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BOUNCE THE BLUES gleaming in the winter sun as she heads out to exercise

Front cover: Reunited – ARCTIC VEGA and devoted groom Shelby Joubert

Back cover: SPANISH MISSION and BANGKOK exercising on the track at Riyadh

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INTRODUCTION

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t is hard to believe that twelve months have passed since we first entered a COVID-19 lockdown. 2020 is a year that few people will want to remember, with hardships for so many. There is, however, light at the end of the tunnel, and as spring approaches and more people are vaccinated perhaps it is time to start believing that this summer might resemble something we probably all took for granted in pre-COVID years. Never again will I complain about not finding a parking space at the racecourse or having to queue for a coffee in the Owners & Trainers bar!

With the prospect of normality approaching we have embarked upon some exciting new projects for the coming season. With our absolute priority remaining to achieve the best and safest working surfaces for the horses we have replaced the Side Glance gallop with an Activetrack surface from Martin Collins. This has already proved to be a huge success, as has the building of an arena to help with the re-training of a small selection of retired racehorses at Kingsclere and to give a further training option for horses who need a change from the gallops.

I am delighted to report the renewal of the King Power sponsorship of the yard for 2021, and with this support we have been anxious to improve the facilities for our human residents as well as the equine ones. We are embarking on the construction of a gym, which will help staff members keep healthy and maintain their fitness levels. This will be particularly useful for our apprentices and potential apprentices and seems a fitting way to continue the King Power legacy, Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha having always promoted the development of young sportspeople.

As the end of lockdown approaches I would like to take the opportunity to thank every single one of the team at Kingsclere for continuing to do their jobs to such a high standard despite the continued pressures that lockdown has inevitably created. Whilst we have been very lucky to date not to have suffered as so many others have during this awful pandemic, staff at Kingsclere have still had to make sacrifices and I am incredibly grateful to them for doing so in such a professional manner.

We all have so much to look forward to in the months ahead and will be striving as a team to keep improving. We are very fortunate to have been supported with horses of a very high calibre this year, and I hope that it may even be possible to better the excellent results of 2020! ■



Stalls practice for some unruly youngsters.....

THE SEASON AHEAD

Tessa Hetherington

s there has not been a huge amount going on racingwise (or indeed socially....) since our last magazine and plans for most of the horses are still in flux, I will use this piece to cover significant results on the track over the winter and to highlight early season targets for some of the leading lights in the yard where these are at least tentatively set.

Three of our stable stars have already been in action in 2021, with Berkshire Rocco, Spanish Mission and Bangkok all jetting off to the Middle East in February in the hope of scooping up some of the excellent prizemoney on offer there. Paul Spickett's Berkshire Rocco headed to Qatar to contest H.H. The Amir's Trophy, a local Group 1 run over a mile and a half on Doha's turf track. As ever he gave a very tough, genuine performance on ground that was probably slightly quicker than his ideal and, given a good ride by Jason Watson, he finished second to local hero Noor Al Hawa, who had won the Qatar Derby in 2016 and had placed in the Amir's Trophy in three of the last four runnings. It was a great run from Rocco, who netted over £190,000 for his connections. Last minute changes to the Qatari quarantine rules meant that our team could not travel to Qatar with Rocco and so particular thanks must go to Jason, who in addition to riding Rocco in the race also looked after and exercised him throughout his time abroad, and to Ian Brennan from Ado McGuinness' yard who saddled him up and supervised him during his stay.

As expected from a wonderfully straightforward horse, Rocco took his international travel very well and has come out of the race in good order. The Group 1 Dubai Sheema Classic in Meydan later this month could, therefore, be next on his itinerary. Andrew is keen to keep him at a mile and a half for now, so targets for the first half of the turf season



BANGKOK won the Lingfield Winter Derby Trial for the second year running



BERKSHIRE ROCCO has already got off to a great start in 2021

could include the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket and the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot. Should we choose to step him back up to the St Leger trip then the Ormonde Stakes at Chester and the Yorkshire Cup at the Dante meeting may come into play.

Joining Rocco on the plane to Dubai is likely to be Team Valor and Gary Barber's **Spanish Mission**, who ran a terrific race in the Red Sea Turf Handicap at the Saudi Cup meeting in Riyadh, responding well to an excellent ride from Ryan Moore and finishing second over the mile and seven furlongs trip. The race had attracted a strong field, which was not surprising given that even second place was worth over £360,000. Already an experienced traveller, Spanish Mission will next contest the Dubai Gold Cup, a Group 2 run over two miles on Dubai World Cup night (27 March). As the winner of last year's Doncaster Cup he will carry a Group 2 penalty on these shores for the first half of

the season and so the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup at the Royal meeting looks an obvious target once he returns from Dubai.

Spanish Mission's travelling companion to Saudi Arabia was Bangkok, whose victory in the Winter Derby Trial at Lingfield in early February bumped him up the selectors' list for a coveted place in the nine furlong Saudi Cup, the world's richest horse race with a total prize value of a cool US \$20m. In a sad twist of fate Bangkok's selection for the race had already been assisted by the demise of his half-brother, Matterhorn, who had been slated for the contest before suffering a fatal injury at Meydan just two days earlier.

In the race itself Bangkok was not assisted by an inside draw which meant he had to deal with a lot of kickback from the dirt surface, but he stuck to his task well under Ryan Moore (who had ridden him to win at Lingfield) and finished eighth, which equated to just over £290,000 in prizemoney. Bangkok's Lingfield victory qualified him for the ten furlong Easter Classic at the All Weather Championship finals and he will represent King Power Racing there next, whilst the Huxley Stakes at Chester's May meeting could be his first outing on the turf.



FLYIN' HIGH recording the first of two Novice wins at Newcastle this year

Khalifa Sat gave us all a great thrill when finishing second in last year's Derby and, recovered from an injury he picked up after that run, he looks in tremendous nick at home. It makes sense to return to Epsom and the Group 1 Coronation Cup will be his main early season target, with something like the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in May as a prep run.

We have a total of six colts left in this year's Derby at this (still early) stage. Of these, the highest rated is Another Bottle's **Recovery Run**, who progressed throughout last year, ending his season with an excellent second in the Group 3 Zetland Stakes at Newmarket. He is yet to start fast work this term but looks in good order and won't take much getting ready. He might start out in the Feilden Stakes over nine furlongs at Newmarket's Craven meeting before tackling one of the trials. Youth Spirit had his progression cut short by injury last year after his third in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood, but he is back in full training and has done very well for his time off. He holds entries in the Derby, the French Derby and the Guineas as his optimum trip is not clear - he is by Camelot, usually a source of stamina, but is the first foal out of a half-sister to good sprinters Blaine, Bogart and Byline. We will probably start him off over a mile in the Craven and see how we go, but he should give owner Ahmad Al Shaikh plenty of good days this year.

Star Caliber, winner of his only start at two, is another with a mixed pedigree, being by Arc winner Golden Horn but out of a six furlong winner. His dam is from a family of German middle distance performers, however, and from his way of going Star Caliber looks like he will easily get the

mile and a half and indeed might excel over further, making the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot a possible option. He is still eligible for novices at present and will probably kick off his season in one of those. King Power have a second Kingsclere colt amongst the Derby entries in the shape of **Kingsofthemidlands**, a gorgeous son of Kingman out of the black type Galileo mare Spin. He was very leggy and raw last year and is still a bit of an unknown quantity but he has matured significantly over the winter and his early work has been pleasing.

Our last two Derby entrants have already run this year. Flyin' High is regally bred, being by top sire Siyouni and out of Meon Valley Stud's Group 1 Prix de l'Opera winner Zee Zee Top. He had shown plenty of promise when fourth in a very good Sandown maiden on his only start at two and he duly got off the mark with ease at Newcastle in January, staying on strongly over the mile under Will Carver. The second and third in that race won next time out and Flyin' High justified very short odds when notching up a second win at the same track in February, this time under David Probert. An imposing horse with a great attitude, he might head back to Newcastle for the Listed Burradon Stakes over a mile on Good Friday before stepping up to ten furlongs in a Derby trial. Al Rabban Racing's Wallem had also shown promise as a juvenile, placing in two mile novices on heavy ground, and he relished the step up to nine and a half furlongs when justifying favourtism under Hayley Turner at Wolverhampton in January. By German Derby winner Sea The Moon and from the family of Derby second Dragon Dancer and top middle distance



WALLEM was impressive when winning at Wolverhampton in January

horses Albanova and Alborada, Wallem should continue to progress over futher and will initially take the handicap route.

In addition to Youth Spirit, we also have King Vega and Mystery Smiles in the 2,000 Guineas. **King Vega** ran to a very high level last season, just pipped on debut at Sandown (by a horse now rated 100) before filling the same spot in the Group 3 Solario Stakes at the same track. He was undone by heavy ground in the Group 1 Futurity Stakes at Doncaster but has done well over the winter and is one to look forward to this year. He remains a maiden

and so our first task will be to shed that tag and also to establish his best trip. **Mystery Smiles** also has Group form, having placed in the Group 2 Gimcrack and Group 3 Sirenia after winning his first two starts. By Champion First Season Sire Mehmas and out of a six furlong Listed winner, he will probably start out in the European Free Handicap over seven furlongs at Newmarket which should be instructive as to whether he is likely to get the mile in the Guineas.

Last year's Royal Ascot and Group 2 July Stakes winner **Tactical** is not in the Guineas but will probably start off in one of the traditional Guineas trials as we work out his optimum trip. He is yet to start fast work but looks in very good order at home and we know he is a very smart horse. Group 2 Mill Reef runner-up **Fivethousandtoone** was our top-rated juvenile colt last year but a setback over the winter means he will not make the Guineas. He is well on the road to recovery, however, and the delay to his preparations may turn out to be a blessing in disguise as he looks made for the Group 1 Commonwealth Cup over six furlongs at Royal Ascot, which will be his first major target.

On the fillies' side, our sole entry in the 1,000 Guineas is the lovely **Alcohol Free**, impressive winner of the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket on her last start. She has done tremendously well for her holiday at owner Jeff Smith's Littleton Stud and is moving well on the gallops in her early training. By crack sprinter No Nay Never and out of a French seven furlong winner she is by no means guaranteed to stay the mile but the manner of her runs last year suggests she might. A naturally buzzy filly, she will not be rushed this Spring but if she is ready the Group 3 Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury in April could be her starting point. Fellow three year old fillies Nebulosa, a winner at Newmarket in October, and Auria, who scored at Kempton in November, have also returned from their winter breaks looking great, and both seem very relaxed and happy out at exercise. Nebulosa has a mark and will probably start off in handicaps whilst there are some nice conditions races for Auria. Black type will be firmly on the agenda for both as we move through the season.



AURIA made light work of a decent field at Kempton in November

Of course, before we get to any classic trials this spring the turf season will kick off at Doncaster with the Lincoln, and we should have a runner in that contest in the shape of **Grove Ferry**. A dual winner at two, Grovie had run well in good company all last season without getting his head in front and so it was very gratifying to see him back in the winner's enclosure at Lingfield in February, having won a Class 2 handicap over a mile under an excellent ride from Ryan Moore. The penalty for that win will ensure his place in the Lincoln proper and he will head there next. We hope



GROVE FERRY won at Lingfield in February and heads to the Lincoln next

to run **Arctic Vega** in the Spring Mile (the consolation race for the Lincoln) at the same meeting. An impressive winner at Newcastle in February under Jason Hart, Arctic Vega was sold at the Tattersalls February Sale (held online this year due to COVID) and bought by Sheikh Sultan's Almohamediya Racing. He moved to Newmarket with a view to travelling to Bahrain for the remainder of their season but when these plans changed we were delighted to be asked to have him back to train for the coming season.

Arctic Vega's win at Newcastle was part of a treble on the day along with Flyin' High's second victory and a first win of 2021 for the lovely **Oo De Lally**. A dual winner last year having shown rapid progression once he hit the track, his top weight on handicap debut was ameliorated by Will Carver's claim but nevertheless he did well to win cosily from a small but decent field. He stepped up to a mile in the 'Road To The Kentucky Derby' Conditions race at Kempton last time and ran another solid race but did not quite see out the trip, finishing third to the very impressive Highland Avenue. He remains a very smart horse for this season.

Henrik is another who may have been disadvantaged by a step up in trip, getting tired in the closing stages over the extended mile at Wolverhampton on his seasonal debut. It may well be that he was just a little rusty after four months off the track, however, and the quality of his home work suggests that this dual winner will be adding to his tally for the Park House Partnership before long. The PHP are already off the mark for 2021 thanks to **Discomatic** who, having finished runner-up four times in his previous five races, deservedly got his head in front over a mile at



NATE THE GREAT gained a deserved victory at Wolverhampton under Will Carver

Chelmsford under David Probert. Very tough and genuine, he thrives on his work and should continue to do well this year.

Bridget Drew's Mildmay Racing syndicates have also had a good start to the year, headlined by **Nate The Great**, who had placed in three competitive races after returning from a break and duly won a Class 2 handicap over the extended two miles at Wolverhampton last month, quickening clear under Will Carver to get the better of the classy Who

Dares Wins. He could head to the All Weather Championships marathon on Good Friday or switch to the turf in the Queen's Cup at Musselburgh on Easter Saturday. Horn Of Plenty also won at Wolverhampton in the Mildmay colours, recording her second win over the mile and a half there having been very unlucky in two previous starts this winter. She ran rather flat at Newcastle. last time out but should bounce back. **Hold Fast** gave us the perfect start after the first lockdown when she won her maiden at Kempton in June and we thought enough of her to run her in the Ribblesdale at Royal Ascot on her next start. Outclassed there, she rather lost her way after that and so it has been very gratifying to see her get back to

on the bounce under David Probert since dropping back to a mile. She has always shown plenty at home and should give the Mildmay team some further good days this term.

Another filly to have done well on the all-weather this winter is the diminutive homebred **Damned Elusive**. who went close over ten furlongs at Lingfield on her first start of 2021 before getting the job done in great style back at the same track over twelve furlongs, surging clear under a stylish ride from Callum Hutchinson to give the Kingsclere Racing Club their first winner of the year. She bumped into one at Wolverhampton on her next start and is now enjoying a mini-break at the stud, but will be back for the turf. She has no idea how small she is and her plucky attitude has won her lots of fans in the vard. Another KRC filly has gone down to the stud but in her case to stay, as **Inclyne** has been retired to broodmare duties having continued to run with credit on the All-Weather over the winter. A half-sister to Elm Park by good sire Intello, she should do well in her new career.

Ranch Hand provided an autumn highlight for the KRC when winning on debut over hurdles and the plan had originally been to give him another run over obstacles this Spring, but we now think we will stick to the flat until next Autumn and he will tackle a two mile conditions event at Chelmsford next. That race is a fast-track qualifier for the marathon at the All Weather Championships but in his case is likely to serve as a prep race for the Listed Further Flight Stakes at Nottingham in early April. **Diocletian** provided our second hurdles winner of the winter when scoring by ten lengths under Page Fuller at Fakenham in late December. A lovable weirdo, he was too free at Kempton last time out and will now revert to the flat, with the Chester Cup his main early season target.

Melody Of Life had placed on his first three career starts this winter and duly found a winning opportunity at Kempton in January. A big, scopey model, he should continue to improve throughout his three year old year



winning ways, racking up two victories DAMNED ELUSIVE showed great guts in winning well at Lingfield under Callum Hutchinson



ABRAG surges clear of his rivals at Southwell in February under David Probert

and beyond, as his full-brother Happy Power has done. **Happy Power** will carry a Group 2 penalty for the first half of the season after his win in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket in October which will make life a bit tougher for him. A dual Group winner over seven furlongs, he won the Listed Ganton Stakes over a mile as a three year old and Andrew is keen to try him back at that trip, with the Lockinge at Newbury in May and the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot potential early targets.

Like Melody Of Life, **Abrag** was placed on his first three career starts before getting his head in front, in his case in a mile maiden at Southwell in February under David Probert. He too is a big, solid horse who should continue to progress this term. **Napper Tandy** got off the mark on his second start in November and the form of that race is working out well. He had no luck in running when third over a mile and a half at Wolverhampton on his first start this year but is now eligible for handicaps and is likely to head to Leicester for his turf debut. He has the makings of a smart horse and should be one to watch this term. The same is true of **Foxes Tales**, the half-brother to Fox Chairman who flew home to finish second at Kempton on debut in late December, having missed the break and been all at sea in the early stages of the race.

Royal Ascot announced in January that this year's meeting will feature seven races on each day, with the handicaps newly added or reinstated in 2020 being retained and an additional mile handicap for older fillies being added to the programme. This was welcome news as it opens up opportunities for many more owners to have a runner at the Royal meeting and we hope to have a big team this year. The seven furlong Buckingham Palace Handicap could well suit **Symbolize**, who was third over that trip in the Group 3 Jersey Stakes at last year's meeting, whilst the new fillies' handicap might be a target for **Quickstep Lady**, who ran well on reappearance in a Class 2 conditions event at Chelmsford and may yet get a longer trip. **Imperial Force**,

third in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at last year's meeting, could be one for the five furlong Golden Gates Stakes, although his early season priority will be to shed his maiden tag, whilst the fourteen furlong Copper Horse handicap could suit **Coltrane**, winner of last year's Melrose at York over the same trip. King Power could be double-handed in the Wokingham with **Stone Of Destiny** and **Chil Chil**, both of whom look well for their winter break, whilst it has



DIOCLETIAN finished our year off in style by winning at Fakenham under Page Fuller

been heartening to see 2019 Royal Ascot hero **Cleonte** begin to return to form of late. He could bid for a repeat win in Queen Alexandra but his handy mark makes a tilt at the Ascot Stakes (a handicap) an attractive option. We are delighted with how **Bounce The Blues** has matured from three to four over the winter and, having gone close in the Listed Rosemary Stakes over the mile at Newmarket in October (behind Cloak Of Spirits who was then third in the Group 1 Sun Chariot) her main early season target will be the Group 2 Duke Of Cambridge Stakes over that trip at the Royal meeting. ■

DARK HORSES FOR 2021

his proved a popular addition to last year's Spring magazine so we have once again asked some of the Park House team to suggest a horse (3yo or older) who might be 'under the radar' at present but could garner some valuable Twelve To Follow points!

Callum Hutchinson, Apprentice *Classic Lord*

He won twice last year but he's the type to do better as a three year old. I've ridden him plenty at home and I think he will do well this season.

Rob McCutcheon, Ground Staff **Regal Vega**

He ran well on his only start last year and he can only improve – he has plenty of untapped potential.



Charlie Richards, Work Rider *Melody Of Life*

I ride him regularly and he's matured a lot since he made his debut and since his first win. I think he will keep improving on the turf.

Marcus Bird, Pupil Assistant **Nebulosa**

She won in good style at Newmarket in the Autumn and she has strengthened up and matured mentally over the winter.

Ross Burdon, Yard Manager *Pivoine*

He is already on a good mark and, as he usually takes a few runs to get going each season, he could be dangerously well handicapped by the time his preferred quick ground comes around.

Nigel Walker, Assistant Trainer **Scampi**

He ran well last year but looks stronger this year. He's a happy, enthusiastic horse who loves his work.

Oscar Palmer, Work Rider **Zoom Tiger**

He was a big baby last year but he's really changed physically over the winter and he's showing plenty of ability now.



Maddy O'Meara, Barn Manager **Fantalope**

I ride her quite a bit and she feels like she's got a good engine. She's also got a really competitive attitude which should see her do well this year.

Dwayne Pettitt, Ground Staff *Kingsofthemidlands*

I look after him and he looks great this year. He's been given plenty of time and the feedback I get from his riders is very positive.

Charlotte Clarke, Hostel Manager **The Kodi Kid**

He improved throughout last year and he looks to have done well for his winter break.

Andrew Balding, Trainer Eikonix

He has plenty of ability but was plagued with various niggles last year. Hopefully those are all behind him now and I think he could be pretty smart.

Jack Osborne, Apprentice Spirit Mixer

He's bred to be good but was quite backward last year. I ride him most days at the moment and he has improved a lot.

Vinnie Hickey, Gallopman

Zoom Tiger

He's a nice specimen out of a Galileo mare and from what I've seen he goes well. I broke in his younger brother last year and I really liked him too.

Shannon James, Ground Staff *Quickstep Lady*

She's already shown a decent level of form and her family all keep improving with age.

William Cox, Apprentice Eikonix

I worked him a lot last year and he gave me a really good feel. He's a big horse and has grown into his frame now.

Chris Hannaford, Work Rider Dejame Paso

I ride him every day and he's done very well physically from last year. He should be well handicapped.

Lois Day, Work Rider Kingsofthemidlands

I ride him every day and I just love him. He's a real professional and he's a lot stronger now.



Taffy Cheshire, Work Rider *Alounak*

He was gelded at the end of last season and his mindset and his way of going has improved a lot as a result.

Marie Perrault, Apprentice Nebulosa

I ride her a lot and I think she'll be very nice this year.

Bradley Harris, Apprentice **Group One Power**

Gelding has helped him and he looks to be on a good mark for his level of ability.

Natalie Lloyd-Beavis, Barn Manager Papa Power

He has good form already but he has been given plenty of time to mature and should be even better this year.

Leanne White, Work Rider

Gyenyame

He was very big and backward last year but he should be a different horse now he's had time to grow into his frame.

Josh Bryan, Apprentice

Foxes Tales

He has already shown a good level of form on his only run. He's still very backward so I think he'll keep improving throughout the year.

Cassia Cooper, Work Rider Auriferous

I worked him recently and was pleasantly surprised – he's grown up a lot and I think he will improve for going up in trip this year.

Shelby Joubert, Work Rider Cadeau D'Or

He never runs a bad race and he should keep improving as he matures.



Will Carver, Apprentice Arctic Vega

He has plenty of ability and he's moving really well - I think we will see a bit more from him when he steps up to a mile.

Ryan Gradwell, Ground Staff **Zoom Tiger**

He's in my barn and he's really shaping up physically. I know Oisin likes him.

Steve Woolley, Work Rider Group One Power

I look after him and ride him quite a bit – he's going well at home and should be well handicapped.

Lucy Matthews, Work Rider **Discomatic**

He's really consistent and he tries really hard, so he should continue to run well throughout the year.

Rob Bettaney, Gallop Manager **Montanari**

He's only had three runs but he's shown good form in all of them and with another year of strengthening and conditioning he can continue to progress. ■

Salisbury Racecourse437 years and counting....

Director & Clerk of the Course since 2001, reflects on the last twelve months at the Wiltshire track.

The first recorded racing up on The Race Plain was in 1584, making Salisbury the second oldest course in Britain, after Chester. It has a fascinating history, which includes the reputed most aged building on any racecourse in the world. The Rubbing House (built sometime

between 1675 and 1706) is located opposite the parade ring, and has now gained Grade II Listed status. Eclipse and Gimcrack both won at the course, as did Brigadier Gerard and Mill Reef in the 1970's. Lester Piggott's first ever ride in public in 1948, and Steve Cauthen's British debut in 1979, in ground conditions unlikely to be passed fit these days.



A large group of owners at Salisbury for Flashcard in pre-COVID times

The course is located on land owned by The Earl of Pembroke and run as a Trust, re-investing any profits into the business to improve the facilities and always doing what it can to enhance prize money. By late February last year, preparations for the 2020 season were well under way. Bookings for tickets, hospitality and events were looking stronger than the previous three years; every race was set to be staged above minimum value; and a smart new Paddock Bar had just been completed. Then, the impact of COVID hit, and it quickly became apparent that it would be an extremely different remainder of the year, and probably beyond. The immediate priority, with no income coming in, was to reduce costs across the business as much as possible, and the vast majority of the staff were furloughed.

The delayed season eventually started in mid-July. Typically, it was a glorious Saturday evening which would have meant a very good crowd and associated income. It was to be the first of only seven race days that summer, all behind closed doors, and less than half the usual 16 fixtures. Thankfully, owners were



Jeremy Martin

able to be present at all of them, albeit in reduced numbers. The three fixtures in August all presented weather challenges which can make Clerking so interesting! Sovereign Stakes Day was the hottest raceday for at least 20 years at 35°c. The course nevertheless rode well and looked great in the sunshine for the ITV Racing cameras. For the Upavon Stakes, forecasted widespread and disruptive thunderstorms the night before and on the day of racing

meant that the course was not watered. "Widespread" changed to "scattered" and Salisbury missed them all. The ground went Firm and there were lots of non-runners. Then, a week later, almost gale conditions for the Stonehenge Stakes. For the second year in succession, the runner up in the Shadwell Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes went on to win the Cheveley Park, this time Jeff Smith's Kingsclere-trained Alcohol Free.

Betting Shop and Media Rights payments for those seven race meetings, as well as some sponsorships, were more vital than ever, as there was very little else in the way of income. The Levy Board funding the vast majority of prize money was also a lifeline. Racecourses are expensive places to run, and with the reduced fixtures, no paying public, hospitality or non-racing events, what is usually a profitable business was obviously not going to be the case in 2020.

However, looking to the future, and as a consequence of many years of careful financial management, Salisbury is well positioned to deal with the ongoing pandemic. The course will start its forthcoming season behind closed doors but, if all goes according to the roadmap for the easing of restrictions, crowds will return at some point this summer. Welcoming owners back is also something we greatly look forward to. Despite the hugely welcomed optimism of recent weeks, it will still be another year of considerably reduced income compared to pre-COVID times. As the current custodians of this historic track, the Board and the staff are ready for these further challenges that lie ahead.



THE 2021 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

This year the competition will start on **Thursday April 1st** and will run until **Wednesday December 1st** both dates inclusive.

Please make sure you put your name and address on your lists and fill in the list of substitutes with at least one two year old on it. The list of horses was correct at time of going to press but things can change quickly and we will make substitutions for you if we know that we need to. The order at half way will be published in the Summer Magazine, and there will be more regular updates on the website, together with an online version of this entry form.

THE RULES

Each list must include at least **FIVE two-year-olds**. All runners from **April 1st until December 1st** count for scoring while they are trained by Andrew Balding this means **all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign**

Entries are £10.00 each and you may submit as many lists as you like.

The pool will be divided 55% to the winner, 25% to the second, 15% to the third and 5% to the fourth and the person finishing last will have their £10 refunded. Last year's pool was £1380.00.

Scoring is as follows:-

12 POINTS TO THE WINNER OF A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

10 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER WINNER

8 POINTS FOR THE SECOND IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

6 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER SECOND

5 POINTS FOR THE THIRD IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

4 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER THIRD

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Australia Strictly Dancing
Rodin 4 B g
Mayson Moon Goddess
Roman Knows 4 B g Mr J Smith Pink Hat Partnership Holy Roman Emperor Entre Nous Spring Glow 4 G f Greenwood/Tolhurst Mukhadram Spring Dream Rainbow Racing Symbolize 4 Ch g Starspangledbanner French Flirt Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum

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Dance At Night 3 B c Dark Angel Strictly Dancing	g Mr J Smith	Regal Vega 3 Ch c Lope de Vega Queen of Power
Dejame Paso 3 B c		Rival 3 B g
The Gurkha Bergamot Oran Desert Ravine 3 B g	ge Mr N Watts	Iffraaj Pamona Roscioli 3 B c
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Eagle Springs 3 Ch g		Scampi 3 B g
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Paco Boy Slide Show	Mr D Hunt and Mrs E Markham	Acclamation Scots Fern
Expert Opinion 3 B g Worthaad Calypso Choir	Mr J Smith	Seb's Welcome 3 B g Rajsaman Invitee
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Lope de Vega Fantasia Fivethousandtoone 3 B c	Mr G Strawbridge	Camelot Secret Pursuit She Is Fierce 3 Ch f
Frankel Promised Money	King Power Racing Co Ltd	New Approach She Is Great
Florence Street 3 B f Iffraaj Queens Dream	Sir Alex Ferguson	Skibo Castle 3 B g Shalaa Noelani
Flyin' High 3 B c		Spice Store 3 G f
Siyouni Zee Zee Top Foxes Tales 3 B c	Castle Down Racing	Mastercraftsman Night Carna Spirit Level 3 B g
Zoffany Starfish	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Cable B Cape Spirit
Golden Crusader 3 B g Golden Horn Ihsas	Relentless Dreamers Racing	Spirit Mixer 3 Ch g Frankel Arabian Queen
Goolwa 3 B f		Star Caliber 3 B c
Australia Pivotalia Granuleux 3 B c	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	Golden Horn Lombatina Sunset Salute 3 B g
Bobby's Kitten Grain Only	Miss K Rausing	Twilight Son Hill Welcome
Gyenyame 3 B g Nathaniel Lizzie Tudor	Karen Gough	Swivelstick 3 Ch g Pivotal Gosbeck
Henrik 3 Brown c		Tactical 3 B c
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Imperial Force 3 B g	Ce -	Touchet Beret 3 B f
Camacho Cafetiere Juan De Montalban 3 Ch c	Mr M Blencowe	Helmet Perfect Blessings Twilight Trouble 3 B c
Lope De Vega Abilene	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	Twilight Son Poly Pomona
King Vega 3 Ch c Lope De Vega Moi Meme	Apollo Racing & DTA Racing	Valley Forge 3 B c Dansili Lixirova
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Kingman Spin Knight Salute 3 B g	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Sea The Moon A L'Anglaise We'll Meet Again 3 B f
Sir Percy Shadow Dancing	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	Cityscape Sweet Mandolin
Lion Hunter 3 Ch g Hunter's Light Lightning Do	ebut Mr B McGuire & Partner	Winterwatch 3 B g Lord of England Wildlife Lod
Lorca 3 B g		Without Envy 3 B c
Lucky Lion Livia's Wake Marine 3 B c	Highclere Racing - Lion	Lope De Vega Purple Pearl Youth Spirit 3 B c
Sea The Stars Ignis Away	Qatar Racing	Camelot Rocana
May Night 3 Ch g Mayson Dream Melody	Mr M Payton	Zoom Tiger 3 B c Zoffany Tiger Lilly
Mellow Magic 3 B f		Zoffany Tiger Lilly Zuraig 3 G c
Nathaniel Lady Brora Melody Of Life 3 B c	Kingsclere Racing Club	Teofilo Dakatari
Dark Angel Tamarisk	King Power Racing Co Ltd	TWO YEAR OLDS
Mercurius Power 3 B c Awtaad Dame Hester	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Aldbourne 2 B c Awtaad Always Gentle
Moneykenny 3 G g		All Go 2 B f
Kendargent Divine Touch Mystery Smiles 3 B c	Park House Partnership	Bobby's Kitten Alboretta Angel's Point 2 B/G f
Mehmas Alexander Allianc	e King Power Racing Co Ltd	Dark Angel Madonna Dell'Or
Napper Tandy 3 B c Mukhadram Diktalina	Lisahully Investments Ltd	Antiphon 2 B c
Nebulosa 3 B f		Kodiac Freedom's Light
Archipenko Nimiety Neenee's Choice 3 B g	Miss K Rausing	Ardad Derek 2 B c Ardad Diktalina
Paco Boy Galaxy Highflyer	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	Astronomic 2 B c
Oo De Lally 3 B c Vadamos In Dubai	J Palmer-Brown & Partner	Sea The Stars Heroic Heart Sheik
Pineapple Ring 3 B f	H M The Oues	Attache 2 B c Declaration Of War Go Kart
Kingman Ananas Politics 3 B c	H M The Queen	Australian Angel 2 Ch f
Muhaarar Wrong Answer	Qatar Racing	Australia Angel Terrace Bellport 2 B f
Recovery Run 3 B c Nathaniel Regal Splendour	Another Bottle Racing	Bated Breath Burning Rules

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Berkshire Phoenix 2 B c	
Bungleinthejungle Scarlet Wings Berkshire Rebel 2 B c	Berkshire Parts & Panels
Sir Percy Silicon Star Berkshire Shadow 2 G c	Berkshire Parts & Panels
Dark Angel Angel Vision	Berkshire Parts & Panels
Bridgerton 2 B c Kingman Way To My Heart	Rifa Mustang
Cadmus 2 B c Gleneagles Allegrezza	Ellipsis & Partner
Captain Square 2 Ch c	
Sir Percy Primobella City Spirit 2 B f	Mrs L E Ramsden & Partner
Cityscape Cape Spirit City Streak 2 Ch c	Kingsclere Racing Club
Cityscape Daffydowndilly Crucial Choice 2 B c	Lord Blyth
Siyouni Prefer	Sheikh M. Obaid
Dubai Jewel 2 B f Showcasing Diamond Blaise	Sheikh M. Obaid
Ducal Crown 2 B f Duke Of Marmalade Ebony Flyer	Cayton Park Stud
Elogio 2 B c	
Aclaim Scholarly Emulation 2 B f	Mr J Palmer-Brown & Partner
Ulysses My Hope Feigned Flight 2 B c	Cheveley Park Stud
Dabirsim Party Sheikh M	ohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Flag High 2 B c Starspangledbanner Acid Mr J M.	aldonado/Mr P Elson & Partner
Frankella 2 Ch f Frankel Arabian Queen	Mr J Smith
Franklin William 2 B c Frankel Kiyoshi	Sheikha Melissa Al Fahad
Great Havana 2 B c	
Havana Gold Lady Perignon Griffin Park 2 B c	Mrs F Hay
Elm Park Know The Truth Groundbreaker 2 B c	Kingsclere Racing Club
Oasis Dream Guajara Sheikh M Harrow 2 G c	ohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
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Haynes 2 B c Postponed Pure Song	Ellipsis
Highland Monarch 2 B c Highland Reel Australian Queen	Mr J Smith
Hoo Ya Mal 2 B c Territories Sensationally	Ahmad Al Shaikh
Icy Lady 2 Ch f	
Norse Dancer Celestial Secret I'll Be There 2 Ch f	Mr J Smith
Starspangledbanner Hanella Imminent 2 B f	Mr A Al Thani
Dubawi Enticement	HM The Queen
Imperial Fighter 2 B c The Gurkha Endure	Mr M Blencowe
Kareem 2 Ch c Gleneagles Wordless	Denford Stud
Kitten Heels 2 B f Bobby's Kitten Bossybobby	Lord Blyth
Koy Koy 2 B c	
Acclamation Lynique Lady Clementine 2 B f	Mr A Al Thani
Churchill Wind Fire Linda Lou 2 B f	Qatar Racing
Time Test Night Carnation Little Hustle 2 B c	Mr G Strawbridge
Fastnet Rock Amser	Mr I A Balding
Lunar Gaze 2 B f Sea The Moon Lady Brora	Kingsclere Racing Club
Masekela 2 B c El Kabeir Lady's Purse	Mick & Janice Mariscotti
Moment De Reve 2 B f	
Equiano Dreamily Mostly Cloudy 2 B c	Mrs S Pritchard-Jones
Harzand Clarinda Mr Zippi 2 B c	Ahmad Al Shaikh
Intello Izzi Top	Castle Down Racing

Neandra 2 G f Jukebox Jury Noble Rose	DJT Racing & Partner
Nietzsche's Star 2 B c Exceed And Excel Whim	Mr P Colbert
Noble Run 2 B c	
Noble Mission Toxis Anot Nymphadora 2 B f No Nay Never Bewitchment	her Bottle Racing and Partner
No Nay Never Bewitchment Oasis Gift 2 B c	St Albans Bloodstock
Oasis Dream Siren's Gift Old Harrovian 2 Ch c	Mr J Smith
Sea The Stars Daivika Prince Of Rebels 2 B c	Mr M Blencowe
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Elm Park Masina City	DJT Racing & Partner
Rendition 2 Ch f Ulysses Penny Lane Forever	Cheveley Park Stud
Reticent 2 B f Sixties Icon Inhibition	Kingsclere Racing Club
Ring Fenced 2 B f Haafhd Victoria Pollard	Kingsclere Racing Club
Roseberry Topping 2 B f Mayson Our Poppet	Hot To Trot Racing
Sandrine 2 B f Bobby's Kitten Seychelloise	Miss K Rausing
Saorla 2 Ch f Charming Thought Lizzie Tudor	Ms K Gough
Schmilsson 2 B c Muhaarar Zee Zee Top	Mick & Janice Mariscotti
Sea G 2 G c	Mr A Al Thani
Ulysses Sensory Senorita 2 Ch f	
Farhh Hala Madrid Silver Dawn 2 G f	Kingsclere Racing Club
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Tessa Hetherington

We are blessed with a bumper crop of juveniles this year in both numbers and quality so narrowing down my choices has been difficult. We also have quite a few youngsters still to come in, so there may well be some rockets that I have not yet laid eyes on! Of those that are already in, the following list represents a selection of those that, on pedigree, physical type and response to early training, look likely to be at the more precocious end of the scale.

Antiphon B c

Kodiac / Freedom's Light

The Gurkha Conservatory

Kodiac was limited to one start at two (in July) but went on to win the Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup and has proven to be a prolific source of speedy two year olds at stud, although his progeny continue to do well as older horses. Freedom's Light was unraced at two and was a Listed winner over a mile and a half, as was her full sister Oh Beautiful. Despite this, both of Freedom's Light's first two foals won as juveniles. Firelight, by Oasis Dream, was a dual winner at two for Park House and placed in the Group 2 Lowther and Group 3 Dick Poole Stakes, whilst

Lauderdale won over 7f in France. Short, round and fluffy, Antiphon reminded me of a Thelwell pony when he first arrived but he has really switched on of late and I am quickly having to revise my opinion!

Bellport B f

Mr P Veenbaas

Bated Breath / Burning Rules



Whilst Bated Breath did not run at two and only excelled as an older horse he is more than capable of siring a good two year old (Beckford and Space Traveller are examples). Burning Rules did not win and ran only once at two but she is half sister to Group 3 winning juvenile Blue De Vega and to Bionic Woman, who was a dual winner at two and also fourth in the Group 1 Prix Marcel Boussac. Burning

Rules' only runner to date, Angel Power, was placed on her only start at two before proving very progressive at three, winning four races including the Group 2 Lydia Tesio. Compact and athletic, Bellport has plenty of quality and has shown good ability in her early work upsides.

Berkshire Phoenix B c

Bungleinthejungle / Scarlet Wings
Bungleinthejungle was a precocious
juvenile, winning four races including
the Group 3 Molecomb and Group 3
Cornwallis Stakes. He hit the ground
running as a sire with 16 individual



two crops have continued to advertise his talents, with the filly Winter Power winning last year's Cornwallis Stakes. Berkshire Phoenix is the second foal of a Sir Percy mare who ran only once but who is a half-brother to the prolific Sri Putra, who won the Group 3 Solario Stakes at two. The family includes good juveniles Caerlina (second in the Group 1 Prix Marcel Boussac before winning the French Oaks) and Al Wukair (a Listed winner at two before winning the Group 1 Jacques Le Marois at three). This colt looked racy and sharp at the Goffs Orby Sale and that impression has not changed throughout the early stages of his training.

Crucial Choice B c Siyouni / Prefer



Siyouni was a precocious horse, winning over five furlongs on his debut in May of his two year old year before notching up three more wins as a juvenile including the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. He is an excellent sire, put on the map by French 1000 Guineas and Coronation Stakes heroine Ervedya (also a Group 3 winner and twice Group 1 placed at two), promoted by six-time Group 1 winner Laurens (who won the May Hill and Fillies' Mile at two) and further advertised in 2020 by Arc winner Sottsass (a juvenile winner) and Dewhurst winner St Mark's Basilica. Both of those are bred on the same cross as this colt, whose dam was limited to one career start (at two) but is from a great family. She has no less than seven black-type siblings, three of which won at two with a further pair placing at two. Strong and active, this colt has impressed ever since we saw him in Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Dubai Jewel B f

Showcasing / Diamond Blaise
This filly's pedigree is all speed. She is a daughter of top juvenile sprinter
Showcasing, who won the Group 2



Gimcrack and was placed in the Group 1 Middle Park before embarking on a very successful career at stud. He gets fast, precocious horses but his progeny progress well - his flagships include Sussex Stakes hero Mohaather (who won the Group 3 Horris Hill at two). Advertise (winner of the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes at two) and Quiet Reflection (winner of the Group 3 Cornwallis Stakes at two). Diamond Blaise did not run at two and was limited to four starts at three, but she was placed in three of those. She is out of the good sprinter See You later, who won and was Listed placed at two, and is a half sister to juvenile winners Aahayson and Take Ten, both of whom went on to achieve black type as older horses. Dubai Jewel's physical type matches her page and she has shown good ability in her early work upsides.

Farhh / Tears Of The Sun B f

Farhh was limited to one start at two (in July) but he won that by six lengths before going on to win two Group 1s (the Lockinge and the Juddmonte) and place in a further five. A good sire, he is not known for producing two year olds but Wells Farhh Go won the Group 3 Acomb and Dee Ex Bee also achieved black type at two. Tears Of The Sun was placed on her debut in August of her juvenile year, winning in December. She went on to win



four further races over middle distances and was beaten a head in the Listed Nottinghamshire Oaks (by our Elbereth!). She is out of Perfect Star, who won as a juvenile, and is a half-sister to the precocious Kilmah, who won on debut in May before taking the Group 3 Prestige Stakes. Bred by Dr Drew at Mildmay Stud, I think this is the most beautiful filly and she floats up the gallops.

Frankel / Mix & Mingle Ch c

It is easy to see why this colt fetched 300,000gns in Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. He is by the superstar Frankel, who was unbeaten in fourteen starts having won on debut in August of his juvenile year. Mix & Mingle was placed on her debut in August of her two year old year before winning twice as a juvenile. She went on to win at Group 3 level over seven furlongs. Her full-sister Double Or Bubble also made her juvenile debut in August and was placed, before winning both her starts at three last year. The family includes the very good stayer High Accolade, who won at two before winning the King Edward VII at three and finishing second in the St Leger. Blessed with good looks as well as a great page, this colt exudes quality.

Franklin William B c Frankel / Kiyoshi



Bred at Tweenhills Stud, this powerhouse of a colt is also by Frankel, who is well capable of getting a good later two year old (examples include Group 1 Fillies Mile winner Quadrilateral and Group 3 Tattersalls Stakes winner Elarqam). Kiyoshi was very precocious, first appearing in April as a two year old, winning in May, taking the Group 3 Albany Stakes in June and finishing third in two Group 1s in September. Her first foal, Iron Heart, took plenty of time to come to hand, but this colt looks a very different proposition, both physically and in his early work upsides.

Galileo Gold / Silk Fan Bc

Bought at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this colt is from the first crop of Galileo Gold, who was second on debut in May of his iuvenile year before winning the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at two and placing in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. He went on to be a top class miler at three. A son of Paco Boy (a sire we have done well with in the past) his yearlings caught the eve at the sales for their athleticism and this colt would be no exception. Silk Fan was also second on debut, in June of her juvenile year, and went on to win twice that year before placing in four Listed events at three. She is a half-sister to high class juvenile Gutaifan and has produced six winners already. Four of these won at two, the best being Haikbidiac, who won in April before taking the York Sales race and placing at both Listed and Group 3 level. Light on his feet and blessed with natural speed, this colt needs a good pilot but has shown plenty in his early work.

Gutaifan / Findhorn Magic Gr c

Young sire Gutaifan had a good year in 2020, headlined by the filly Fev Rover who won the Group 2 Prix du Calvados and was placed in the Group 1 Prix



Marcel Boussac. Gutaifan himself was a dual Group 2 winner as a juvenile and placed in the Group 1 Prix Morny, and he seems to get speedy, precocious types. This colt's damside also has plenty of speed and, whilst Findhorn Magic did not run until November of her juvenile year, she is a half-sister to Morache Music, a three-time winner and Listed placed at two. This likeable colt is not an imposing model and is very laid back in his regular exercise, but he really switches on when sat upsides and looks pretty sharp. Bought for £15,000 at the Tattersalls Ascot yearling sale, he will be eligible for the lowest band of restricted races under the new median/auction race system.

Griffin Park Bc

Elm Park / Know The Truth

Bred by Kingsclere Stud, this colt is from the first crop of Elm Park, who won the Listed Stonehenge Stakes, Group 2 Royal Lodge and Group 1 Racing Post Trophy as a two year old for Park House. Griffin Park's damside is full of later developers his dam won over 5f at three and is a half-



sister to Shailene, who was also unraced at two before going on to win at Listed level as a four year old. The influence of Lawman as Griffin Park's broodmare sire might inject some precocity into this side of his pedigree, however, and physically he looks an early type — small, robust, and active. He is a total playboy but when asked to sit upsides he relishes the challenge and seems to thrive on his work.

Harrow Gr c

El Kabeir / School Run

El Kabeir is a son of Scat Daddy who raced on dirt in the US. He was a Grade 2 winner and Grade 1 placed over a mile as a juvenile (having placed over 5f on debut in August) before winning two Grade 3 contests as an older horse and placing again at Grade 1 level. His first crop of yearlings really took the eye at the sales last autumn and Harrow was no exception. Whilst School Run did not run until December of her two year old year she is from a fast and precocious family that includes Prix Morny and Middle Park winner Dream Ahead, Flying Childers winner Land Of Dreams and Molecomb winner Sahara Star. Harrow is her first foal and is a real athlete and a professional on the gallops (if a little fizzy everywhere else!).

Hoo Ya Mal B c

Territories / Sensationally

Territories made a good start at stud with his first 2yos in 2020, having himself won at two and placed second in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagadere before filling



the same spot in the 2,000 Guineas and winning the Group 1 Prix Jean Prat. Sensationally is a daughter of Group 1 Juddmonte International winner One So Wonderful (who also won at two) and although she herself was moderate on the track and unraced at two, she has already produced four winners of whom three won as juveniles. The best of these is Greatest Journey, who won three as a late juvenile and went on to be a smart handicapper for many years. This enthusiastic colt is light on his feet and really enjoys his work, showing plenty of zip.

Masekela B c

El Kabeir / Lady's Purse

Another son of first season sire El Kabeir, Masekela is out of the Group 3 winner Lady's Purse. She ran only once at two and neither of her two runners to date won at two (both won three times at three and Asoof went on to be Group 2 placed), but she is a half-sister to Dazilyn Lady and Kerry's Dream who both won as juveniles. El Kabeir may well have injected some precocity into this colt's make-up, and he certainly looks like he should be up to winning this year as he is a strong, balanced colt and the ultimate professional on the gallops. Bought for just £30,000 from Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, he will have a broad range of options in the programme book.

Mehmas / Gilded Truffle Ch c

Mehmas took the racing world by storm last year with his first crop of runners,



ending 2020 as champion first season sire with 46 individual winners headed by Group 1 Middle Park winner Supremacy and Group 2 Gimcrack winner Minzaal. Mehmas himself first won in May of his juvenile year and went on to win the July Stakes and Richmond Stakes before placing in the Group 1 National Stakes and the Middle Park. Gilded Truffle did not achieve a great deal on the track but she has produced six winners, four of which either won or placed at two, and she is a half sister to black type juveniles Birdman and A Mind Of Her Own. Bought at the Tattersalls Ascot sale, this balanced and attractive colt has taken everything in his stride and relishes his work.

Nathaniel / Robema B c

Nathaniel might not be the most obvious sire for this list but he himself would surely have won at two but for bumping into Frankel on his debut in August, and



many of his good horses have won in the second half of their juvenile year (Enable, West End Charmer, and our Dashing Willoughby and Recovery Run being examples). Robema was unraced at two before winning three times over a mile as an older horse, but she is out of Rockfel winner Germane and has produced three good juveniles in Connect (Listed winner at two), Atlantic Sun (winner at two, Listed placed at three) and Park House trained Leontes, who was a dual winner as a youngster. Bought in Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling sale, this strong, big-striding colt is an eyecatcher on the gallops and has found everything very easy so far.

New Bay / Nordkappe Ch c

New Bay was another first season sire to hit the headlines in 2020. Although he himself only ran once at two (finishing second on debut in November) he produced 11 juvenile winners in his first



crop, including Group 2 Royal Lodge winner New Mandate and Group 3 Oh So Sharp winner Saffron Beach. This colt's dam was unraced at 2 and achieved little in three starts at three, but she is out of Group 3 winner North Queen (also runner-up in the German Oaks) and is a half-sister to three black-type horses, two of which won as juveniles. The granddam also won at two. Nordkappe has produced two previous winners, including Listed winner Narnia Dawn who was placed in three of her four starts as a youngster. This colt has a huge stride, seemingly limitless energy(!) and is holding his own against more precociously bred contemporaries on the gallops.

Nymphadora B f

No Nay Never / Bewitchment

Bought for 185,000 gns in Book 2 at Tattersalls, this filly is bred to be a pocket rocket and has the looks to match her page. She is by the excellent No Nay Never, who won the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes and Group 1 Prix Morny at two and produces plenty of good juveniles. We have had only two fillies by him prior to this year - Group 2 winner Shadn and Group 1 winner Alcohol Free! Bewitchment only ran at two and was placed in all her five starts. She is from a family replete with good two year olds, being out of Listed winning juvenile Hypnotize and a half-sister to six juvenile winners including Champion 2yo filly Hooray and Listed winner Hypnotic. Bred to appreciate a quick surface, this filly skips up the gallop and shows a great attitude in her work upsides.

Prince Of Rebels Bc

Estidhkaar / Cute

Bought at the Goffs UK sale at Doncaster (often a source of early juveniles), this colt is from the second crop of Estidhkaar, who won the July Stakes and the Champagne Stakes at two and was

placed in the Dewhurst. He has had a fairly quiet start to his career at stud but it is still early days. This colt comes from a lovely family and is a half-brother to the talented Pogo, who won and was Listed placed as a juvenile before going on to be a Listed winner and Group 1 placed as an older horse. The dam, Cute, was Listed placed at two and is a half-sister



to triple Group 2 winner Arabian Gleam, Listed winner Kimberella and the dam of superstar fillies Love and Lucky Kristale. Strong, free-moving and with a great attitude, this colt has shown plenty of ability in his early work upsides.

Tack B c *Iffraaj / Make Fast*



Although Iffraaj did not run until August of his juvenile year and only flourished as an older horse, he has produced plenty of excellent two year olds, including Mill Reef winner Ribchester, Fillies' Mile winner Chriselliam, and French Champion 2yo Wootton Bassett. Make Fast is out of Group 3 winning juvenile Raymi Coya and was a winner and Listed placed at two. She was trained at Park House, as is her first foal, Tactical, who won the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes and Group 2 July Stakes last year. Tack is a slightly bigger model than his half-brother but has the same build and athleticism, and early signs suggest he will also do well for his owner-breeder H.M. The Queen.

NEW SIRES IN 2021

Billy Jackson-Stops

Billy Jackson-Stops set up his bloodstock consultancy in 2018, having garnered plenty of experience through work at Hascombe & Valiant Stud and as assistant trainer to Olly Stevens, Ralph Beckett, and John O'Shea in Australia. One of the first yearlings he bought as a fledgling agent was Shadn, who went on to be a great flagbearer for him as well as for Park House and her owners Al Rabban Racing. Billy was also instrumental in securing Kuroshio to stand at stud in Ireland for the same client, and is a regular attendee at all the major bloodstock sales. We asked him to assess the new sires on the block for 2021 and to tip some potential high-achievers.



Whith the first rays of spring sunshine breaking through the dreary skies of winter comes the trickle of fairweather bloodstock agents, such as myself, back onto the gallops here in Newmarket. Normally at this time of year we would be wandering around The Heath 'panda-eyed' after two weeks in Verbier or Meribel — or whichever smart resort a 'favourite' client happens to have a chalet.

This year is very different. Rather than sporting a skier's tan we are wiping the dust from our eyes after months of lockdown hibernation. What doesn't change, however, is the early spring scene on the gallops — when The Heath reverberates as much to the sound of agents' heated opinions as to the thud of hooves. So here are my own opinions as to which stallions will impress in 2021 — both in the covering shed and on the racecourse.

New to the covering shed for 2021

I've picked out three UK-based stallions in this category which is both rare and exciting as so many good horses have retired abroad in recent years.

Mohaather

Showcasing / Roodeye (Inchinor)

It's a shame that Goodwood ran behind closed doors this year as I am sure that the biggest cheer of the week would have been for the popular Marcus Tregoning after Mohaather dominated in the Group 1 Sussex Stakes. Mohaather had previously not had to beat much when winning the Horris Hill at two and the Greenham at three, but any question mark over his ability was put to bed when he came from off the pace to win the Sussex by three quarters of a length – beating both the English and Irish 2000 Guineas winners.

Mohaather is slightly deceiving when you see him in the flesh as he has the gloss of a catwalk model, which is not what you would expect when considering his impressive and tough racecourse victories. But he possessed innate speed and ability and comes from a very strong family. I suspect this will all be passed onto his progeny.

Pinatubo

Shamardal / Lava Flow (Dalakhani)

Pinatubo, untouchable at two years old and possibly unlucky at three. He lit up the 2019 turf season going six for six including a nine length romp in the Group 1 National Stakes at the Curragh. Hearts, bubbles and probably a lot of wallets

exploded when he was turned over at odds of 5/6 in last year's 2000 Guineas. The faith was kept for Royal Ascot, though, when he again went off favourite. The race presented a superb spectacle for the punters when he went head-to-head up the straight with Palace Pier, only narrowly to lose out again. He did eventually win a Group 1 as a 3-year-old (the Prix Jean Prat at Deauville) and so proved he was not just a fleeting boy wonder.

Pinatubo is by the hugely successful Shamardal, who sadly passed away last year, but hopes are high that Pinatubo, along with Lope De Vega, will play their part in picking up the mantle and carrying on this potent sire line. Physically he is a dynamic, athletic, streamlined type, and looks like a speed machine despite being out of a 13 furlong winner.

Sergei Prokofiev

Scat Daddy / Orchard Beach (Tapit)



This stallion is named after the Russian composer, whose numerous works include the ballet Romeo and Juliet. But there is nothing balletic about the composer's equine namesake. Sergei is a brute of a horse, built solely for speed and with a chest that Zeus himself might covet. His price tag of \$1.1 million as a yearling reflects his good looks. He had a chequered career on the track which peaked with a Group 3 win in the Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot. He boasts an impressive pedigree, though, being by Scat Daddy (sire of the sensational No Nay Never) and out of a daughter of the all-conquering Tapit. Sergei stands at Whitsbury Manor Stud who have a knack of making stallions, and hopefully he will be another of their success stories.

1st season sires in 2021

This year's crop of first season sires is enough to make any pedigree enthusiast drool at the prospect of what is to come. There is a group of outstanding middle-distance horses such as Ulysses, Postponed, Almanzor, Decorated Knight, Zarak and Highland Reel. These six horses between them have claimed twenty Group 1 races at 10 furlongs or more - a clear indication of the strength of this year's first season sires. But for my three selections I've focused on stallions I think could be candidates for the title of Champion First Season Sire of 2021.

Profitable

Invincible Spirit / Dani Ridge (Indian Ridge)



Like many good sprinters Profitable didn't excel until his latter years on the track, bagging his first Group 1 as a four year old in the Kings Stand and narrowly beating another of 2021's first season sires in Cotai Glory. By sire of sires Invincible Spirit and a half-brother to no less than four other black type performers under seven furlongs, Profitable was never going to be short of pace. He has around 124 two year olds to go into battle for him this year. He ran seven times as a two year old himself and ended that year rated 98. If he puts that precocity and durability into his progeny then we can expect to see his sons and daughters regularly throughout the 2021 season.

Churchill

Galileo / Meow (Storm Cat)

Of all of the first season sires represented at the yearling sales last year, Churchill's progeny were the stand outs and this was reflected in his average sales price of £88,000 from the 82



of his sons and daughters that sold. Galileo's best sons at stud - Frankel, Teofilo and New Approach - have all ended up in Middle Eastern ownership so Coolmore will be eager for one of his sons to make an impact while still under their banner and Churchill could be that one. He was first seen on a racecourse in May of his two year old career, which was the only day there was a glitch in his otherwise perfect year which culminated in two Group 1 victories. The following year he started as he left off and won both the English and Irish 2000 Guineas. Out of the five furlong winning mare Meow and a brother to Group 1 two year old winner Clemmie, Churchill has speed and an abundance of precocity in his pedigree, so with 124 of his offspring to run this year, there'll be uproar in Tipperary if he doesn't go close to being crowned Champion First Season Sire of 2021.

Galileo Gold

Paco Boy / Galicuix (Galileo)



The outsider of my 3 selections, Galileo Gold is currently 20/1 in the betting for the first season sires title. On the track, he far exceeded what his pedigree and yearling price tag suggested he might achieve. Like Churchill, Galileo Gold was also first seen in May of his two year old career when finishing second. He then went on and won his next three starts, including the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood, and he rounded the year out with a third in the Group 1 Jean-Luc Lagardere in France. It was Galileo Gold's three year old career that got the stallion masters putting his trainer's mobile number onto speed dial, though, as he put 1.5 lengths between himself and the next best horse in the 2000 Guineas and then repeated that performance in the Group 1 St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. Galileo Gold himself is by Paco Boy who was banished to Turkey and out of a mare that once cost only £8.000, but he stands at one of the most successful studs in Ireland and when it came to the racecourse, he had raw ability. With 102 two year olds to run this year he could be the surprise package.

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KINGSCLERE STUD UPDATE

As we enter Spring and new life is all around, we thought it would be interesting to have an update from the Stud, which Mrs B has kindly provided!

2021 YEARLINGS

FILLIES

COLTS		
C ITYSCAPE Last foal	CASUAL GLANCE	16 Feb 2020
INTELLO 2nd foal	MAKE MUSIC	10 April 2020
NATHANIEL Last foal	AVERAMI	10 April 2020
BOBBY'S KITTEN	CAPE SPIRIT	18 April 2020
SEA THE MOON	VICTORIA POLLARD	20 April 2020

SHIROCCO
1st foal

POUR MOI
1st foal

ST MARY'S
2 Feb 2020

1st foal

LIGHTNING SPEAR HIDDEN VALLEY
21 Feb 2020

PASSING GLANCE KNOW THE TRUTH
29 Feb 2020

2nd foal

The yearlings are a nicely balanced group. We were lucky to have five colts this time which has redressed the imbalance from the previous year when we had a proliferation of fillies. It is exciting to have two first foals (from Highland Pass and

St Mary's) and Averami and Casual Glance have retired so we have their last. Casual Glance is actually retiring for a second time as we felt we had to attempt to produce another Urban Aspect!









Cityscape/Casual Glance colt

Nathaniel/Averami colt

Lightning Spear/Hidden Valley Shirocco/Highland Pass filly filly

2021 MARES PLANS

MARE	FOALING	VISITING
HIGHLAND PASS	Bay colt by MASAR 18 Feb	PHOENIX REACH
LADY BRORA	In foal to MASAR Due 7 March	KAMEKO
SNEAKY PEEK	Maiden	CITYSCAPE
INCLYNE	Maiden	LIGHTNING SPEAR
CAPE SPIRIT	Barren	PASSING GLANCE
VICTORIA POLLARD	Barren	Rest
CAPE VICTORIA	Barren	SIR PERCY
IMPERIAL ACT	Chestnut filly by DONJUAN TRIUMPI 11 Feb	ELM PARK HANT

FOALING	VISITING
in foal to CHARM SPIRIT Due 30 April	Rest
in foal to HIGHLAND REEL Due 27 April	Rest
in foal to LIGHTNING SPEAR Due 14 March	NATHANIEL
in foal to CITYSCAPE Due 8 April	TIME TEST
	in foal to CHARM SPIRIT Due 30 April in foal to HIGHLAND REEL Due 27 April in foal to LIGHTNING SPEAR Due 14 March in foal to CITYSCAPE

Property of Ms K Gough

LIZZIE TUDOR	Chestnut filly by	TERRITORIES
	ULYSSES	
	27th Feb	







Donjuan Triumphant/Imperial Act filly

In terms of this year's matings, the thinking behind sending Highland Pass to Phoenix Reach is to try and replicate Elm Park (who was by Phoenix Reach and out of Lady Brora, dam of Highland Pass). Lady Brora to Kameko was heart over head, the mother of Elm Park (Sheikh Fahad's first British Group 1 winner) to Sheikh Fahad's first 2,000 Guineas winner, but if the product turns out to be any good I am sure some breeding expert will make an intelligent guess as to why it was a good mating!

Sneaky Peek is a half-sister to Urban Aspect and so she has gone to his sire, Cityscape, to try and produce something like him. Cityscape can also get some quite big foals and so sending a maiden to him seemed to make sense in the hope that a first foal might be smaller. We bought a breeding right to Lightning Spear when he went to stud and although he has had fertility problems we have been lucky enough to get in foal to him twice now so fingers crossed his mating with Inclyne will work. He was a very tough and consistent racehorse and



Ulysses/Lizzie Tudor filly

when Andrew and I went to see him before he retired we loved his athleticism.

Passing Glance has to stay on the list but there are very few of our mares who aren't related to him so the choice rather makes itself and Cape Spirit will go to him this year. He and Phoenix Reach are 21 and 20 respectively so it is probably our last chance to use them, and Passing Glance has a top class chaser this year (Dashel Drasher) and we wouldn't mind one of them!

Victoria Pollard was due to go to Elm Park along with Cape Victoria but the travel complications and expense post Brexit overtook that thought. Cape Victoria will therefore go back to Sir Percy and will hopefully produce a slightly larger but similarly determined version of Damned Elusive, whilst Victoria Pollard will have another year off. Imperial Act is already in France, having just produced a foal by Donjuan Triumphant, so she will stay out there and visit Elm Park this year.

Inhibition is now 15 so will be retired after she foals, whilst Make Music is not due until the end of April and usually foals a bit late so it is a good opportunity to rest her. I think Nathaniel is good value and capable of producing black type horses, both colts and fillies, so Know The Truth is going to him. She has produced two good foals so far and the dosage index on the match was high. Time Test has his first runners this year. I liked him very much when I saw him and he had some nice yearlings at the sales, so St Mary's will visit him.



STAFF UPDATE

We began the new year with a new pupil assistant — Charlie King has moved on after doing an excellent job in the role for eighteen months and her place has been taken by Archie Erskine, who has joined us from Harry Whittington's yard and has settled in well. A former professional rugby player, he is proving particularly useful with boisterous colts and heavy lifting tasks! We have sadly said goodbye recently to Nathan Cheshire, who has taken up a new role with Godolphin in Newmarket. Kingsclere born and bred, Nathan has grown up on the yard and has developed into an excellent rider and horseman. We wish him the best of luck in his new job.

The current national lockdown has been particularly tough given the dark days and winter weather but the residents of the Park House hostel have made the most of their free time and set themselves the challenge of collectively running 200 miles during lockdown in aid of Racing Welfare. They completed the task by 11 February and raised £630 through their efforts. Every individual contributed to the total but special mention must go to Oscar Palmer, who clocked up an impressive 65 miles!

Running is also on the agenda for former hostel resident Charlie Richards, who is busy training to run the Reading Half Marathon and the Hampshire Hoppit Marathon in aid of Epsom and Ewell Phab, the youth club local to his home. Many of his colleagues will also assist his fundraising efforts by completing an individually timed run later this month, which has the potential to be a highly competitive affair!



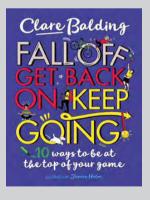
Charlie Richards wrapped up well for winter training!



New pupil Archie (far left) with some other Hostel runners



Oscar Palmer clocked up an impressive 65 miles as part of the hostel's lockdown challenge



COMING SOON

Clare Balding has also been productive during lockdown! Her latest book is aimed at children and uses insights and anecdotes from her own life and the lives of people she admires to help readers accept their mistakes and develop resilience and self-belief. Due out in mid-April, this book would no doubt be useful at any time but is perhaps particularly helpful in the current climate, with children having spent much of the past year at home in lockdown and now having to reintegrate into the school environment. ■

NEW YARD WEBSITE

Over the past six months we have been busy working with Cobweb Media on a new yard website. Now in its final stages of development, the site is looking great and should provide an excellent showcase for

the yard and an interesting and user-friendly source of information on our horses, team and results. We are hoping to go live on Lincoln day (27 March) so be sure to check out www.kingsclere.com then! ■

