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PITTODRIE STAR and happy connections after his success at Kempton in November

Front cover: *MON CADEAUX (William Buick) wins at Salisbury*
Back cover: *BUCCELLATI is visited by Santa's little helpers*

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After a terrific 2008 season, during which the team registered 67 winners, we were all looking forward to building on that over the winter and the positive early signs from this year's group of two-year-olds, as well as several progressive three and four year olds, gave us plenty of optimism before the season got underway with the traditional curtain-raiser at Doncaster in March.

The exploits of **Hatton Flight** were covered in the summer edition of the Kingsclere Quarter, as has been the case for the past two seasons. His racing record in the months of April, May and June for the past two years reads 7 runs, 6 wins and one rather unfortunate unseat (when well-fancied for the Duke of Edinburgh at the Royal meeting this year). That he was able to once again rack up a sequence this year (the last of them off a 30lbs higher mark than when starting his winning run in 2008) is a huge credit to the horse and though he once again failed to taste success in a light second-half of the campaign, he once again ensured that the yard started the season in the best possible manner and therefore deserves another mention!

Buccellati is another who has failed to add to his win in the Ormonde Stakes at Chester earlier in the year and it is a shame that he has been restricted to just three more runs after that triumph. However, he showed a glimpse of his capabilities at the highest level when suffering trouble in running in the Coronation Cup, during which he unfortunately sustained an injury. However, after a promising prep run in France (where, although he needed the run, he finished just over three lengths off Breeders' Cup Turf fourth Spanish Moon) he finished a fine third in the Canadian International at Woodbine, finding only two previous Group 1 winners too good. Having travelled very well through the race, he could never quite get to the leaders once asked for his effort and William Buick (who earlier on the card had registered his first Group 1 winning ride aboard Lahaleeb) felt that the ground, which was very firm, had certainly played its part in his defeat. However, he is tremendously progressive and is certainly not too far off the best around now, a point he will have the chance to prove when running in the Hong Kong Vase (which we won in 2003 with Phoenix Reach) in December.

A win for **Dream Eater** (in a dead-heat!) was as welcome as any registered by the yard this season. Last year's 2000 Guineas fifth has plenty of top class form to his name, including when third to Aqlaam in the 2008 Jersey Stakes, and his second run this season, when close up behind the multiple Group 1-winning Paco Boy, was another indication of his abilities. After three consecutive fourths in Group company, he finally got it right (just!) in the Listed City of York Stakes at the Ebor meeting. That win earned him a trip abroad to take in the Topkapi Trophy

2009 SEASON

by Andrew Balding



BERNIE THE BOLT wins the Cesarewitch Trial under David Probert

at Turkey's Veliefendi racecourse. With over £700,000 in prize-money, it is obviously a race which attracts plenty of international attention and, with Dream Eater having been brought through on the rail with what looked like a winning run around 1½ furlongs out, it fell to Michael Jarvis's Group 1 globetrotter Pressing to spoil the party, rallying late on to regain the lead in the final strides. Though it is slightly frustrating that he has just two wins to his name from twenty career starts, that run in Turkey was another performance that showcased his considerable talent and having now won nearly half a million pounds in prize-money, he's an excellent 'frustating' horse to have!

Victoria Montoya was once again the flagship performer for the Kingsclere Racing Club, in its second year after an excellent inaugural season in 2008. She won a heritage handicap at Newmarket in May, but it was her subsequent performances in some very tough Listed and Group contests that won her many admirers; she is very gritty and determined, and though she is prone to flashing the tail on more than one occasion per race, her record this season in staying contests is admirable. She finished third in the Group 3 Lily

Langtry during Glorious Goodwood week, she ran the best race of her career to date when runner-up to the subsequent Melbourne Cup 3rd Mourilyan back at Goodwood in August. Her trip to Doncaster the following month for the 'Fillies Leger', the Park Hill Stakes, was a slight disappointment but it came at the end of a long and successful season and is easily forgiven after providing the members of the KRC with so much enjoyment this year. With her sister Inhibition now retired to the paddocks, there is every chance that she will continue to race for the Club next year.

Bernie The Bolt went in to plenty of notebooks when fifth in a maiden at Windsor in May but it took until August for him to get off the mark, in maiden company at Lingfield Park. However, he soon showed himself to be a very progressive young stayer, as that win was followed by a close third in the Melrose Stakes (handicap) at York's Ebor meeting before he romped home in the Cesarewitch trial (run over the same trip as the big race) at Newmarket. He wasn't entered in the main event this year (favourite Darley Sun's manner of victory suggests that was a good idea!) but as a three year old stayer (he's out of a 12-14f winner and



SIMENON (L Keniry) wins his Newmarket maiden in decisive fashion

by St Leger winner Milan, so it's no surprise he stays) there is so much to look forward to with him and he looks a very good prospect for next year's big staying handicaps.

Siren's Gift came very close to winning the prestigious Portland handicap last year and her run at Bath on her seasonal bow in 2009 offered plenty of promise. However, though she travelled particularly well through her races (she'd be top class over four furlongs!) she couldn't get her head in front until making all to win at Epsom in handicap company off a mark of 90 in August. She has now been retired and, as a classy daughter of Blue Siren (demoted from 1st place in the Nunthorpe during her racing career) she is obviously a very exciting broodmare prospect for Jeff Smith.

Brief Encounter, **Cool Strike** and **Chiberta King**'s early-season achievements were well-documented in the Summer edition of this magazine, with all three making giant strides through the handicap ranks. Whilst the former has moved on to pastures new (having realised 140,000gns at Newmarket's Horses In Training sales), the latter pair, having improved by 20lbs and 23lbs respectively over the course of the season, are open to further progress and should not be underestimated when reappearing next season.

Final Victory is another capable of making his mark in staying handicaps next year, the three-year-olds **Parc Des**

Princes and **Rapid Water** were also dual winners this year and they look capable of more success in 2010.

It was very pleasing to get wins out of **Dingaan** and **Wigram's Turn** this year. The former has finished in the first four on no fewer than thirteen occasions in the past couple of seasons so his win at Bath in July was long overdue. Wigram's Turn has been an unlucky horse in that he has bumped into several well-handicapped rivals in the past couple of seasons, so his victory at Kempton Park in September (his first since his two year old debut) was also very welcome. He hasn't had much racing but is a useful performer on his day (as his official rating of 90 suggests) and can win again.

Other winners in the second half of the season included the KRC's **Bengal Tiger** (an impressive winner at Kempton and since sold to go hurdling) and **Penzena**, who made an impressive winning debut for the yard, again at Kempton Park, when scooting clear in a mile maiden. She may well be covered and race on in foal next year and the manner of her victory certainly suggests she is capable of winning more races. We were looking forward to running **Ada River** this year as she looked to have made plenty of progress over the winter and she made her long-awaited seasonal reappearance in August. Though she was unable to add to last year's maiden win in her starts this season, she certainly



PIPETTE wins at Salisbury on her debut with L Keniry

added to her paddock value in finishing second behind very useful rivals in two Listed contests. She will make a lovely broodmare.

The two year olds looked a good bunch from a very early stage and we were very hopeful that initial promise would bear itself out on the racecourse.

Once again, we didn't have many of them out too early, and **Stargaze's** win at Lingfield Park in May was our first juvenile winner of the season. However, far from being an early two year old, he went on to win at Bath before running an excellent race in defeat in the Group 2 Richmond Stakes at Glorious Goodwood and again running well to claim fifth place in the Mill Reef at Newbury.

Dream Eater's half-brother **Dreamspeed** got his career off to the perfect start at Sandown Park in July but couldn't reach the frame in three starts in Pattern company after. However, he showed a smart level of form this year and he certainly has the ability to make an impact at a high level next year.

Simenon looked a very nice prospect when winning his maiden at the second time of asking and, after a good fifth in the Solario at Sandown, he regained the winning thread with victory in a novice race at Ayr. His subsequent third in the Group 3 Autumn Stakes at Ascot was a very good run

given that he was hampered when delivering his challenge two furlongs from home, and he is another excellent prospect for 2010.

Mon Cadeaux bumped into a smart one on his debut at Newmarket but he may well have won had he had some previous experience, and that promising run was followed by an easy win at Salisbury three weeks later. Upped to 7f (having run over 6f on both previous starts), he was sent off favourite for the Listed Starlit Stakes at Goodwood in September, but surprisingly ran well below form, which was a real disappointment given how much we think of him. However, he went some way towards rectifying that when winning a conditions event back at Salisbury (and back over 6f) in great style and he will step back up in class next season – he could be very useful indeed.

Pipette is certainly one to keep a close eye on next season. Another of our Salisbury winners this season (contributing towards a record of 8 winners from 15 two year old runners at the course this season, a strike-rate of 53%!), she was a fast-finishing third in the Listed Radley Stakes at Newbury in October and the way she finished there over 7f on soft ground suggests she will even better as she goes over further next year. She has a lovely pedigree and is one to look forward to.

Another to show high-class form from just a couple of runs is **Gardening Leave**. He won his maiden at Newbury (on the same card as Pipette) at the second time of asking, and the manner of his victory on soft ground was really quite taking. Although he was ultimately beaten a fair way in the Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud on his latest start, the 1m2f trip on heavy ground is not an easy one for juveniles and he is capable of better. He is potentially very useful.

Lord Zenith was mentioned in the summer issue, and looked an exciting two year old when running away with a Salisbury maiden on his second start. His fifth in the Superlative Stakes was an excellent performance and though he was unable to run again this season, his pedigree offers plenty of hope that he will progress further over the winter and when stepping up slightly in trip, so there is plenty to look forward to with him.

Suffolk Punch won a 7f maiden at Epsom in July in good style, and he was one of the favourites for the big 7f nursery at the Glorious Goodwood meeting. Things didn't entirely go to plan there but he was beaten under three lengths off a mark of 85, so it was a fair initial foray into handicap company. He is a half-brother to high-class miler Dark Islander and comes from a family that progresses well with age, so there is every reason to be hopeful that he can keep useful company next year.

Swan Wings and **Theladyinquestion** are both nice fillies and should be keeping good company next season, while **Katehari** was another filly to win in maiden company this season and though she was subsequently beaten twice in handicap company, she is from a good family and can be expected to improve over the winter.

The Kingsclere Racing Club was once again thankful to sire Passing Glance, as both **Constant Contact** and **Side Glance** are by the former Kingsclere stable star. Constant Contact improved very suddenly, running away with an Epsom maiden (in very similar fashion to his sire in the Diomed back in 2004 – a sign of things to come?!) before running an excellent race in defeat off a mark of 85 back at that track in October. He was giving the winner 22lbs and battled all the way to the line. David Probert, who gave Constant Contact a fine ride at Epsom, has really progressed since sharing the Champion Apprentice title last year with William Buick. David lost his claim at the beginning of the season and to ride 79 winners over the year is an excellent achievement. He lost by one winner to Frederik Tylicki in this year's title race, thus denying him consecutive Apprentice championships, but this is the year in which he has established himself in the jockey's ranks and, with several good yards regularly calling upon his services, he



GARDENING LEAVE wins his maiden at Newbury

looks set to continue the excellent start he has made to his riding career in 2010.

Side Glance was a 50-1 winner on debut at Newmarket, (a surprising price as he had received a good mention in an interview I gave for Racing UK two weeks prior!) and he proved that performance to be no fluke when finding only a 103-rated juvenile too good on his only subsequent start this year, in a conditions event at Salisbury. Both bear a striking resemblance to their sire and given they have



SIDE GLANCE (L Keniry) is another to win on debut at Newmarket

matched his achievements at two, it would be nice to think that they are capable of similar improvement from here on!

Dromore looked a potentially nice colt when winning on his second start, and though he finished down the field in two nurseries after that win, he wasn't disgraced on his final start in a competitive contest at Doncaster and will start next year on a fair mark, something which will soon apply to **Danger Mullally** given his current form! His maiden win (in what had looked a modest median auction contest) worked out quite well but he has been unable to reproduce that winning effort in starts in handicaps since, the latest of which was very disappointing. However, he will continue to run on the All-Weather for the time being and hopefully he will rediscover his form soon.

Brick Red is a very big colt and he was always going to be more of a three year old. However, he shared the spoils when dead-heating over 6f at Kempton in August and was beaten by a whisker when second at Goodwood in a competitive handicap company in October. He looks likely to leave his juvenile form behind in time and could be a different proposition next year, while **Pittodrie Star** also looks to have possibilities off his mark of 76, having won on his second start



at Kempton Park in November, where he displayed a good attitude to get his head in front in a driving finish.

Cool Valentine and **Flaming Miracle** both won, the former in a Sandown nursery and the latter in great style at Salisbury, and they have since been sold at the Horses-In-Training sales, Cool Valentine fetching 68,000gns (having been purchased for 13,000gns as a yearling) to race in Denmark, and Flaming Miracle realising 35,000gns having been bought in for just 5,000gns at the yearling sales.

There have been several two year olds to run well without managing to get there head in front this year.

Tartan Trip was showing up well on the gallops from an early stage but looked as if he had plenty to learn when fourth on his debut at York in June, running very green through the early stages. Unfortunately, a couple of niggly problems kept him off the course until October, where he finished fourth in what is likely to turn out to be a very useful maiden, but he didn't improve as expected for that when third on his next start at Kempton. However, he has been gelded since and could well turn out to be leniently treated off a mark of 76.

Yarra River has finished second on three occasions, including when runner-up to the subsequent Goffs Million winner on debut! He finished down the field in the Timeform Million at Newmarket but he has more ability than that and looks feasibly handicapped for next year.

White Devil was too keen through his races this year, but his maiden form looks strong and he was only just held on his final start of the year, over 7f at Epsom. Out of an unraced half-sister to two Group 1 performers in Chile, he is a strong type who will progress when he settles better.

Opera Gal is from a family that we know well here, as her dam is a half-sister to plenty of winners including the high-class stayer Grey Shot. She improved with each of three starts this year and, being by Galileo, better still can be expected when she steps up in trip next season, while **Guidecca Ten** is another likely to do better next year. He showed promising form in two runs over a mile, and with a middle-distance pedigree, he shouldn't be long in winning in 2010.

Dark Missile's half-brother **Breakheart** came on plenty for his debut run at Leicester, finishing second at Bath just a week later. Although that looked a modest field, he finished the race well and, if he is anything like his half-sister, he'll be much better for another year.

Fireback showed plenty on the gallops at home this year but his performances on the track didn't quite match that. However, he isn't too high in the handicap as a result, something which also applies to **Ipswich Lad**. A brother to the useful Gothenburg and out of a sister to top-class miler Noverre (also closely related to Arazi), he has an



PITTODRIE STAR winning at Kempton ridden by Liam Keniry

eyecatching pedigree and his latest run at Kempton, where he finished a close third, suggests his turn will come soon.

Kingston Acacia finished second on her handicap debut, a marked improvement on her previous form, and she can go on from that.

Siren's Gift's half-brother **Viking Dancer** looked progressive in three maiden runs during the summer but was unable to take advantage of what looked a good opportunity at Warwick in late September. However, that was a messy race and he is certainly better than that. His pedigree suggests he can improve plenty on his juvenile form next year.

Song To The Moon is a nice filly, and certainly one for next year. She made her debut in the Timeform Fillies' 800 at Newmarket in October, a very tough ask and she didn't disgrace herself. Her only subsequent run came at Doncaster two weeks later over a mile on good to soft ground, where she finished seventh in a big field. She is capable of better, as is **Strictly Dancing**, who showed plenty of ability in two maidens at Newbury this year and who is out of the top-class sprinter Lochangel.

Mecox Bay is another from a good family and showed ability in two starts at Sandown Park in late summer, while **Veni Vedi Vici** improved plenty on her debut run at Kempton when finishing in midfield in what looked a decent Newbury maiden in October. Both can win races next year.

Trewarthenick and **Fire Raiser** have both run twice and although they are yet to threaten the principals, both

look in need of a slightly bigger test of stamina and hopefully they can show improved form once upped in trip.

There are a host of once-raced juveniles that could be worth following too. **Kakatosi**, out of a multiple 6-7f winner, showed plenty of promise on his debut at Newmarket, where he finished seventh despite being hampered at the start, while **Quite Something** was staying on as well as anything when finishing fourth on her debut at Newbury in October and is sure to progress.

Elvira Madigan was green on her debut at Kempton but again looked one for the future as she stayed on all the way to the line, and **Dungannon** will surely not be a maiden for long once reappearing if repeating the promise of his one run this year, at Windsor in June.

Chink Of Light and **Highland Knight** both look sure to come on for their debut runs, while **Tappanappa** is a good prospect and far better than the form he showed on his debut at Newbury in October. **Jokers Wild** can only improve after his belated debut in November.

With the jumps season now in full swing, it is perhaps appropriate to end this article with news of our first National Hunt winner of the season! **Amroth Bay**, making his racecourse debut. He made almost all the running in the 'bumper' on heavy ground at Chepstow in late November, winning in clear-cut fashion under Champion jockey A P McCoy. It was a very promising performance and he is an exciting addition to our small but select jumping team! ■

THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

	WINS	RUNS	%	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	WIN & PLACE %	TOTAL £
2YO	22	142	15	20	12	16	49	166,669
3YO	25	185	14	18	24	19	46	248,768
4YO+	18	156	12	21	15	16	44	355,665
FOREIGN	0	5	0	1	1	2	25	305,136
TOTALS	65	488	13	60	52	53	47	1,076,238

KINGSLERE TIMEFORM TOP 10 3yo +

1	Buccellati	119
2	Dream Eater	117
3 =	Hatton Flight	106
3 =	Bernie The Bolt	106
5 =	Victoria Montoya	104
5 =	Ada River	104
7	Brief Encounter	102
8	Chiberta King	100
9	Wigrams Turn	99
10	Cool Strike	97

KINGSLERE TIMEFORM TOP 2yos

1	Mon Cadeaux	105
2	Simenon	101p
3	Stargaze	101
4 =	Lord Zenith	98p
4 =	Pipette	98p
6	Dreamspeed	93
7	Constant Contact	92+
8	Brick Red	88p
9	Side Glance	87p
10	Suffolk Punch	86

TOP JOCKEYS

W Buick	28/181	15%
L P Keniry	19/116	16%
D Probert	13/102	13%
Dane O'Neill	1/1	100%
R Rowe	1/6	17%
C Catlin	1/7	14%
M J Dwyer	1/16	6%
N Chalmers	1/20	5%

TOP TEN EARNERS

1	Dream Eater	231,953
2	Buccellati	182,707
3	Hatton Flight	52,158
4	Victoria Montoya	51,413
5	Brief Encounter	44,504
6	Bernie The Bolt	35,315
7	Chiberta King	32,814
8	Set The Trend	26,355
9	Stargaze	19,355
10	Simenon	18,510

TOP TRACKS

1	Salisbury	9-27	33%
2	Newmarket	9-43	21%
3	Kempton	9-59	15%
4	Lingfield	7-38	18%
5	Epsom	5-17	29%
6	Warwick	4-16	25%
7	Bath	4-24	17%
8	Windsor	3-28	11%
9	Newbury	3-36	8%
10	York	2-7	29%

THE 2009 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

The 2009 result has a truly European feel to it with the first two places being filled by France and Spain. Many congratulations to Dom who won with a little in hand although the next seven places were very close. Again many thanks to Nathaniel Barnett who has been responsible for keeping the scores, if anyone has any serious complaints please let us have them immediately we won't pay out until after Christmas.

1st £753.50

2nd £342.50

3rd £205.50

4th £68.50

Last place £10

The full results are:

1 MOUCHLIAN, DOMINIQUE (B)	210		
2 MALDONADO, IGNACIO	198		
3 BRADLEY, HARRIET	197		
4 MARISCOTTI, MICK	195		
5 GEE, SIMON	194	24 GORDON, J.M.	172
5 MASTERTON, LEANNE	194	28 BOX, PETER	171
7 SLADE, MARTIN	192	29 MACKINNON, ROGER	170
7 MALDONADO, JAVIER	192	30 BALDING, IAN	169
7 BALDING, ANDREW	192	31 BALDING, JONNO	168
10 BEVAN, SIMON	186	31 BARRON, IAIN (B)	168
11 A. JOHNSON & GARNET BOUNDS (A)	185	33 BRADLEY, HENRY	167
12 TILLET, BILL	183	34 MACKINNON, BRIDGET	166
12 SMITH, JEFF	183	34 AEGERHARD, WERNER	166
14 BROUGHTON, B.	182	36 MOUCHLIAN, DOMINIQUE (A)	165
14 DANGAR, RICHARD	182	36 GAY, DAVID	165
16 BURDETT, ADAM	180	38 APPLEBY, MICK	164
17 DILLON, BATT (B)	179	39 MRS M.A. RAE-SMITH	163
18 WOOLLEY, STEVE (A)	178	40 WHITE HART MAN	160
19 CHESHIRE, ANGELA (B)	177	41 WALLIS, EMMA	159
20 PAYTON, MICHAEL	176	41 K. DERBYSHIRE & R. CHIVERS	159
21 WOOLLEY, STEVE (B)	175	43 GAY, SIMON	156
22 KING, GAIL	174	44 HILL, AUDREY	155
22 MOULSON, LEE	174	44 R. CHIVERS & K. DERBYSHIRE	155
24 GRUBB, PETER	172	44 CASLON, DENIS (A)	155
24 SOPP, MARIA (A)	172	47 FRAMPTON, PAT	153
24 GRUBB, OLIVER (B)	172	48 WHITEHALL, A.	150

48 PALMER, W.	150	94 BARRON, IAIN (A)	120
48 GREEN, MARION	150	95 HUSSEY, MRS JOHN	119
51 DERBYSHIRE, MRS D.	148	95 DR M.J. AND MRS D. O'BRIEN (E)	119
51 LUMLEY, SUE	148	95 BAVEYSTOCK, HOWARD	119
53 A. JOHNSON & GARNET BOUNDS (B)	147	98 PARIS, REX	118
53 PETTITT, DWAYNE	147	99 REES, LINDY	117
53 POWELL, DAVID	147	100 PHIPPS, ANTONY	116
53 BURNS, RICHARD	147	101 DONOVAN, BRIAN (B)	115
57 FEANE, JOHN PADDY	146	102 SLADE, VALERIE	112
58 DR M.J. AND MRS D. O'BRIEN (B)	145	102 DILLON, BATT (A)	112
59 SIMS, JOHN	144	102 CHESHIRE, ANGELA (C)	112
59 BALDING, TOBY	144	102 BALDING, EMMA	112
61 EYMOR, BERYL	143	102 MCPHEE, ANGUS	112
61 GRUBB, OLIVER (A)	143	107 CHESHIRE, ANGELA (A)	111
63 GRUBB, SARAH	142	107 HYDE, MAURICE	111
63 MCPHEE, MINA	142	109 COVENTRY, BRIAN	110
65 FINLAY, ROSEMARY	141	110 DERBYSHIRE, JASON	109
66 CHESHIRE, NATHAN	140	111 NORRIS, LIAM	108
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73 REIS, PAUL	133	119 KINGSCLERE STUD	99
73 WINGATE, SUE	133	119 DR M.J. AND MRS D. O'BRIEN (D)	99
76 MARISCOTTI, JANICE	132	119 PHIPPS, ELIZABETH	99
77 BURNAND, GEORGE	131	122 PHIPPS, VIRGINIA	98
78 STILLINGS, M.	130	123 COLEMAN, GEORGE	97
78 STRATTON, LARRY	130	124 SIMPSON, FELICITY	95
78 SUTHERLAND, EVAN	130	125 OATES, DES	94
81 BALDING, RUBY	129	125 HALL, DAVID (B)	94
82 GRUBB, GEORGIE	128	127 ARNOLD, PAM	93
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91 DONOVAN, BRIAN (A)	121	138 PALMER, CLARE	34



FINAL VICTORY



Dominique Mouchlian

LEADING HORSES

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PARCDES PRINCES	29
SIMENON	29

SELECTIONS OF THE LEADERS

D. MOUCLIAN (B)

ADA RIVER	16
BUCCELLATI	23
COOL STRIKE	30
DREAM EATER	37
HATTON FLIGHT	30
HOLBECK GHYLL	
SWINDLER	
MON CADEAUX	26
PLAY OF LIGHT	
STARGAZE	26
YARRA RIVER	22
WAR CHANT/EXTRY	

IGNACIO MALDONADO

BUCCELLATI	23
CELSIAL DREAM	20
DREAM EATER	37
OCEANA BLUE	21
QUAHADI	
RAPID WATER	21
YEAMANS HALL	
OPERA GAL	7
PIPETTE	15
STARGAZE	26
TARTAN TRIP	6
YARRA RIVER	22

HARRIET BRADLEY

CELESTIAL DREAM	20
DREAM EATER	37
LITTLE PETE	16
LIQUID ASSET	6
MY LEARNED FRIEND	17
RELATIVE STRENGTH	18
VICTORIA MONTOYA	37
CHINK OF LIGHT	
COOL VALENTINE	19
DREAMSPEED	10
LORD ZENITH	10
OPERA GAL	7

MICK MARISCOTTI

BANKNOTE	
BUCCELLATI	23
BRIEF ENCOUNTER	26
DREAM EATER	37
HATTON FLIGHT	30
HOLBECK GHYLL	
SET THE TREND	22
CHINK OF LIGHT	
COOL VALENTINE	19
LIQUID ASSET	6
MON CADEAUX	26
STRICTLY DANCING	6



CHIBERTA KING



DREAM EATER



VICTORIA MONTOYA

EUROPEAN BREEDERS CUP CHALLENGE

by William Huntingdon



ZENYATTA trails the field in the early stages of the classic

Santa Anita was host to the last two runnings of the Breeder's Cup. The San Gabriel Mountains were a perfect backdrop to two excellent days racing with wonderful autumnal weather and enthusiastic crowds. We were privileged to see two remarkable mares, Goldikova and Zenyatta, winning their championship races in back to back years. Zenyatta was bred by a long standing Kingsclere owner in Eric Kronfeld, who was lucky enough to own Mrs Penny as well. IAB had bought Zenyatta's grand dam, For the Flag, at Saratoga and Michael Dickinson had trained her daughter, Vertigineux, Zenyatta's dam. Eric has retained the Bernardini filly foal half sister to Zenyatta.

Europe produced five winners last year and topped that with six this. Undoubtedly the switch of surfaces from the traditional dirt to artificial has encouraged European trainers to compete in the non turf races and they were rewarded with a double in both years. Churchill Downs is a mixture of 75% sand, 23% silt and 2% clay.

There are no artificial surfaces in the eastern states. California Racing and Gaming board mandated a change in 2006 after a spate of catastrophic injuries and fatal breakdowns. Rather confusingly the four major tracks in California have four different surfaces. Del Mar is Polytrack, Golden Gates in San Francisco is Tapeta, Hollywood is Cushion Track and Santa Anita was Cushion Track but modified by an Australian consultant after the sand used was found to be blocking the drainage, is now Pro Ride. It has been estimated that the cushioning effect of the artificial tracks reduces the G-force by between 40 and 25 % compared to dirt. The new tracks drain better and are not subject to the appalling conditions that horses had to run in at Monmouth Park in 2007, when George Washington had to be put down. Injuries

are fewer even though some different, often soft tissue ones, have become an issue.

Trainers are divided into separate camps. Traditional dirt has always favoured the speed horse who is able to dominate from the start and make all the running. The new surfaces favour the horses coming from behind and who often run down the tiring front runners. Bob Baffert and John Shirreffs prefer the dirt, but no doubt the latter was quite happy not to have to contend with Rachel Alexandra in the Classic! Jeremy Plonk analysed the statistics from 60 leading American trainers and found the win percentages of 17.2% were identical from dirt to artificial and grass to artificial, suggesting that there is a lot of hot air and prejudice rather than hard fact.

Next year sees the return of the Breeders Cup to Churchill Downs, East Coast trainers, who have only won three of the twenty eight races over the last two years, will welcome the switch back to dirt. Having been to both tracks I have no doubt which is more fun, and better viewing, and fairer to the horses, despite having a few gripes with Santa Anita. It was very difficult to see the horses either when they were being saddled or when they were, briefly, in the paddock. It was hard work trying to see them and get back to see the races; so, rather like Ascot.

To put things in global perspective, it will be interesting to see how the American horses fare on the Tapeta surface at Meydan, the new track in Dubai. Even though the attendance figures at Santa Anita were improved on last year, Saturday's figure was 20,000 short of the weakest day at the four day Spring Carnival at Flemington. The crowds, the media coverage and the tradition is something that the Breeder's Cup Committee are justifiably jealous of. ■

PETER McMAHON – OWNER PROFILE



Peter McMahon, Tony Noonan and Jennifer McMahon at Sha Tin, Hong Kong

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

As a young boy in Melbourne in the late 1940' early 50's the Melbourne Cup inevitably dominated the news in Melbourne and I took an interest and followed it. When off-course betting through the TAB started in the 60's I became a regular, albeit very moderate punter. In the mid 60's I was involved in the mining industry and moved to Queensland and being a bachelor with weekends free, became a regular at the race tracks. Through my career I moved back to Melbourne, then to Perth and the Hunter Valley in New South Wales. My interest in horse racing continued wherever I went, although in those days I had not contemplated the possibility of owning a racehorse.

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

When I moved to the Hunter Valley in 1972, it was then and still is one of the major areas for Thoroughbred breeding in Australia so the prospect of owning or sharing a horse became a real possibility. One of the people I worked with had the idea we would buy a broodmare and breed registered stock horses from her which were potentially a good investment. Through a contact he heard that a 4yo mare (Mia Brandy) was available for sale for \$250. We met the owner in a Pub at Aberdeen (Darley now has a stud nearby) and bought

the horse. She had already had 8 starts for a win, two seconds and a third, so was known locally and when news got around that we had purchased her, we were approached by three trainers. The best offer was from a young hobby trainer who trained her for no fee, we paid all the feed and other costs and on race days we were to back her for him. She had her first start for us a Scone in a 1000M race, opening in the betting at 33/1 and starting at 9/4 but ran 2nd, beaten a head. Two weeks later we took her to Newcastle which was considered a stronger meeting and she won at 8/1. She raced for 2 more seasons won another race at Newcastle at 66/1 and was placed several times.

I retained her and sent her to stud but only had a couple of foals neither proving to be any good. So, in answer to the question - Yes, I would consider it to have been a success but what is more important, it sparked a long term interest in owning and racing horses.

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

Currently we have an interest in 4 horses at Kingsclere. Buccellati and Swindler who I have in partnership with my wife Jennifer and Rex and Wendy Gorell, who are close friends from Melbourne where we also have horses together.

Tappanappa who the McMahons and Gorells share with Peter & Di Pausewang (also from Melbourne) and Balducci who we all share ownership with Mr Geoff Russell the breeder, also a client of Kingsclere and coincidentally, also an Australian.

Buccellati has been an absolute star for us racing in The Bosphorus Cup in Istanbul (2008), The Hong Kong Vase (2008), The Canadian International (2009) and has again been invited to run in the Hong Kong Vase this year, so we are going there to see him race in December.

We have high hopes for Swindler although he has suffered some injuries which have restricted his racing to date.

Tappanappa (named after a very good Australian winery) is promising and we have hopes of him being a high class horse next year and/or a Melbourne Cup horse.

Andrew assures us Balducci shows some promise but is yet to race!

The original plan in buying horses in the UK in company with our Australian trainer Tony Noonan was to look for yearlings with staying potential, have Andrew (a friend of Tony's) train them to assess their potential before bringing them to Australia with the Melbourne Cup as the real target. Buccellati was our first purchase but we have yet to venture to Australia with him although he has raced in UK, Turkey, Hong Kong, France and Canada. If we have success in Hong Kong this year, ideally we would like to go to Dubai with him and then Australia.

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

My association with Tony Noonan our trainer in Australia would be the start of a more serious commitment in horse racing and the start of a good friendship which I would consider a highlight. We met in 1997 when I had a share in a horse in a small syndicate. The trainer didn't like the horse so we looked around to find another trainer, met Tony and decided to transfer the horse to him. Tony subsequently won a race with him, we liked Tony's style and subsequently in 1998 we went to the Sydney Easter sales with Tony and bought a yearling which we named Banchieri who won his first start and 5 of his first 7 starts.

This resulted in a long association with Tony and expansion of our Thoroughbred interests where today we have 12 horses in training in Australia, 4 in the UK, 4 broodmares with 3 foals at foot and all in foal at the moment. Our buying and racing record with Tony has been exceptional and to date we have had 13 horses that have won their first start and we have typically bought progressive types.

Banchieri's achievements were another of the highlights, then a horse called Benedetti (Second Empire/Seattle Gem) ironically bred by Andrew's uncle William Huntingdon for Heytesbury Stud. We bought him in New Zealand as a yearling, he was slow to mature and then as a 5 year old won the Sale Cup and Tony Noonan took him to Dubai where he had 3 starts for 2 wins and a fifth.

Back in Australia later that year he started first up in the Stradbroke Handicap, a 1400 metre Group 1 race in Brisbane worth \$1 million where he ran 3rd. Tragically he also provided our low point when 6 weeks later while spelling in a paddock in Queensland he fell over and shattered a leg. He had surgery in an attempt to save him but unfortunately it was not successful.

Buccellati and our association with the Balding family have been a major recent highlight and one of the great benefits to flow from an interest that has become a way of life.

In 2007 I was appointed to the Board of Racing Victoria which is the body which controls racing in Victoria and clearly my involvement both locally and internationally was a factor in that appointment.

Which racecourse is your favourite / least favourite and why? UK and Oz...

I think Ascot would have to be a favourite in the UK, partly because we have won there with Buccellati but the buzz of the Royal Ascot carnival and opportunity to race there is what everyone in UK racing aspires to. Now, with the International coverage many Australian owners and trainers have the same aspiration.

I have a soft spot for Chester which is a tight, picturesque racecourse that we have had success on twice - including Buccellati and William Buick's strategic win in the three horse race. I really liked Epsom as a course even though the camber in the straight and the interference we suffered this year made me a little bit ambivalent, but, as they say, that's racing and one has to be an optimist to own race horses - so my ambition is still to win the English Derby.

In Victoria, where we live, Flemington (the home of the Melbourne Cup) is the course we all want to win at although I also like Sandown as typically the ground is not as firm and all horses have a good chance.

Obviously some tracks suit different horses so it's a question of understanding the horses pattern and planning the program where the track and the horse are best suited. ■

The Opening of Oaksey House

I.A.B.

September 21st 2009 was probably the most significant day so far in the forty five year history of racing's favourite charity The Injured Jockeys Fund.

The I.J.F. patron, The Princess Royal, officially opened Oaksey House in Lambourn and unveiled the life size statue by Willie Newton of John Oaksey. The legendary creator of the Charity and more recently President now stands proudly in the garden of this flagship of the Charity.

It was an emotional moment also for Jeremy Richardson who has been the Fund's Chief Executive for the past thirty nine years and who has almost personally overseen the creation and building of this splendid place. It has cost £5million but might well be the envy of many other sports. It combines homes and care for the retired with excellent facilities also for present day jockeys, including a fully equipped gymnasium. Frankie Naylor is the full time gym manager with Kate Badger at her side as the expert physiotherapist. John Porter, a former point to point rider and trainer, with his wife Jackie live there and run the place with Chickey Oaksey (John's wife) an ever present aide.

Oaksey House has twelve flats which are now home to some veteran jockeys such as Aly Branford, Frank Whittle, Johnny Kenneally and Lex Kelly, while also providing a place for the younger ones



to exercise, have treatment and recuperate when necessary. The fact that the different age groups can mix and often watch racing together on the large screen in one of the meeting rooms contributes towards what is obviously a very happy place.

Jack Berry a long time trustee originally sketched the outline of his idea on the back of an envelope some ten years ago. Lambourn is the racing village lucky enough to benefit from that original thought, but it will be a big surprise to any of his fellow trustees if Jack is not already designing and raising funds for something similar in one of the racing villages north of the Humber. ■



Kingsclere Racing Club



2009 REVIEW

Runners	52
Wins	7
Seconds	11
Thirds	4
Fourths	7

Total Prize Money Won: £100,765

The Kingsclere Racing Club enjoyed another very successful year, with seven wins and 22 placed efforts, including wins at Newmarket (2), Newbury (2) and Epsom.

Victoria Montoya was the star of the show, providing Club members with several memorable days on the racecourse, including when winning a Heritage handicap on her reappearance at Newmarket, finishing in the frame in a Listed race on Eclipse day at Sandown Park and in the Lillie Langtry at Glorious Goodwood. Peking Prince, who had won earlier in the season at Newbury, went very close in a Heritage handicap on King George day at Ascot, while the maiden successes of Constant Contact and Side Glance (who returned at an SP of 50-1) were well received too. Twelve horses ran for the Club this year, and with over 55% of KRC runners finishing in the first four over the course of the season, there were plenty of visits to the winners' enclosure!

Looking forward to next year, Club members will be hoping for further progress from Constant Contact, Side Glance and Tartan Trip. All three showed a good level of form at two this year and can be expected to progress over the winter. With Victoria Montoya set to stay in training (she showed very useful form in staying company this year and a look at her pedigree suggests there could be improvement to come) and some well-bred yearlings set to race for the Club as juveniles next season, we are all looking forward to another enjoyable year in 2010.



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SINGLED OUT



Bryan Coventry, having worked for 'more years than he can care to remember' as a lorry driver, Bryan came to Kingsclere nine years ago to take charge of the 200 or so acres of grass gallops on Watership Down. His responsibilities also include the team chase

course and the 300 odd sheep that are grazing the land. Amongst his flock are a number of rare breed champions which Bryan shows during the summer and the many rosettes that have been accumulated over the last couple of years are proudly on display in IAB's office! Although Bryan would not claim to be an expert when it comes to judging horse flesh, he has noticed Song to the Moon being put through her paces in the morning and has singled her out as a filly to follow in 2010.



Vavara Batsman, having originated from a show jumping background Vavara's first encounter with racehorses was when she came from her native Ukraine to work for James Bethell in Middleham. After spending five years in Yorkshire she journeyed

south to Kingsclere and has been enjoying the warmer weather for the last eight months! Vavara has immediately fitted into the team here and has been added to our travelling team where she has proved to be a reliable

and cheerful addition on racedays. Her horse to follow for the 2010 team is Mon Cadeaux a horse she feels looks sure to improve as a three year old.



Jessica Ritson, was a graduate of the Northern Racing College and has been at Kingsclere since March. Although her riding background was initially with ponies, her father was a successful jockey in South Africa and Jess has had little trouble turning her hand

to thoroughbreds. She has the enviable task of looking after two of the nicest two year old fillies at Park House in Pipette and Song To The Moon, but when forced to choose between the two, it is Pipette who gets the nod as Jessica's horse to follow in 2010.



Frank Hayes has joined our team of apprentices at Kingsclere, having spent the last two years riding and working at Eoin Griffin's yard in Ireland. Frank has already had a handful of rides and acquitted himself well on his first ride for the yard at Bath.

An unnamed yearling colt by Beat Hollow out of Hesperia is his selection as a horse to follow next season and he should know as he rides him every day! (Incidentally the colt is still for sale! Tel 01635 298210 for details!)

PARK HOUSE STABLES GOLF DAY...



Winners



Runners-up

In September, we hosted the second KRC Golf day at Sandford Springs. It was a great day and we were lucky with the wonderful weather. The day was well supported with 40 competitors, a wide range of ability from Pip Elson (PRO), Ian Balding (who plays more than the pros) right down to a couple of genuine 36 handicappers. The longest drive was set up for the girls to win, well they did and the men didn't even get close; Alice Arnold driving all the way to the green on a par 4! The nearest the pin competition went to Roger Dalzell who played through the day with immaculate precision.

Ian Balding, John Hobby, Jim Cunningham and Roger Buckley took home the winning trophies. It was well deserved and helped by Ian Balding's Eagle on the 3rd.

We hope to have another Golf Day next year, however we might have to do an official handicapping review to negate any home advantage. ■

SO NEAR, YET SO FAR...

It is never easy for any jockey in the first season out of his apprenticeship and whilst David Probert was officially classified as an apprentice for the 2009 season, he did ride for the majority of the year without the benefit of a claim. It is a huge credit to his talent and hard work that David still managed to get within one winner of the eventual champion, Frederik Tylicki and so narrowly missed out on his second consecutive apprenticeship title. His total of 62 winners during the course of the championship was an excellent effort and his continued improvement through the second half of the season seems to suggest that David has a very bright future as a fully fledged jockey.

Throughout the last two years David has been shown magnificent support by Sara Metcalf who has done an excellent job as his agent and his achievements are as much a credit to her industry as his skill.



