls.

Makybe Diva spent her yearling days at Arrowfield Stud in the Hunter Valley, home of Hussonet, Falbrav, Redoute's Choice and Starcraft amongst others. Local breaker, Greg Bennett, educated her at Scone before David Hall started training her in Melbourne. She made her debut at Benalla, finishing 4th, before winning at Wangaratta, Sale and Ballarat. This is comparable to Folkestone, Warwick, Pontefract and Salisbury: a modest start in the Prescott mould.

She then won the listed Werribee Cup and the Group 2 Queen Elizabeth at Flemington. The rest is history: three Melbourne Cups, a Sydney Cup, an Australian Cup in record time and the B.M.W. Lee Freedman took over after the first Melbourne Cup when David left to train in Hong Kong. This year Lee shortened her up to win the Group 2 Memsie Stakes before her weight-for-age triumph in the Cox Plate over 10 furlongs. Then came the record breaking third Melbourne Cup, a much applauded decision to retire her and two weeks of partying. Stud masters will be eager to lure the great mare to their stallion and Tony is lucky to have Tugela in foal to Redoute's Choice, a Red Ransom filly foal and two half sisters by Woodman and Jade Robbery. Her Redoute's yearling colt was sold at Sydney Easter this year for an Australian record of \$A2,500,000 to Woodlands of Octagonal fame and is named Musket. ■

The legend lives on.



Owner & Jockey

EQUINE SPORTS MASSAGE

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Equine Sports Massage is based on a thorough understanding of equine anatomy and physiology and the interaction of the bones, joints and muscles. The horse is looked at as a whole and all possible causes and effects of any tension or muscle irregularities or differences are considered.

In the racehorse various massage and stretching techniques are employed to enable the horse to compete to its full potential by:

- Increasing and improving circulation
- Enhancing muscle tone
- Relaxing muscle spasms
- Preventing or relieving muscle adhesions
- Increasing range of movement

More than 60% of the horse's body weight is made up of muscle. Small muscle injuries can take up to 90 days to become apparent (by change in attitude, decline in performance or lameness), by which time a more serious injury might have resulted. By attending to these 'small' muscle injuries at an early stage you will not only enhance performance but may also prevent future problems. Muscle tightening transmits from one group of muscles to another which can lead to secondary problems elsewhere in the animal.

Massage can benefit the well being of the horse by releasing tension and aiding mental relaxation. In times of injury massage is of great benefit in speeding recovery and preventing





muscle atrophy or tissue scarring. Massage can also help to prevent injury.

Typically I see horses at every stage of the fitness spectrum and at various stages in their training/competitive programme. Massage can help in the following circumstances:

Pre Race/Competition

- To help release spasms
- Increase blood flow and therefore nutrient and oxygen supply through the tissues.
- If directly before competing massage will help to warm the muscle and prepare them for the forthcoming event, aiding suppleness and flexibility.

Post Race/Competition

- To relieve any tensions
- Detect any tissue damage or muscle tears
- Help rid the system of any toxins, e.g. lactic acid and other metabolic by-products.

General Maintenance

On a regular basis massage will help maintain muscle integrity, aid mobility and increase joint flexibility.

Horses that are not structurally 'perfect' will always be prone to muscle imbalances and irregularities. Regular massage will help to maintain the best possible movement and mobility.

Through the general rigours of training, equine, like human, athletes are prone to micro-damage of the muscles on a daily basis even without appearing 'wrong' in any way. Regular massage will again enable me, as a massage therapist,

to pick up on what is normal or abnormal in particular individual's musculature.

Even horses on box rest will benefit greatly from massage therapy, for some of the reasons previously mentioned:

- Maintaining/promoting muscle tone through the application of specialised techniques.
- Maintaining/enhancing blood flow through muscles, which might otherwise be lacking in nutrient flow and toxin removal through inactivity.
- Passive stretching and flexion exercise techniques will help maintain joint flexibility and suppleness.

It is always important to remember that every horse is different and each should be treated as such. What may be an indication of tension or soreness in one animal may well be 'the norm' in another. Knowing what discipline the animal is training for is also vital as different activities will promote and recruit different muscles. For example in a racing yard sprinters are solid compact well-muscled individuals and long-distance horses tend to be leaner and exhibit less muscle bulk.

Massage can be a useful and effective technique to help maintain the horse in its optimum level of fitness for maximum performance levels. As one member of a closely linked team, the sports massage therapist can work effectively with the trainer, vets, head-lad, work riders, farrier and other therapists, e.g. chiropractors, to achieve the best results for the equine athlete. ■

FIRST WINNING FILLY FOR WINTERBECK

It proved to be a case of lucky thirteen for Andrew Christou's Winterbeck Manor Stud when Rainbows Guest broke an unwanted hoodoo at Southwell this autumn.

Whilst having the great fortune to own the wonderful Phoenix Reach, Andrew has invested heavily in fillies to stock his burgeoning stud near Nottingham. However in almost five seasons of racing had yet to see his colours carried into the winner's enclosure by a filly. So when Rainbows Guest became the thirteenth filly to try and the first to be successful it was hardly surprising that her owner had a grin that spread from ear to ear.

Here the owner describes what that lowly win at 'sunny' Southwell meant to him.

In July this year at our lowest ebb with Phoenix injured in the King George and the frustration of four fruitless years without a filly winner was showing no signs of changing. Andrew paraded all our two year olds for show one afternoon; there were three fillies which we had purchased as foals and one colt which Andrew had bought for me at Saratoga.

They all looked magnificent specimens with the exception a big fat chesnut filly that Andrew had warned me about. Firstly she ate so much food and I would probably pay dearly to subsidise the habit and secondly she was so lazy at home that he thought the only way she would get fully fit was at the races!

Before her first race at Leicester, I was warned that if I were to make the effort to go to the track to see her, I was to expect Martin Dwyer to work very hard to even get her out of the stalls. This was so true, as was the fact that she trailed in a never dangerous thirteenth, finishing almost as tired as her jockey! A few days later at Newbury after watching another of our fillies, Antigoni, rear out of the stalls giving the whole field a six length start, before flying home to finish an excellent fourth, I felt perhaps she would be my first filly winner.

Sadly this was not to be as on her next start Antigoni did exactly the same trick forfeiting ten lengths and setting herself an impossible task. The next filly to attempt to change my fortunes was Genrosia, my superbly bred Generous filly, who showed some speed but was evidently too weak to be winning as a two year old.

That brings us back to the fat sow, Rainbows Guest, who wasn't so fat on her next visit to the race track and finished mid division in a fillies maiden at Newmarket. Andrew had hinted that he had a secret weapon he would use when he felt she was ready. In order to attempt to make her break sweat at home, he had

applied a pair of blinkers in her last work out and the response had been dramatic.

A trip to Doncaster only forty minutes from the stud to see her wade through the mud without much apparent effort, was followed by a phone call from Andrew the next day saying she only lost two kilos! We had no option but to wake the lazy so and so up with our secret weapon!

Phoenix Reach had worn a visor for the first time when he won the Canadian International at the end of his three year old career. That same visor was now going to be called upon once more to work some magic on our fat little friend.

Southwell is a racecourse where Andrew always seems to send any of my horses as a last resort and the race is usually followed by the advice to get rid of them. Sea Prince, Highest Honour, Arctic Queen, Lola's Destiny all had their final starts for me at Southwell.

Surely this was not going to be the case with Rainbows Guest, she was a half sister to a Group 3 winner, bought for 55,000 guineas as a foal, even if we couldn't sell her for 10,000 as a yearling! Slowly away, trapped six wide round the bend. How on earth were we going to avoid rock bottom here? I thought to myself. Then the power of our secret weapon came into play when all hope had been lost, with a determined run in the straight, she did not look like stopping and ran out a comfortable five length winner! The feeling of finally getting a filly and particularly that filly a winner was as good as winning a Group 1 (although Sha Tin is rather more appealing than Southwell!) and the trainer's relief was plain to see.

That lucky visor can be hired from me via Andrew Balding, but it won't come cheap. ■

A proud and happy,

Andrew Christou

HORSERACE WRITERS & PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL TRAINER OF THE YEAR December 5th 2005

Andrew was delighted to receive the above recognition at the HWWPA annual lunch. Sponsored by the International Racing Bureau there were three other nominations Andre Fabre, Luca Cumani and David Oughton. Andrew accepted the award on behalf of his travelling team of horses and people. The main equine contributors to this victory have been Phoenix Reach, Vanderlin, Santiago Star, Saint Etienne and Silver Highlight. Thanking the owners for their willingness to take the risks of

travelling their horse, he paid tribute to the great efforts of the staff involved. Richard Phillips, Leanne Masterton, Steve Woolley, Cheryl Morris, Patrick Grant but probably most notably Lindy Rees for overcoming the mountain of paperwork involved in the campaign. He also mentioned the efforts of the travelling jockey, Martin Dwyer. Andrew did admit he was pretty lucky the Japan Cup happened after the judging but was delighted to get on the roll of honour. ■



Andrew receives his award from Brough Scott

PETER O'SULLEVAN AWARD

November 23rd 2005



Ian & Toby receive their awards from Peter O'Sullivan

The brothers, Ian and Toby Balding, were the proud recipients of the prestigious Peter O'Sullivan award at his annual luncheon at the Savoy Hotel in November where there were over 400 guests.

The highlight of the afternoon perhaps was the special film made by the B.B.C. as a tribute to the brothers. It was produced by Gerry Morrison and movingly narrated by Clare Balding. The film showed footage of champions like Lochsong and Mill Reef, Highland Wedding and Morley Street and it was evocative to hear the commentaries of their great races by the 'Voice of Racing' himself.

In his thank you speech Toby said that the only reason for he and his brother receiving such an award must be solely the number of years they had been around as trainers – a total of 86 between them.

The brothers thought they should put their hands

in their pockets to try and purchase the excellent portraits of themselves by artist Johnny Jonas which were an auction item. This as usual was conducted quite brilliantly by Goffs Director Nick Nugent. The portraits made £8000 which was considerably more than the brothers were prepared to offer and were bought by Irish owner J.P. McManus. In an act of extreme generosity he then gave them to Toby and Ian. The eleven lots auctioned in about twenty minutes made a staggering £167,500 for the Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust which benefits six mainly equine charities, Blue Cross, The Brooke, CIWF, ILPH, Racing Welfare and the Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre. In the nine years of this annual lunch he has raised over £1m.

The retiring leader of the Conservative Party Michael Howard was the guest speaker and spoke with much charm and wit. ■

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Neil Chalmers with Sara and Jessica Anne born August 2004



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