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STABLE TOUR RICHARD FAHEY

# Quality added to the usual quantity

**O**UTPUT at racing's most productive factory for winners nearly reached unprecedented levels in Britain in 2015 when Richard Fahey equalled Richard Hannon snr's record of 235 winners in a calendar year. If there was a tinge of disappointment at just missing out on a new benchmark, a personal-best £3.85 million of prize-money provided ample consolation.

Fahey is guarded about his chances of scaling such heights again, all too aware of becoming a victim of his own success. "Everything fell into place last year," he says. "We seemed to win a big handicap every weekend and it's going to be tough to do it again as those horses are badly handicapped now."

On the flipside, there has been an upsurge in quality and 2015's high-ranking juveniles Ribchester and Birchwood, both bought by Godolphin last season, are under consideration for a Guineas challenge.

Donjuan Triumphant, another of the top juveniles of 2015, and unbeaten four-year-old Don't Touch could make a splash in the sprint division.

"We probably have a bit more quality this year with some potential Group 1 horses but time will tell whether they're competitive in the better races," says the trainer.

Fahey was the leading trainer on Newcastle's turf and looks sure to farm plenty of winners when the all-weather circuit opens there in May.

Keep an eye on his runners close to home as he has

## STABLE PROFILE

▶▶ **Yard** Musley Bank Stables

Jack Garritty

▶▶ **Where** Malton, North Yorkshire

▶▶ **Apprentices** Sammy Jo Bell, Adam McNamara, Natalie Hambling, Hayley Irvine

▶▶ **Started training** 1993

▶▶ **Finest hour** "Winning the 2006 Ayr Gold Cup with Fonthill Road, who was a legend of a horse. I'd been trying to win the race for a few years and it was important as it was one of my first big-race victories"

▶▶ **Horses in yard** 196

▶▶ **Assistant trainers** Robin O'Ryan and Jess McLernon

▶▶ **Racing adviser** Tom O'Ryan

▶▶ **Head grooms** Con Foley, John Carr and Tina Carr

▶▶ **Jockeys** Tony Hamilton, Paul Hanagan, Ryan Moore, David Nolan, George Chaloner, Patrick Mathers, Tom Eaves,

### Winners in Britain

2015	235
2014	192
2013	164
2012	142
<b>Profit/loss to £1 stake</b>	
2015	-£227.69
2014	-£119.24
2013	-£236.90
2012	-£294.65

### Prize-money 2015

£3,846,974

impressive figures at Catterick (22%, 30-136, +0.80) and Pontefract (21%, 40-190, +38.97), while further afield Musselburgh (23%, 42-186, +59.44) and Leicester (21%, 21-100, +96.03) have been happy hunting grounds.

Andrew Dietz

## OLDER HORSES

### Alben Star

Eight-year-old gelding by Clodovil (sire) - Secret Circle (dam)  
Owner: JK Shannon & MA Scaife  
Form figures: 4-30718  
Racing Post Rating 113 Official rating 105

I was a little disappointed with him at Doncaster even though

it was very soft. All-weather finals day suits him as he gets a flat-out gallop and maybe he's just not as good on turf. He won't be stopping despite having been on the go.

### Angel Gabriel

7g Hurricane Run - Causeway Song  
Marwan Koukash  
00520-0  
RPR 111 OR 104

The Chester Cup will be his main aim again. He's in the grip of the handicapper but is capable of running to a high level. He burst a blood vessel on his last run, which he's not done before. He scoped fine but it's still a worry and we're monitoring him.

### Don't Touch

4g Dutch Art - Expressive  
Nicholas Wrigley & Kevin Hart  
11111-  
RPR 111 OR 106

A twilight horse at the moment in that he's nearly out of handicaps yet not rated to compete with the Group horses. However, he's entitled to improve again as he's done extremely well physically over the winter. We hope he'll make into a proper Group horse and he might run next month either in the Greenlands at the Curragh or the Duke of York.

### Duke Of Clarence

7g Verglas - Special Lady  
Marwan Koukash  
3/722/95-  
RPR 106 OR 100

I'd love to get him back because he's a decent horse. He's been off since May with niggly problems - nothing serious but also nothing we can fix. We're doing our best to get him ready for the Chester Cup.

### Eastern Impact

5g Bahamian Bounty - Kate The Great  
Exors of the late DW Barker  
431710-  
RPR 116 OR 112

He's always been tough and genuine and he's now a lot stronger. He's in the Duke of York and we'll look at the July Cup again as he ran a career best in that last year. We'll get him going in the Abernant on Thursday.

### Eccleston

5g Acclamation - Miss Meggy  
David W Armstrong  
541698-  
RPR 104 OR 94

He's come back to us; we had



him as a two-year-old and he was decent. He's in great order and will probably start off in the 5f handicap at Sandown on Saturday week, a race he won two years ago.

### Farlow

8g Exceed And Excel - Emly Express  
Red Sky Partnership 1  
14803-8  
RPR 108 OR 102

The soft ground would have suited him better than most in the Lincoln but he still ran out of his skin. Those conditions over seven furlongs are ideal for him. He'll be nine next year, so he could end up in claimers by the end of the season.

### Gabrial

7g Dark Angel - Guajira  
Marwan Koukash  
36223-0  
RPR 117 OR 114

He's probably not up to winning a Group 1; everything will need to fall right for him to do so. He was placed in two Group 1s last year - the Sussex and the QEII - and he'll go down the same route again. He'll probably head for the Lockinge.

### Gabrial's Kaka

6g Jeremy - Love In May  
Marwan Koukash  
83006-3  
RPR 109 OR 86

Didn't have the best of seasons last term but seems to be coming back to himself now. He ran a good race at the Curragh and is entitled to come on for it. He'll go for a £45,000 mile handicap at Haydock on Saturday week.

## DARK HORSE

### Giddy

3f Kyllachy - Light Hearted  
Cheveley Park Stud  
10-  
RPR 80 OR 77

A sweet, good-looking filly. We thought she'd win at Ayr and were disappointed when she didn't but we really like her and hopefully she can bounce back. She's wintered very well and will start out in handicaps and see if she can work her way up.

### Gabrial's King

7g Hurricane Run - Danella  
Marwan Koukash  
706100-  
RPR 99 OR 92

Another who will go for the Chester Cup if he gets in. He ran well in it last year and is capable granted a bit of soft ground and some luck.

### Gabrial's Star

7g Hernando - Grain Only  
Marwan Koukash  
00829P-  
RPR 97 OR 92

Something was amiss when he was pulled up on his last run at Ayr, but he trotted up sound afterwards. He seems fine now and we don't mind going straight to the Chester Cup, a race he ran well in last year, as he goes well fresh.

### Gabrial The Hero

7g War Front - Ball Gown  
Marwan Koukash  
0/94211-  
RPR 92 OR 94

We laid off him for a while as

## STABLE STAT

Richard Fahey is 10-33 (30% +£42.25) with his runners in 2yo Pontefract maidens since the start of 2013, improving to 7-16 (44%) with those sent off at 3-1 or shorter

▶▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at [raceform.co.uk](http://raceform.co.uk)

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LOUISE POLLARD



**Richard Fahey oversees early-season preparations at Musley Bank Stables**

in the Lincoln and I think he's badly handicapped but hopefully he can be competitive. He goes on any ground but likes a bit of ease and he'll be aimed at the big handicaps between 6f and 1m.

**High Baroque**

4g Lookin At Lucky - Yesterday  
RA Fahey  
4212-  
RPR 91 OR 87

He came from Aidan O'Brien as a backend two-year-old and, while he wouldn't be good enough for him, he might just do a job for us. He got off the mark last season and could be a 1m2f type, I'm looking forward to running him in some decent handicaps.

**Rene Mathis**

6g Monsieur Bond - Remina  
Marwan Koukash  
01709-0  
RPR 111 OR 104

A hardy horse who won two valuable handicaps last year. He'll pay the penalty for that and he never ran a race in the Lincoln, so probably needs to come down to be competitive. Another for big handicaps between 6f and a mile.

**Right Touch**

6g Royal Applause - Amira  
Nicholas Wrigley & Kevin Hart  
14511-7  
RPR 101 OR 97

I fancied him for the Spring Mile as he'd been working well and was ready for it, but he ran a strange race. I'm putting a line through it and we may go back to 7f and seek out some better ground.

**Suegio**

7g Manduro - Mantesera  
Marwan Koukash  
54336-4  
RPR 111 OR 109

Funnily enough we wanted to buy him a few years back and he's an interesting addition. I thought he was a Chester Cup type and he proved me right – it was just frustrating he beat one of mine into second. He doesn't show much at home and I wasn't sure how he'd run in Dubai but it was the best run of his life. He'll probably go for the Yorkshire Cup, but I'm sure he'll get an entry for the Chester Cup as well.

**Tatlisu**

6g Red Clubs - Zwadi  
Middleham Park Racing LIV  
030104-  
RPR 107 OR 102

He had another good season, winning twice including the Ayr Silver Cup. He's a solid sprint handicapper who's capable of winning a big one. He could be a Wokingham horse, although he hasn't run well at Ascot but those are the types of races for him.

**Third Time Lucky**

4g Clodovil - Speckled Hen  
The Musley Bank Partnership & Partner  
112411-  
RPR 108 OR 102

He really took me by surprise with a fantastic last campaign but it's going to be tougher for him. I'd always wanted to win

the Cambridgeshire, so fair play to him, and I'm hoping he'll get further as he'll need to find improvement from somewhere. He'll start in the Hambleton at York next month.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Another Touch**

3g Arcano - Alsalwa  
Nicholas Wrigley & Kevin Hart  
721201-  
RPR 92 OR 92

I like him a lot. Gelding him has made him and he's wintered extremely well. He's improving and he could end up being one for the Britannia.

**Birchwood**

3c Dark Angel - Layla Jamil  
Godolphin  
131533-  
RPR 113 OR 114

He did well last year, winning the Superlative and running well in other big races. He ran a blinder at the Breeders' Cup and I thought he was going to get there for a stride or two. I've purposely given him a bit longer because he had a long season – not that he's shown any effects of it. He's been working for the past few weeks and seems to have sharpened up. He's in the Irish Guineas but is more likely to go for the German version and we might look at the Greenham first.

**Constantino**

3c Danehill Dancer - Messias Da Silva  
Sir Robert Ogden  
91-  
RPR 77 OR 80

A nicely bred horse who's closely related to Amazing Maria. He's quite laid-back but battled well to win at Ayr. We're still learning about him but he wouldn't want extremes of ground. We like him a lot and he should progress through the ranks.

**Donjuan Triumphant**

3c Dream Ahead - Mathuna  
Middleham Park Racing LXXXVII  
221114-  
RPR 117 OR 115

The highest-rated horse in the yard. He had an extremely hard season, ending by going to France twice in a short space of time. He didn't winter very well but is just starting to pick up and look better now. We're still learning about whether he wants 6f or 7f as he was very keen but gradually got the hang of things. He's shown he's talented and could start in the Temple at Haydock, and then you'd like to think about the Commonwealth Cup.

**Drifting Spirit**

3f Clodovil - Laureldean Spirit  
Sheikh Rashid Dalmoock Al Maktoum  
451110-  
RPR 88 OR 90

She's had a setback and required a sinus operation, so is probably a month behind. She had a good season last term and was progressive until the Oh So Sharp when she was disappointing. She could end up running in something like the Sandringham.

**Garcia**

3g Paco Boy - Birdie  
Highclere Thoroughbred Racing  
(Pelham)  
31-  
RPR 83 OR 83

When he arrived as a yearling

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
Graeme Rodway

**Tatlisu**

A big-field sprint specialist who recorded a career-best RPR when landing the Ayr Silver Cup last September and finished the season with an excellent fourth in the Coral Sprint Trophy at York the following month. He is on the fringe of Listed class with a rating of 102 but might have one more big handicap in him before graduating to that level and this six-year-old is just the type of battle-hardened sprinter with which his trainer excels.

he was a sharp two-year-old type who just grew and grew, so he did well to win last term. We gelded him after his first run and it's been the making of him. He could progress through the ranks and develop into a decent horse. He wants 7f or a mile and maybe even further.

**Lathom**

3c Compton Place - Wigan Lane  
David W Armstrong  
201500-  
RPR 101 OR 98

He won the Weatherbys Super Sprint but disappointed afterwards. We've backed right off him and aren't sure what his plans are yet. He's definitely a sprinter but it's not going to be easy for him. The sprint programme for three-year-olds is a big help for this type of horse.

**Mayfair Lady**

3f Holy Roman Emperor - Lady Luachmhar  
Mrs H Steel  
321145-  
RPR 102 OR 100

She surprised us a bit at York as we thought she'd run well but we weren't expecting her to win in the manner she did. She then couldn't back that up in a Group 3. She's not very big and you'd be worried about her training on but she's tough and genuine. We'll have to look at the Listed fillies' races and see if we can get some black type.

**Mr Lupton**

3g Elnadim - Chiloe Wigeon  
ND Kershaw  
323912-  
RPR 98 OR 102

Had an excellent season last term, winning the big sales race at Doncaster. He's done well over the winter – he took a while to come into his coat but it's starting to come now – and we hope he might get a bit further. I'm keen to find out whether he stays 7f.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

IT'S very early days – we've only had one juvenile runner on the grass – and the better ones haven't done much. We like them as a bunch and we're just waiting for some better weather. We've got some nice colts and fillies by Mayson who are sharp and ready. They're all unnamed apart from a Cheveley Park filly called **Spin Doctor**. We also have a few by Dutch Art we like the look of.

**TOMORROW**  
Charlie Hills with the lowdown on his Faringdon Place string

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**STABLE ANALYSIS 2006-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	2,278	341	309	285	1,343	15		-319.56	-14%
Non-hcp 3yo	803	113	119	125	446	14		-248.63	-31%
Non-hcp 4yo+	791	135	151	115	390	17		-162.90	-21%
Hcp 2yo	704	103	92	65	444	15		+15.49	+2%
Hcp 3yo	2,787	326	304	307	1,850	12		-494.87	-18%
Hcp 4yo+	4,889	518	524	497	3,350	11		-934.31	-19%
Totals	12,252	1,536	1,499	1,394	7,823	13		-2144.78	-18%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	Races	Per cent	£1 level stake
Paul Hanagan	508-3398	14.9	-397.57
Tony Hamilton	350-2803	12.5	-737.78
Frederik Tylicki	77-460	16.7	+48.65
George Chaloner	76-617	12.3	-25.61
Jack Garrity	60-378	15.9	-11.80
Barry McHugh	59-549	10.7	-120.87
Sammy Jo Bell	42-350	12.0	-54.89
David Nolan	41-350	11.7	-18.50
Patrick Mathers	30-338	8.9	+25.03
Jamie Spencer	15-98	15.3	+2.67
Ryan Moore	15-100	15.0	-22.19
Tom Eaves	11-108	10.2	-47.15

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

Month	Races	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	60-427	14.1	+7.44
February	38-295	12.9	-78.57
March	61-387	15.8	+5.84
April	149-921	16.2	-2.83
May	205-1532	13.4	-310.17
June	197-1611	12.2	-279.72
July	210-1681	12.5	-406.94
August	228-1704	13.4	-237.60
September	173-1615	10.7	-379.99
October	126-1179	10.7	-237.48
November	52-492	10.6	-157.93
December	37-408	9.1	-66.83

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	Races	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	102-705	14.5	+73.79
Non-hcp 3yo	30-264	11.4	-98.78
Non-hcp 4yo+	13-115	11.3	-9.59
Hcp 3yo	40-305	13.1	-46.79
Hcp 4yo+	83-620	13.4	+107.05

**FAVOURITES**

	Races	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	145-397	36.5	-27.21
Non-hcp 3yo	51-133	38.3	-20.85
Non-hcp 4yo+	68-181	37.6	+1.34
Hcp 2yo	29-101	28.7	-7.46
Hcp 3yo	99-391	25.3	-38.98
Hcp 4yo+	141-625	22.6	-108.32

**COURSES**

	Races	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	132-1130	11.7	15-171	7-118	11-108	8-71	22-191	69-471	159.63
Ayr	95-675	14.1	19-108	0-10	2-13	11-58	22-164	41-322	-18.18
York	90-1102	8.2	22-219	3-23	8-76	7-64	17-196	33-524	344.48
Beverley	85-608	14.0	26-156	7-50	7-27	3-22	24-157	18-196	-138.34
Southwell (AW)	84-542	15.5	10-60	13-63	14-57	3-28	8-74	36-260	88.10
Musselburgh	80-428	18.7	21-72	3-18	6-30	3-16	24-120	23-172	-14.49
Hamilton	77-440	17.5	10-69	5-36	15-43	4-25	20-109	23-158	83.85
Doncaster	73-687	10.6	17-129	2-39	4-44	4-41	9-128	37-306	-84.81
Pontefract	72-440	16.4	19-89	6-36	1-11	2-21	20-116	24-167	+50.01
Newcastle	70-476	14.7	25-106	4-28	6-26	4-22	12-105	19-189	-14.56
Chester	69-542	12.7	17-77	5-17	4-22	2-26	9-166	32-239	100.45
Redcar	68-438	15.5	20-140	9-43	8-29	7-31	13-89	11-106	-92.58
Ripon	63-487	12.9	18-123	10-38	2-11	3-15	12-122	18-178	-98.05
Haydock	62-590	10.5	16-109	2-22	3-28	3-38	25-169	13-224	-167.72
Thirsk	60-398	15.1	19-109	9-41	5-15	4-12	9-93	16-128	-11.31
Catterick	50-313	16.0	19-83	2-29	7-20	9-37	4-53	9-91	-84.82
Carlisle	46-342	13.5	12-101	3-17	7-17	2-11	12-92	10-104	-79.89
Lingfield (AW)	42-352	11.9	5-22	4-34	7-59	5-13	5-64	16-160	-66.19
Leicester	29-176	16.5	4-34	4-18	2-11	3-17	5-26	9-46	+90.26
Newmarket (July)	28-220	12.7	3-30	0-3	1-8	4-22	11-83	9-74	-4.13
Nottingham	27-206	13.1	7-36	2-16	0-4	2-12	13-81	3-57	-28.56
Newmarket	19-244	7.8	2-40	3-26	2-17	2-12	7-58	3-91	-89.20
Yarmouth	17-67	25.4	3-10	3-4	3-5	0-7	3-22	5-19	+13.37
Epsom	16-127	12.6	1-10	1-6	0-6	3-6	3-24	8-75	-27.22
Ascot	14-257	5.4	2-33	1-15	1-25	0-6	3-40	7-138	-85.13
Goodwood	13-239	5.4	1-28	1-6	0-16	2-22	2-48	7-119	-101.75
Kempton (AW)	13-274	4.7	1-32	1-19	3-21	0-21	2-61	6-120	-182.75
Newbury	12-132	9.1	6-41	1-9	1-7	0-2	0-18	4-55	-12.88
Windsor	8-45	17.8	0-4	0-0	1-7	1-6	3-19	3-9	+17.00
Warwick	6-55	10.9	1-11	0-2	0-3	2-6	2-13	1-20	-16.33
Sandown	6-70	8.6	0-7	0-8	2-9	1-7	2-17	1-22	-50.63
Chelmsford (AW)	6-79	7.6	0-8	1-5	1-6	1-2	1-26	2-32	-27.00
Southwell	2-17	11.8	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-5	2-8	+1.00
Brighton	1-7	14.3	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-4	0-0	-4.38
Bath	1-12	8.3	0-0	1-2	0-3	0-0	0-4	0-3	-4.00
Newcastle (AW)	0-1	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Folkestone	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	-2.00
Chepstow	0-4	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-0	-4.00
Wetherby	0-4	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	-4.00
Lingfield	0-5	0.0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	-5.00
Salisbury	0-19	0.0	0-5	0-0	0-4	0-1	0-7	0-2	-19.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 1,140 Total winning prize-money £12,765,172

**STAR QUALITY**

**Ribchester**  
3c Iffraaj - Mujarah  
Godolphin  
221-2d  
RPR 113 OR 113

It was a strange



## STABLE TOUR CHARLIE HILLS

**T**HANKS largely to the exploits of four-time Group 1 winner Muhaarar, Charlie Hills enjoyed the best season of his career last term, but with that sprint ace now retired the trainer is not resting on his laurels.

Hills again expects to be strong in the sprint division with Cotai Glory, Magical Memory and Strath Burn fancied to make their mark at the highest level, while Dutch Connection will be the flagbearer in the big mile/mile-and-a-quarter races.

Mootaharer, Muhaarar's half-brother, will not be rushed to make the Qipco 2,000 Guineas, but is among a number of promising three-year-olds at the yard, who also include possible Investec Derby contender High Grounds.

"I'd love to get 100 winners and some top-level winners," says Hills, whose string might take a few weeks to start firing on all cylinders.

"We put a new gallop in this year – the Muhaarar gallop," he adds. "It's a mile Polytrack, which has replaced our old woodchip one, and we'll do most of their work on it. It will be finished this week but has put us back a bit."

**James Burn**

# High hopes for more top-level sprint success

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Faringdon Place
- ▶▶ **Where** Lambourn, Berkshire
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2011
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** Ghanaati winning the Coronation Stakes when assistant to my father Barry
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 155
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Kevin Mooney
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Darryll Holland, Michael Murphy
- ▶▶ **Website** charleshills.com

### Winners in Britain

2015	71
2014	68
2013	68
2012	55
<b>Profit/loss to £1 stake</b>	
2015	-£84.95
2014	-£145.08
2013	-£89.94
2012	-£150.12
<b>Prize-money 2015</b>	
£2,234,907	

like a decent horse and is a good-looking, scopey sort. He's had issues with his knees but is moving great now. He went back to Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud over the winter and they did a marvellous job. He could be a Royal Hunt Cup type and wants fast ground.

### Heatstroke

4c Galileo - Walklikeanegyptian  
Fitri Hay  
01/  
RPR 86 OR 87

He sustained an injury after he won at Kempton in 2014 and had to miss last year. He's a nice horse and will be unexposed compared to some of the other four-year-olds who were racing last year. I'm pleased with the way he's moving, although I haven't done any fast work with him yet; I'm just waiting for our new gallop to be finished. I think a mile could be his trip and he could be another Hunt Cup type.

### Jallota

5g Rock Of Gibraltar - Lady Lahar  
Fitri Hay  
6249-97  
RPR 111 OR 103

He does well for his racing but, like B Fifty Two, never really thrived in Dubai. He's back cantering and we'll look at a handicap at York's Dante meeting. He ran well in the Bunbury Cup last year and that's his type of race. He likes a straight track and he's

he should and we just need to make sure he's 100 per cent. A mile will probably be his trip and he showed he's got plenty of ability when he was just beaten at the Breeders' Cup as a juvenile. It's unfortunate things haven't gone our way since, but he's worth persevering with.

### Cotai Glory

4c Exceed And Excel - Continua  
Kangyu Int Racing (HK) Ltd & F Ma  
U0/3501-  
RPR 112 OR 108

We'll probably start in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket on Guineas weekend. He's thrived over the winter and I've never had him looking so well. He had problems in the winter of his

two-year-old to three-year-old season and spent most of that in the stable, so I think he did well to win last year. His work's been good and he's a very talented horse. I'd like to think he'll be competitive in a race like the King's Stand Stakes and I'm open-minded about running him over six furlongs. He's off 108 and I think he can make his mark at Group 1 level.

### Hakam

4g War Front - Lauren Byrd  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
22-3

RPR 86 OR -  
He was third at Chelmsford last week and should have won the Alex Scott Maiden last year, but he's always worked



probably going to run in all of those major seven-furlong/mile handicaps.

### Magical Memory

4g Zebedee - Marasem  
Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds I  
313113-  
RPR 116 OR 114

He worked great last week and could start in the Abernant at Newmarket on Thursday, then probably the Duke of York. He's done great over the winter and looks a very imposing horse; Zebedees improve with age. He's got class and was probably unlucky not to win the Sprint Cup at Haydock last year. I don't think he's going to stop improving and he could race abroad as I think those tracks – with level ground – will suit. He has a good action and handles quick ground but is versatile.

### Strath Burn

4c Equiano - Irish Light  
Qatar Racing Limited & RA Bartlett  
831120-  
RPR 118 OR 116

His work's been impressive and he's another exciting sprinter coming into his four-year-old career. I have him pencilled in for the Duke of York and good ground is key. He's like his dad, who couldn't operate on anything worse than good. He loves feeling his feet on the ground and doesn't like getting unbalanced. My sprinters will

have to take each other on when they get to Group 1 level, but I'd like to keep them apart until then. It'll be hard to step into Muhaarar's shoes, but I think Strath Burn, Magical Memory and Cotai Glory could all be at Group 1 level this year.

### Tanzeel

5g Elusive City - Royal Fizz  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
1/41900-  
RPR 111 OR 101

He's had time off and went back to Shadwell over the winter. He's still relatively unexposed, but he's got to have fast ground. I think he'll get seven furlongs, but he hasn't done any fast work yet because of the ground. He won't need an awful lot, though, so we might look for a handicap at York next month.

## THREE-YEAR-OLDS

### Beaully

f Sea The Stars - Pickle  
RA Bartlett  
1  
RPR 75 OR -

She won her maiden nicely and should have done on the way she was working. We've given her a little holiday and she could go for the Cheshire Oaks or another trial. Hopefully there is more to come from her, but she wouldn't want the ground too soft.

### Doubly Motivated

f Iffraaj - Chicane  
Jim & Susan Hill  
216-  
RPR 90 OR 88  
She's the only filly I've got in the 1,000 Guineas and we'll

## OLDER HORSES

### B Fifty Two

Seven-year-old gelding by Dark Angel (sire) - Petite Maxine (dam)  
Owner: Gary and Linnet Woodward  
Form figures 0201-58  
Racing Post Rating: 109; Official rating 100

He went to Dubai but didn't really thrive, so we've given him an easy time, and he doesn't really come to himself until the summer. I was pleased he got seven furlongs last year and we might carry on down that route. He's just back cantering now and we could look at something like the Victoria Cup, although we could also go for Listed races.

### Commemorative

4c Zamindar - Revered  
Khalid Abdullah  
4117/4-  
RPR 104 OR 109

He had a problem last year and had most of it off. He's been cantering through the winter, but I'm not entirely happy with him; he's not quite going like

## STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2014, the Charlie Hills/Ryan Moore combination has scored six times out of 24. The pairing have also been placed on six occasions, meaning they have hit the frame 50 per cent of the time.

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**Charlie Hills in one of the three indoor barns at Faringdon Place**

**DARK HORSE**

**Grapevine**

c Lilbourne Lad - High Vintage  
Mrs JK Powell  
590-  
RPR 71 OR 74

His work's been good and he ran three times last year on ground he didn't like. He'll get a mile and a quarter no problem and we'll try to win a maiden with him.

start her in the Nell Gwyn at Newmarket [today]. Being by Iffraaj she won't want the ground too soft, so we're better off sticking to Newmarket where the ground will be better than Newbury. She was a little bit hairy over the winter but has done well in the last week and her work's been consistently good. She came back from her last run in the Rockfel with a dirty scope, so hopefully we can put a line through that.

**Exoteric**

c Champs Elysees - Short Dance  
Khalid Abdullah  
4-

RPR 70 OR -  
He should stay well and he's from a good Juddmonte family. He got loose just before his debut at Wolverhampton but still ran a really good race. Off that run he's absolutely capable of winning a maiden.

**Gunmetal**

c Clodovil - March Star  
Mrs JK Powell  
3-

RPR 72 OR -  
He ran a really nice race on his debut last year in horrible

ground and we'll probably start in a maiden over six or seven furlongs. He's a big, strong horse who takes plenty of work but he has a good temperament.

**Gypsy Eyes**

f High Chaparral - Brown Eyes  
Mrs BV Sangster & Mrs Paul Shanahan  
150-

RPR 94 OR 92  
She should stay well and has done okay over the winter but just wants a bit of sunshine and I haven't done any fast work with her yet. We tried her a couple of times at Pattern level last season but it didn't come off. The way she won her maiden she looked up to that and I like to think she is. She wants a mile and a half.

**High Grounds**

c High Chaparral - Civility Cat  
AM Shead, Cavendish Inv Ltd, J Hanson  
1

RPR 91 OR -  
He was impressive when winning his debut first time out. He's athletic and quite old-fashioned in that he's a bit leggy, but he's got a lovely action and really covers the ground. He's going to stay well. The owners are a great combination with my father, Dick Bonnycastle, Jack Hanson and Tony Shead. They bought him with the dream of the Derby, so we're going to try that route and run in a Derby trial at Sandown or Chester. He went for a racecourse gallop at Lingfield a couple of weeks ago and pleased me.

**Ibn Malik**

g Raven's Pass - Moon's Whisper  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
1223-

RPR 105 OR 107  
He went to Shadwell for a break over the winter and I've been really pleased with the way he's moving. He's talented and has good form from last year. We'll start in the Free Handicap at Newmarket [tomorrow] and he could be a horse for the Jersey Stakes. He's been gelded and it hasn't changed him that much. He's a little lighter than he was, but I've been pleased with his work. Fast ground will help.

**Iona Island**

f Dutch Art - Still Small Voice  
John C Grant  
4-

RPR 61 OR -  
She's a lovely, scopey filly who will improve with racing. I

think she'll get a trip, so we'll probably start her off in a mile-and-a-quarter maiden at Newbury on Friday.

**Jadaayil**

f Oasis Dream - Muthabara  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
24-

RPR 82 OR -  
She's talented and was unlucky not to win her maiden last year. She's got plenty of speed and we'll probably run her at Newmarket on Thursday. She wants good ground and got lost a bit on soft ground last year. On her work she should win a maiden.

**Mahfooz**

c Teofilo - Itqaan  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
5

RPR 62 OR -  
He ran a nice race at Doncaster recently and I think he'll stay all day, but he doesn't want the soft ground he had there. We'll stick to a mile and quarter and then step him up in the summer.

**Menai**

c Dark Angel - Glisten  
Julie Martin & David Martin & Partner  
22-

RPR 72 OR -  
He went nicely at Lingfield in a racecourse gallop recently and we were thinking about running him at Wolverhampton on Friday, but we've decided to go to Newmarket [today]. He's done well over the winter and is a good-looking horse. Hopefully he can give his owners a bit of fun.

**Mishwaar**

c Arcano - Misdaqeya  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
2

RPR 70 OR -  
He ran a nice race at Lingfield last month when I thought he was a bit inexperienced. We've given him time because he's still quite backward in his coat. We'll wait for a bit more sunshine for him and I think seven furlongs/a mile will be his trip.

**Mootaharer**

c Dubawi - Tahrir  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
21-

RPR 83 OR -  
He went with the rest of them to Lingfield and went absolutely fine, but his work's not quite how I want. We're going to be patient with him, but he'll come. He looks well in his skin and everything, but he's not quite pleasing me. It's not worth rushing for the Guineas and he looks more of a mile-and-a-quarter horse. He's a lot heavier than Muhaarar was and is much more Dubawi-like. He's certainly got an engine and his work wasn't always that good last year, but he was impressive on the track. He's got ability, but I just want to see him eating and drinking right and horses can come right just as quickly as they can go wrong.

**Sante**

f Dream Ahead - Zeiting  
Mr & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes  
Unraced

She's from a very nice family and I've been pleased with her work. She's nice and scopey

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Pietro Innocenzi**

**Mootaharer**  
This half-brother to Muhaarar is a different type to the champion sprinter, as he was really strong at the end of both his races over 7f last season and is likely to benefit from 1m-plus this term. The bare form of those runs at Salisbury and Newmarket is nothing to write home about, but the trainer clearly thinks the world of him and with the Guineas coming round too soon, it would be no surprise to see him line up in the Dante.

and I think she'll run at Newbury this week.

**Serradura**

f Acclamation - Days Of Summer  
Ms AA Yap & F Ma  
10-

RPR 73 OR 73  
She wants fast ground. I thought she was well handicapped at Leicester last year but she hated the ground. She always gets very hairy in the winter, so I've got to give her more time.

**Zaakhir**

f Raven's Pass - Zahoo  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
1-

RPR 81 OR -  
She's very nice and I like her a lot. She's a bit fragile temperament-wise but hopefully we can manage that. She worked nicely at Lingfield under Paul Hanagan, who liked her a lot. We were thinking of running this week but are going to stick to our original plan and go for the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket on Guineas weekend. We want to see how we get on there and get an idea of her trip. She's a good-looking filly with plenty of scope and I'm looking forward to running her.

**Zzoro**

c Manduro - Krynica  
Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum  
8731-

RPR 80 OR 84  
He's well handicapped but those three-year-old handicaps are always competitive at this time of year. He's in over a mile and a quarter at Newmarket [today] but will stay well and I can see him getting a mile and a half.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

**High Excitement** is a Blame filly who looks a racy type but I haven't done any fast work with her. **Dark Hero** is another nice horse who looks sharp enough. He's by Kodiak, but I don't know where we're going to run him yet - he looks like he's got an engine, though. **Captain Hawk** goes nicely and **The Big Short**, who's by Bahamian Bounty, is also a scopey two-year-old. Hopefully they'll all be out next month and one for the second half of the year could be **Magillen**, who's a nice type.

**TOMORROW**  
Fast-rising Newmarket trainer Hugo Palmer on his string

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2011-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	696	91	86	81	438	13		-168.87	-24%
Non-hcp 3yo	532	86	89	78	279	16		-67.74	-13%
Non-hcp 4yo+	78	9	7	9	53	12		-16.88	-22%
Hcp 2yo	120	14	9	14	83	12		+11.11	+9%
Hcp 3yo	547	57	64	67	359	10		-130.26	-24%
Hcp 4yo+	323	31	40	24	228	10		-97.88	-30%
Totals	2,296	288	295	273	1,440	13		-470.52	-20%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Paul Hanagan	29-173	16.8	-12.46
Robert Winston	29-183	15.8	-15.35
Steve Drowne	17-166	10.2	-41.25
James Doyle	14-83	16.9	-17.35
William Buick	13-95	13.7	-6.65
William Carson	12-117	10.3	-42.31
Jim Crowley	12-138	8.7	-61.00
Ryan Moore	11-50	22.0	+12.90
Dane O'Neill	11-81	13.6	+20.71
Jamie Spencer	10-121	8.3	-49.27
George Baker	8-53	15.1	-26.14
Darryll Holland	6-33	18.2	-7.00

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	21-233	9.0	-48.17
Non-hcp 3yo	29-191	15.2	+0.71
Non-hcp 4yo+	0-14	0.0	-14.00
Hcp 3yo	7-52	13.5	-11.00
Hcp 4yo+	3-39	7.7	-22.00

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	28-153	18.3	7-33	7-42	0-3	2-13	10-42	2-20	-9.63
Kempton (AW)	24-164	14.6	3-43	11-45	0-3	1-14	6-37	3-22	-28.12
Doncaster	22-157	14.0	5-42	8-33	1-10	2-9	2-31	4-32	+47.98
Lingfield (AW)	19-147	12.9	1-20	16-71	0-2	0-4	2-37	0-13	-45.97
Leicester	18-65	27.7	10-29	4-12	2-3	0-3	1-11	1-7	+11.01
Newmarket	16-175	9.1	8-79	3-43	2-9	0-0	2-29	1-15	-48.93
Newmarket (July)	15-130	11.5	6-51	3-17	0-1	0-2	5-40	1-19	-26.56
Haydock	13-88	14.8	1-26	2-11	2-9	3-5	4-24	1-13	-12.42
Windsor	12-120	10.0	6-44	3-17	0-0	0-4	3-36	0-19	+9.12
Newbury	12-158	7.6	5-77	3-31	0-7	1-2	0-25	3-16	-75.75
Bath	11-59	18.6	2-10	3-12	0-0	0-5	4-24	2-8	+0.61
Warwick	10-33	30.3	4-18	2-4	0-1	1-3	3-4	0-3	+9.20
Ayr	8-27	29.6	4-8	2-3	0-0	0-4	1-7	1-5	+10.53
Salisbury	7-65	10.8	3-27	2-15	0-0	0-5	2-16	0-2	-28.63
York	7-68	10.3	4-17	0-11	0-5	0-6	0-8	3-21	+6.00
Sandown	6-71	8.5	1-19	1-13	0-1	1-3	2-25	1-10	-10.50
Goodwood	6-104	5.8	3-37	0-18	0-3	0-6	3-20	0-20	-72.77
Ascot	6-111	5.4	1-24	3-20	0-9	0-2	0-26	2-30	-58.50
Southwell (AW)	5-28	17.9	0-1	1-10	1-2	0-1	0-7	3-7	-1.13
Nottingham	5-56	8.9	2-21	2-13	0-1	0-3	0-13	1-5	-26.75
Chester	5-62	8.1	1-8	1-20	0-2	0-3	1-17	2-12	-34.92
Beverly	4-19	21.1	1-3	2-6	0-0	0-0	1-9	0-1	+3.05
Lingfield	4-30	13.3	3-10	1-8	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-5	-19.67
Redcar	3-9	33.3	2-2	0-5	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	+12.99
Thirsk	3-17	17.6	0-3	1-7	0-0	1-2	1-2	0-3	-5.25
Chelmsford (AW)	3-24	12.5	0-3	1-11	0-1	2-4	0-4	0-1	+4.50
Yarmouth	2-7	28.6	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-4	0-0	-3.61
Folkestone	2-10	20.0	1-5	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	+7.00
Ffos Las	2-14	14.3	2-5	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-7	0-0	-8.45
Brighton	2-15	13.3	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-4	0-2	0-3	-9.95
Chepstow	2-21	9.5	2-6	0-6	0-0	0-2	0-7	0-0	-16.50
Pontefract	2-22	9.1	1-3	1-5	0-1	0-4	0-8	0-1	-9.50
Ripon	2-25	8.0	1-7	0-5	0-0	0-1	1-9	0-3	-8.00
Catterick	1-7	14.3	0-0	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	+0.00
Newcastle	1-12	8.3	0-5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-2	-8.00
Wetherby	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Hamilton	0-3	0.0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-3.00
Epsom	0-19	0.0	0-5	0-4	0-1	0-1	0-5	0-3	-19.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 419; total winning prize-money £3,357,532.78

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**STAR QUALITY**

**Dutch Connection**

4c Dutch Art - Endless Love  
Susan Roy and Cheveley Park Stud  
3/71225-

RPR 117 OR 116  
He's not one who does that well through the winter, but he's picked up recently and his work has been very nice. He had a racecourse gallop at Lingfield two weeks ago under Jim Crowley, who was very happy. There are a few options for him and he's in the Earl of Sefton at Newmarket [tomorrow]. It's a mile and one furlong, which he's never been over before. He loves top of the ground and I think it'll be beautiful at Newmarket. If we want to find out about the trip Newmarket's the place to go, but he's not short of speed. He's a strong traveller and the Lockinge could be a major target for him, along with the Prix Ganay. He was second in a Group 1 last year and I think he's very classy; his work at the moment is backing that up.

## STABLE TOUR HUGO PALMER

**H**E HAS only held a training licence since 2011, but with each passing campaign Hugo Palmer has taken a marked step forwards in terms of quantity and quality of horses.

Last season, which brought a brace of Group 1s, may seem a hard act to follow, but the team assembled for the coming year suggests his upward trajectory is unlikely to plateau any time soon.

Covert Love, who provided Palmer with his first Classic, returns to head the team of older horses, but there is by no means a reliance on the established stars. In fact it is the younger divisions in which the yard looks to hold a particularly strong hand.

A host of Classic hopefuls, including Galileo Gold and Hawkmoor, are supported by an array of unexposed and progressive handicappers, but it is the two-year-old department which could prove the strongest.

With the likes of Khalid Abdullah now supplying two-year-olds by sires such as Galileo, Dubawi and Frankel, this could be the year Palmer takes his reservation at racing's top table.

James Thomas

## OLDER HORSES

## Ascription

7-year-old gelding by Dansili (sire) out of Lady Elgar (dam)  
Owner: VI Araci

Form figures: 082520-  
Racing Post Rating 115 Official rating 110

We won't see him until the backend, but something like the Hungerford or the Park Stakes would be a good place to start him. He's a soft-ground horse and pretty consistent. He hasn't won in a while but he's had problems and he's kept bumping into one.

## Extremity

5g Exceed And Excel - Chanterelle  
Kremlin Cottage II  
094078-  
RPR 104 OR 87

Was a big disappointment last year, we just couldn't get a tune out of him. He looks a different horse now, he's bigger, stronger and he's had a better winter than he had last time around so I'm hopeful we can regain his form. This time

# Experience and youth makes for potent mix

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Kremlin Cottage
- ▶▶ **Where** Snailwell Rd, Newmarket, Suffolk
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2011
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** "Winning with a very moderate filly called Mazoula, but that's not what anyone's going to remember me for, so I'll say Covert Love winning the Irish Oaks"
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 136
- ▶▶ **Head groom** Angie Shea
- ▶▶ **Pupil assistants** George Boughey and Miguel Clement
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** "We'll be relying on the best available"
- ▶▶ **Website** hugopalmer.com



## Winners in Britain

2015	34
2014	24
2013	15
2012	6

## Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£7.21
2014	+£4.93
2013	+£18.57
2012	-£9.50

## Prize-money 2015

£1,042,340

last year I thought he was well handicapped on 99, so if we get him right I think he's really well handicapped on 87. He wants top of the ground.

## Home Of The Brave

4c Starspangledbanner - Blissful Beat  
Flemington Bloodstock Partnership  
31661d0-  
RPR 115 OR 109

He's done fantastically well over the winter. I think he's a fast-ground horse and the big

thing with him is the trip. He doesn't quite have the change of gear over 6f, but I think he's got a chance of staying a mile. The obvious starting point for him is the Richard III Stakes at Leicester, and if he wins there we'll go to the Lockinge. He's owned partly by Australians, and it wouldn't be impossible that he'd go to Australia. The Emirates Mile on the Saturday of Melbourne Cup week could be a possibility.

## STAR QUALITY

## Covert Love

4f Azamour - Wing Stealth  
Fomo Syndicate  
111214-  
RPR 115 OR 116

She was light and unfurnished all of last year but she's had a really good winter and looks fantastic. She'll start in the Middleton, then the question is whether she can bridge the gender gap. Maybe the Juddmonte would be her race at the Ebor meeting, but I do feel we have unfinished business in the Yorkshire Oaks. All being well we'll end up at the Breeders' Cup, whether that means the Fillies' and Mares' Turf or the Breeders' Cup Turf depends on how her season goes. She won't run on soft ground again.

## Not Never

4g Notnowcato - Watchoverme  
Mrs Denis Haynes  
142720-  
RPR 103 OR 95

Has grown hugely over the winter. He's a really fun horse to have anything to do with and you always have a shout because he tries so hard. I'd love to think he might be an Ebor horse. It depends how far he stays, but when you get



extremes of distance there's not a lot of difference between a staying handicapper and a stakes horse. He has to have a bit of dig in the ground.

## Spanish Squeeze

4g Lope De Vega - Appetina  
W Duff Gordon, J Bond, Rascals  
Racing  
31/427-  
RPR 104 OR 98

Has always excited me and still does. He's had lots of little problems without ever having a big problem, but he's been problem-free now for quite a long time. His work is very good - he's been working with Covert Love. The plan with him is to go for a valuable handicap at York at the Dante meeting and then the Wolferton at Royal Ascot. I think he's potentially still well handicapped off 98.

## Strong Steps

4g Aqlaam - Wunders Dream  
Al Shaqab Racing  
230457-  
RPR 94 OR 88

He was bought primarily as

a lead horse for Galileo Gold, and it's been a case of a rising tide lifts all ships, in that Strong Steps working with a horse of that quality has seen him improving. I'm not sure if a mark of 88 is high enough to get in the Spring Cup at Newbury but he could go there. I've always thought he was going to improve for being gelded and for another year on his back and it looks like he has.

## Twich

4f Azamour - Blinking  
The Dukes of Roxburghe and  
Devonshire  
332263-  
RPR 92 OR 92

If someone had said to me last year 'You're going to win two Group 1s with a daughter of Azamour' I would have said 'well Twitch's owners are going to be very happy with me then!' She won't run in handicaps now that she's got stakes form. She'll start in the Daisy Warwick at Goodwood. She seems quite versatile on ground and she's done very well over the winter.

## Walpole

4g Rock Of Gibraltar - Serena's Storm  
Roldvale Limited  
1-  
RPR 79 OR 77

The reason he started in a

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**Hugo Palmer: could prove strongest in the two-year-old department**

last year as he was leggy and immature. He kept improving from week to week and that improvement has continued through the winter. His work has been excellent and we're firmly on track. He will probably start in the French Guineas, he's more likely to get a bit of give in the ground at Deauville and I think he'd have a real chance. We put him in the Derby at this month's second entry stage - he's a very balanced colt and Epsom could suit him well. Frankie Dettori rode him yesterday and was very excited about him.

**Gifted Master**

g Kodiak - Shobobb  
Dr Ali Ridha  
142111-  
RPR 110 OR 111

Has done exceptionally well over the winter, he hasn't missed a beat and will start in today's Tattersalls Millions Sprint. His target for the first part of the season is the Jersey. We'll take it from there but his long-term target would be the Dubai Turf on World Cup night. He's got the opportunity to be a big money winner for the yard for several seasons to come - he could be our Solow or Cirrus Des Eagles!

**Hawksmoor**

f Azamour - Bridal Dance  
Chris Humber  
16133-  
RPR 103 OR 105

The Prix Saint-Alary would be the obvious place to start her off, if she stays I think she'd have a great chance. If we get closer to the race and she's not working like a filly who will stay then we'd go to the French Guineas. She's grown plenty and has had a summer coat now for several months and I'm very happy with her. If she won or wasn't beaten far in the Alary the French Oaks would be the next target. She needs a little bit of cut in the ground.

**Mengli Khan**

c Lope De Vega - Danielli  
VI Araci  
317-4  
RPR 90 OR -

He's a massive horse and has done very well over the winter - he's much stronger than

he was. With the benefit of hindsight I shouldn't have run him in the Racing Post Trophy. The ground was too soft and it was probably a bit too much too soon for him but it's done him no harm. After his fourth in the Feilden yesterday, when the race went against him, all options are still under consideration. I think he'll stay further and he could still be a very nice horse in time.

**Murad Khan**

c Raven's Pass - Lady Elgar  
VI Araci  
3-1  
RPR 72 OR -

We were very disappointed that he didn't win first time out but he came back with sore shins. I'm not sure he won a very good race the other day but I was delighted with him and William [Buick] loved him. His target is going to be the Britannia, he needs to run a third time before then so he could go to the Silver Bowl at Haydock, but I'd imagine he'd only run once more before Royal Ascot.

**Nessita**

f Shamardal - Neshla  
Saeed Manana  
31-  
RPR 73 OR 77

She was, almost of all of the three-year-old fillies, the one who excited me most. I was going to start her in an Oaks trial and see where we got to, but she's worked poorly the last two times so there's no way we're going to do that. She could start in the handicap that Covert Love won at York. Six weeks ago I would have said she was absolutely thrown in off 77.

**Peru**

f Motivator - Bolsena  
WJ and TCO Gredley  
42127-  
RPR - OR -

She'll start in an Oaks trial of some description. She isn't a big filly but she's got heart. She's done well over the winter and her work has been really pleasing. She's been doing most of her work with Hawksmoor. There's a lot of black type on offer and we're going to try to get some.

**Sacred Trust**

c Acclamation - Paracel  
Lit Lung Lee  
32-  
RPR 78 OR -

I was devastated when he got beat at Lingfield by a horse rated 74, then that horse won its next two and is now rated 93, so I'm less devastated now! He'll start off at a mile in a couple of weeks but I think he'll get 1m2f. He's one of the most genuine horses, he just wants to be first at whatever he does. I'd be very disappointed if he doesn't win races as I think he's quite smart.

**They Seek Him Here**

c Elusive Pimpernel - Spiritville  
Highclere Thoroughbred Racing-  
Elusive I  
144-  
RPR 99 OR 101

He's really grown up, he's a big, strong horse now. Royal Ascot is very much on the agenda - whether he would start in the Tercentenary Stakes or the King George V handicap would be dependent

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**David Baxter**

**Hawksmoor**  
Hawksmoor won as she liked on her debut at Kempton, despite being bumped at the start. She progressed really nicely through the season, culminating with a third in the Fillies' Mile. Her main early-season aim could be the French Oaks, stamina permitting, or failing that the French Guineas. She should be competitive at the highest level.

on how good we think he is and whether we think he'll stay 1m4f. He's a rangy horse who looks like he'll stay. He's done exceptionally well over the winter, he was a very immature horse last year and did well to achieve what he achieved.

**We Are Ninety**

f Thewayyouare - Brigids Cross  
Lady Mimi Manton  
1-  
RPR 75 OR 70

I think she might be the best handicapped horse in the yard. Her work's been really good and I think she's too well handicapped to start off in a stakes race. I'm not quite sure where we're going to go but she's not far from being ready. I would have thought a 0-75 ought to be well within her grasp.

**Zodiakos**

g Kodiak - Zonic  
Wilson Woo  
162-  
RPR 90 OR 89

He's owned by a Hong Kong-based owner and the idea is that he'll go there at some stage. I'd imagine he could start at Haydock in the Silver Bowl and then go to the Britannia at Royal Ascot.

You don't really see how well handicapped they are until you get them on the track, but he's a big rangy horse and I think the stiff mile at Ascot will suit.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

They look like an exciting bunch. The plan is to run both **Copper Knight** (Sir Prancealot - Mystic Dream) and **Zumran** (Rock Of Gibraltar - Maid For Winning) this week, they're both sharp and I've been very pleased with them at home. Obviously they're our first two to run so they'll give us a line on the others.

**Fortitude** (Oasis Dream - Sweepstake) looks speedy enough to run over 5f and looks like a proper two-year-old. The three Frankels are all particularly nice. **Majoris** (Frankel - Drops) looks the speediest of them, it would be no surprise to see him starting over 6f in early June, while **Choumicha** (Paco Boy - Galicuix) is a different sort to her brother Galileo Gold but is no less nice and is strengthening all the time. I can't wait to get them out.

**TOMORROW**  
**Richard Hannon with the latest news on his top team**

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2011-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	196	38	31	31	96	19		-12.08	-6%
Non-hcp 3yo	106	15	14	12	65	14		+10.61	+10%
Non-hcp 4yo+	31	3	5	2	21	10		-3.00	-10%
Hcp 2yo	48	6	4	4	34	13		+4.62	+10%
Hcp 3yo	138	18	18	19	83	13		+9.12	+7%
Hcp 4yo+	96	10	12	9	65	10		-8.50	-9%
Totals	615	90	84	77	364	15		+0.77	+0%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Martin Harley	11-54	20.4	+3.05
Martin Dwyer	10-54	18.5	+15.75
Graham Gibbons	8-19	42.1	+34.09
Harry Bentley	8-44	18.2	-3.96
Ryan Moore	5-17	29.4	+11.25
William Buick	5-21	23.8	+3.25
James Doyle	4-42	9.5	-25.59
Noel Garbutt	4-64	6.2	-6.56
Frederik Tylicki	3-10	30.0	+3.83
Daniel Tudhope	2-8	25.0	-1.80
George Baker	2-9	22.2	+17.00
Jim Crowley	2-9	22.2	+6.00

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	5-69	7.2	-28.13
Non-hcp 3yo	6-40	15.0	+11.65
Non-hcp 4yo+	1-5	20.0	-3.00
Hcp 3yo	4-12	33.3	+23.50
Hcp 4yo+	2-17	11.8	+2.50

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**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	2-13	15.4	-1.43
February	1-10	10.0	-8.00
March	3-19	15.8	+24.75
April	6-48	12.5	+6.50
May	11-82	13.4	+0.50
June	14-75	18.7	+47.28
July	16-70	22.9	+4.88
August	12-82	14.6	+2.73
September	10-100	10.0	-32.25
October	13-84	15.5	-15.88
November	1-19	5.3	-17.56
December	1-13	7.7	-10.75

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	16-32	50.0	+6.84
Non-hcp 3yo	6-21	28.6	-8.64
Non-hcp 4yo+	1-2	50.0	+0.00
Hcp 2yo	2-4	50.0	+1.62
Hcp 3yo	6-28	21.4	-6.38
Hcp 4yo+	2-13	15.4	-2.00

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Kempton (AW)	12-83	14.5	7-31	1-20	0-2	0-3	1-18	3-9	+2.77
Wolverhampton (AW)	8-39	20.5	3-12	1-7	1-1	1-5	2-7	0-7	+18.87
Newcastle	7-17	41.2	3-10	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	+14.85
Lingfield	5-12	41.7	2-5	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	+18.87
Newmarket	5-52	9.6	3-22	0-6	0-2	1-5	1-12	0-5	-22.00
York	4-20	20.0	0-3	1-3	0-1	0-0	2-5	1-8	+12.00
Chelmsford (AW)	4-20	20.0	0-5	3-6	0-1	0-2	1-5	0-1	+5.25
Goodwood	4-23	17.4	2-5	0-4	0-3	0-1	1-5	1-5	+0.50
Lingfield (AW)	4-48	8.3	2-16	1-15	0-3	0-3	1-9	0-2	-3.12
Salisbury	3-8	37.5	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+19.91
Thirsk	3-9	33.3	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-1	+0.33
Sandown	3-17	17.6	2-6	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-6	0-2	-3.75
Haydock	3-18	16.7	2-5	0-3	0-2	0-2	1-4	0-2	-10.63
Nottingham	3-19	15.8	2-5	0-3	0-0	0-2	1-7	0-2	+7.42
Newmarket (July)	3-28	10.7	2-13	0-0	0-1	0-3	1-7	0-4	-7.09
Doncaster	3-29	10.3	0-4	0-7	0-2	2-4	0-8	1-4	-2.00
Windsor	3-30	10.0	0-11	0-5	0-2	0-1	1-7	2-4	+2.00
Redcar	2-4	50.0	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	+8.00
Pontefract	2-8	25.0	0-2	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	+6.61
Leicester	2-13	15.4	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-4	2-5	0-1	-3.75
Catterick	1-2	50.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	+17.00
Chester	1-6	16.7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3	0-1	+6.00
Bath	1-6	16.7	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	+0.00
Southwell (AW)	1-6	16.7	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	-4.27
Brighton	1-7	14.3	1-5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Newbury	1-13	7.7	1-5	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-4	-9.50
Ascot	1-30	3.3	0-4	0-6	0-0	0-0	0-5	1-15	-23.50
Ripon	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Wetherby	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Chepstow	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-3.00
Warwick	0-3	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	-3.00
Folkestone	0-3	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Carlisle	0-4	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2	-4.00
Beverley	0-4	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	-4.00
Ayr	0-5	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-1	-5.00
Epsom	0-5	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	-5.00
Yarmouth	0-19	0.0	0-6	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-7	-19.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 111 Total winning prize-money £1,079,915  
Statistics up to and including Monday, April 11, 2016

bumper was because he was so weak and backward and hadn't really shown a lot of speed. Having made that plan he really improved and then bolted up at Wolverhampton. I think 77 is a perfectly reasonable mark to start on. He's had a little break and has come back stronger and better. He's got scope to improve.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Architecture**

f Zoffany - Brigayev  
Chris Humber  
31-  
RPR 79 OR 82

Has done particularly well over the winter. She's the biggest of the fillies and possibly has the scope to improve the furthest. We're going to dare to dream and put her in the Oaks. She'll run in a trial at either Chester or Lingfield and after that we'll know which direction we're going in. As long as she stays 1m2f I think she'll do well.

**Banish**

g Smart Strike - Beyond Our Reach  
Highclere Thoroughbred Racing  
Smart Strike  
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RPR 82 OR -

He's been a bit slow to pick things up at home but made a very pleasing debut on the all-weather, the penny dropped and he came home with a wet sail. He'll be out again towards the end of the month. He wouldn't want soft ground.

**Baydar**

c Rock Of Gibraltar - Splashdown  
VI Araci  
21-  
RPR 84 OR 82

He's grown a bit over the winter but not perhaps as much as I'd hoped. His work has been pleasing, he'll start off in handicaps and see where we go from there. I think there will be nice races to win with him and I don't think a mark of 82 is unfair.

**Galileo Gold**

c Paco Boy - Galicuix  
Al Shaqab Racing  
21113-  
RPR 110 OR 110

His ability carried him through

**DARK HORSE**

**To Be Wild**  
c Big Bad Bob - Fire Up  
Carmichael Jennings  
5-  
RPR 68 OR

We dreamed last autumn that he might be a Derby horse. He ran very well first time out when incredibly green. I ran him sooner than I would have done naturally in the hope that we could get a second run into him on turf, but then he got a cough which is why he didn't run again. He looks amazing. A maiden in July wouldn't be out of the question and if he goes the right way he could go to the Great Voltigeur and then the St Leger.



## STABLE TOUR RICHARD HANNON

**D**ESPITE having been relieved of the trainers' championship trophy by John Gosden, Richard Hannon managed to end the 2015 season feeling both thankful for what had gone before and hopeful for what was to come.

He goes into the new campaign with realistic Classic hopes, and despite the departure of several key equine players from Herridge, winners are expected from all the usual sources – and one or two less usual.

"I think on balance last year was a good year," concludes the trainer. "We had two Group 1 winners, one of them over a mile and a half, which was a big thing for us, so we have to look back and be satisfied."

"Looking to this year, it would be nice to have a real good colt who you might believe would run well in the 2,000 Guineas, but I think we'll have to hope for something to come out of our dark horses if that's going to happen."

"Illuminate, though, if she stays has got to have a great chance in the 1,000 Guineas."

"We've got the likes of Toormore, Estidhkaar, Tupi and Shifting Power who will make their way through the big meetings, although with the likes of Olympic Glory, Sky Lantern, Toronado and Havana Gold all having come and gone, it won't be easy."

"Elsewhere, the ambition would be to unearth a couple of Group 1 two-year-olds and win a couple of sales races, and whereas quite often we're light with competitive handicappers, this year I think we have some who have kept their winning for this year."

"Towards the end of last season the horses weren't running great and we decided to save some of them as a result, which we hope will pay dividends."

**Peter Thomas**

## OLDER HORSES

**Black Cherry**

Four-year-old filly  
Mount Nelson (sire) - Arctic Char (dam)

Owner: Mrs E Roberts  
Form figures: 011532-  
Racing Post Rating 105; Official rating 102

She's a filly with a lot of ability and we're hoping we can win

# Positive outlook despite the exit of some key players

## STABLE PROFILE

▶▶ **Yard** Herridge Racing Stables

▶▶ **Where** Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire

▶▶ **Started training** 2014

▶▶ **Finest hour** A first Group 1 success with Night Of Thunder in the 2014 2,000 Guineas that paved the way to a first trainers' title in his rookie year

▶▶ **Horses in yard** 240

▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Tom Ward

▶▶ **Senior head lads** Tony Gorman, Steve Knight

▶▶ **Jockeys** Pat Dobbs, Sean Levey, Kieran O'Neill, Cam Hardie

▶▶ **Apprentices** Hollie Doyle, Mitch Godwin, Gary Mahon,



Tom Marquand, Megan Nicholls, Tina Smith

▶▶ **Website** [richardhannonracing.co.uk](http://richardhannonracing.co.uk)

## Winners in Britain

2015 ..... 194

2014 ..... 206

## Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015 ..... -£351.88

2014 ..... -£366.41

## Prize-money 2015

£3,593,429

a Group race with her this year. She looks like she's done very well over the winter, she's grown and put on condition and I believe a big prize will prove within her grasp.

**Estidhkaar**

4c Dark Angel - Danetime Out  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
114/208-  
RPR 118 OR 115

It's been over a year since he's won but he's been moving well at home and working nicely, and he appears back to his best. He can start off in Listed or conditions races, which will make life easier for him, and we're still hoping he'll have a big chance in the Lockinge. He ran very well in the Greenham

last year but had a very hard race and ran poorly in the Guineas afterwards. We never really got him moving right all year after that, but he's back now and we're hopeful of a big year.

**Marsh Hawk**

4f Invincible Spirit - Asaawir  
Rockcliffe Stud  
70695-0  
RPR 105 OR 100

She really needs soft ground but she's a very fast filly with a lot of ability. She didn't win last year but her home work was much, much better after she came back from a nice rest and we'd hope to win a decent race with her this season. She probably needed her return in

the Cammidge Trophy over 6f at Doncaster and she'll go for the fillies' Listed race at Bath tomorrow over 5f, which I think is her trip.

**Moheet**

4c High Chaparral - Abunai  
Al Shaqab Racing  
1/3806-3  
RPR 104 OR 104

He's been having a rest since we bought him back from Qatar after his decent third in a conditions race in February and he'll be seen around June.

**Shifting Power**

5h Compton Place - Profit Alert  
Elaine Chivers and Potensis Ltd  
5/31P84  
RPR 117 OR 108

A Listed winner last year who signed off with a good fourth in Grade 2 company in Turkey, he was in good form and showing all the right signs but then had a soft-tissue infection that has knocked him back, so you won't see him for another six weeks.

**Toormore**

5c Arakan - Danetime Out  
Godolphin  
415130-  
RPR 122 OR 114

He had a busy year last year – but a good year – and he's had a nice break since Hong Kong. He's a star, has never had a problem and is a lovely horse to have about. He'll probably start in Group 2 company at Sandown with a view to the Lockinge, and I think if we duck and dive we can get another Group 1 out of him, fiddling about where the very



## STAR QUALITY

**Illuminate**

3f Zoffany - Queen Of Stars  
Denford Stud  
11126-  
RPR 113 OR 115

We're very pleased with the way she's working and although she was entered in the trials, the ground went against her and I'm happy to send her straight to the Guineas, again unless the ground has any soft in it. I'd like to have her dropped out in her races this year, which will give her the best chance of getting a mile, and with the exception of the favourite in the Guineas the rest of them are pretty much of the same ability as each other. She's a very good filly and a very fast mover.

best don't go. I'd say Newbury would suit him down to the ground and although he'll need his first run, he could have another big year.

**Tupi**

4c Tamayuz - Carioca  
M Kerr-Dineen and Martin Hughes  
417744-  
RPR 114 OR 108

Anything softer than good is no good to him but he's a very good horse on his day

and should win us a couple of Listed/Group 3 prizes. He's a solid sort who works very well and always looks a picture, and he's flying in preparation for a tilt at the Abernant Stakes today, assuming there isn't too much give in the ground.

**Windshear**

5g Hurricane Run - Portal  
Michael Daniels  
03297-65  
RPR 113 OR 104

He would have needed his first run and I had high hopes for him this season leading up to his return at Doncaster. We'd cut him, he was moving a lot better, seemed happier and looked to have retained a lot of ability, so it was a disappointment when he finished a long way last of five. It later transpired, however, that he had ulcers in his throat and stomach that would definitely have been performance-inhibiting. Now we've unearthed a reason for that lacklustre performance, we'll give him the medication he needs and bring him back in six weeks or so, and I think he could be a live horse for either big handicaps or some of the Cup races. I think he may stay at 1m6f and if we could find that extra 4lb or 5lb he'd be bang there in some good races.

## THREE-YEAR-OLDS

**Chief Whip**

c Giant's Causeway - Canterbury  
Lace  
Magnier, Tabor, Smith  
1-  
RPR 79 OR 86

He pleased us with a ready win at Sandown on good ground

## STABLE STAT

Keep an eye out for any two-year-olds Richard Hannon sends to Ffos Las maidens. He's only taken seven to the track but four have won, showing a profit of £7.75 to a £1 stake.

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MATTHEW WEBB

**Richard Hannon: "The ambition is to unearth a couple of Group 1 two-year-olds"**

towards the end of last year – perhaps after one race too many – but he's done very nicely through the winter, he's come back bigger and ready to prove he wasn't just a two-year-old. He's filled out well and could be a horse for the Commonwealth Stakes at Royal Ascot – something like the Pavilion Stakes should suit him before that.

**Log Out Island**

c Dark Angel - White Daffodil  
Godolphin  
723215-  
RPR 109 OR 110

Had a busy year last season and is settling much better at home this year, which should give him a better chance of staying 7f. We'll probably start him off in something like the Greenham and see how he goes from there. If he does get the trip we'll look at the Guineas, and if he doesn't we'll come back to sprinting and the Commonwealth Cup at Ascot.

**Marenko**

f Exceed And Excel - Safina  
Cheveley Park Stud  
13228-1  
RPR 105 OR 105

She ran consistently well last season after winning on her second start at Ascot. She pleased us when scoring on her reappearance in a conditions race over a mile at Kempton and will come on for that run. She'll head for the Dubai Duty Free [Fred Darling] at Newbury on Saturday.

**Nisser**

c Dream Ahead - Poppy Seed  
S Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar  
341-  
RPR 85 OR 85

He's a good-looking horse we thought an awful lot of as a two-year-old. He won his maiden in the end, but he had an easy year and he's quite unexposed coming into the new season. He's one who could prove better than he's shown so far.

**Ower Fly**

g Pastoral Pursuits - Contrary  
Mary  
Green Pastures Farm  
21376-1  
RPR 76 OR 75

He caught us a bit by surprise when winning at 25-1 on his seasonal debut on Monday at Windsor, but he liked the soft ground and did the job well. He'll go to Bath tomorrow and try to follow up under a penalty.

**Palawan**

c Mount Nelson - Apple Sauce  
Potensis Bloodstock, J Palmer-Brown and partner  
33313-5  
RPR 105 OR 100

He was a solid horse last year who finished second in a Group 2 at Goodwood and may go for the Greenham on Saturday after a reasonable reappearance run at Lingfield that he would probably have needed. He's a good, sound Group horse who has put on a lot of weight since last season.

**Performer**

c New Approach - Annalina  
Denford Stud  
7-29  
RPR 67 OR-

A beautiful filly who probably needed her first run of the year at Lingfield and didn't like the ground at Newmarket on Tuesday. She's better than that – a big, classy type who will end up wanting 1m2f and appreciate a flat course.

**Steel Of Madrid**

c Lope De Vega - Bibury  
Michael Pescod  
12-  
RPR 96 OR 95

Pat Dobbs won on him first time last year, which surprised us, and he was unlucky second time at Kempton behind a good horse of Godolphin's, but this year he's been pleasing us already. He runs in the Craven today and I'd expect a big run. I've left him in the Dante as I think he might get 1m2f and he could be our surprise package for the season.

**Tabarrak**

c Acclamation - Bahati  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
212-2  
RPR 98 OR 97

He is moving a lot better now than he did towards the end of last year, when he disappointed me slightly by being beaten at Salisbury. He's a nice horse with a high cruising speed who ran a super race at Newmarket on Tuesday before getting tired late on. He'll win his conditions race next time, I'd think, and he might make a Jersey horse.

**Taraabut**

c Lilbourne Lad - Cuilaphuca  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
2  
RPR 81

He ran a really good race at Lingfield on his debut this month when he'd have needed the run and he remains one to look forward to.

**Tony Curtis**

c Rock Of Gibraltar - Strawberry  
Lolly  
Chelsea Thoroughbreds-Saint Tropez  
1316-4  
RPR 105 OR 106

He's working very, very well at home and will go for the Craven today. I'm hoping for a big run from him.

**Ventura Storm**

c Zoffany - Sarawati  
Middleham Park Racing LXXII  
3110-1  
RPR 100 OR 100

He did well to win two last season before stepping up to Group 1 level at Longchamp, where he wasn't disgraced. We were delighted with his reappearance win in the Feilden at Newmarket on Tuesday, where he confirmed his liking for soft ground, and now we'll have a look at the Tercentenary at Royal Ascot, although the French Derby has also been mentioned.



**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Paul Kealy**

**Hermann**  
His debut third at Doncaster in atrocious conditions was quite eye-catching as it was very much a race that favoured those with experience. Indeed, he beat all the newcomers by upwards of six and a half lengths, including some well-touted ones.  
He might not be a superstar, but there's every chance he will make into a decent middle-distance handicapper.

**War Glory**

c Canford Cliffs - Attracted To You  
Mohammed Saeed Al Shahi  
2-1  
RPR 83 OR -

Has same owner as Telegram and the two are similar ability wise. He's another with the Britannia as a possible target.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

**Mr Scaramanga**

c Sir Percy - Lulla  
Chelsea Thoroughbreds-Golden Gun  
4  
RPR - OR -

Had done some good work before his debut at Windsor this week but he did it all wrong, missed the gate and did well to finish fourth.

**Sterling Silva**

c Sakhee's Secret - Silicon Star  
Middleham Park Racing XVII  
1  
RPR 73 OR -

A decent colt who looked very quick in a couple of pieces of work and always shaped like one who would come to hand early. He did everything wrong on bad ground first time up at Leicester but still won.

**Tomily**

c Canford Cliffs - Cake  
Des Anderson  
23  
RPR 76 OR -

He got no luck in running on his debut over 5f at Kempton and then ran a very pleasing race in third at Newmarket yesterday. We'll wait for some better ground for him and then he'll win his maiden.

Among the rest, there are plenty showing promise, including **Legendary Lunch** (c Dragon Pulse - Taalluf), who is set to get his career started at Newbury tomorrow.

Of the others who have caught the eye at home, we have **About Glory** (c Nayef - Lemon Rock), **Barney Roy** (c Excelebration - Alina), **Bismarck The Flyer** (c Requito - Livia's Wake), **Caramuru** (c Casamento - Zaynaba), **Contrast** (c Dutch Art - Israar), **Devil's Bridge** (c Casamento - Cantaloupe), **Hippocampus** (Born To Sea - Tolzey), **Kreb's Cycle** (c Helmet - La Noe), **Logi** (c Kodiak - Feet Of Flame), **Money In My Pocket** (f Acclamation - Azabara), **Restore** (c Dark Angel - Attracted To You).

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2014-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	1,062	188	166	157	551	18		-312.74	-29%
Non-hcp 3yo	479	78	66	67	268	16		-37.19	-8%
Non-hcp 4yo+	143	16	18	17	92	11		-59.33	-41%
Hcp 2yo	257	41	25	23	168	16		-15.45	-6%
Hcp 3yo	765	81	100	100	484	11		-209.58	-27%
Hcp 4yo+	179	14	20	16	129	8		-83.75	-47%
Totals	2,885	418	395	380	1,692	15		-718.04	-25%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Sean Levey	76-524	14.5	-121.89
Pat Dobbs	48-422	11.4	-148.33
Frankie Dettori	28-123	22.8	-6.77
Cam Hardie	27-260	10.4	-102.36
Kieran O'Neill	21-173	12.1	-35.89
Ryan Moore	20-111	18.0	-32.98
Paul Hanagan	17-66	25.8	-8.96
Tom Marquand	13-138	9.4	-45.76
Gary Mahon	8-62	12.9	-11.25
James Doyle	7-17	41.2	+30.00
Dane O'Neill	5-53	9.4	-34.93
Jimmy Fortune	4-44	9.1	-31.45

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	11-65	16.9	-13.94
February	3-37	8.1	-23.50
March	15-65	23.1	+3.22
April	39-232	16.8	-3.05
May	64-357	17.9	+23.91
June	71-416	17.1	-78.31
July	62-447	13.9	-171.14
August	62-443	14.0	-137.18
September	45-383	11.7	-158.69
October	26-277	9.4	-116.43
November	8-85	9.4	-29.50
December	12-78	15.4	-13.43

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	33-310	10.6	-113.06
Non-hcp 3yo	33-164	20.1	+26.01
Non-hcp 4yo+	6-25	24.0	-4.71
Hcp 3yo	10-96	10.4	-7.76
Hcp 4yo+	3-33	9.1	-16.50

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	110-239	46.0	+11.70
Non-hcp 3yo	37-90	41.1	-2.78
Non-hcp 4yo+	8-21	38.1	-0.33
Hcp 2yo	15-37	40.5	+7.80
Hcp 3yo	22-97	22.7	-25.03
Hcp 4yo+	3-21	14.3	-11.25

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Lingfield (AW)	37-202	18.3	10-37	16-64	0-6	3-17	6-49	2-29	-32.20
Salisbury	33-178	18.5	22-79	4-23	1-8	1-12	4-53	1-3	-8.92
Kempton (AW)	29-275	10.5	8-98	8-45	2-10	5-42	4-65	2-15	-137.08
Windsor	27-195	13.8	15-75	1-30	1-6	1-9	8-60	1-15	-53.54
Goodwood	26-207	12.6	11-70	4-24	2-15	2-13	6-64	1-21	-71.33
Newbury	24-226	10.6	11-106	1-34	2-14	2-9	8-54	0-9	-95.86
Newmarket (July)	23-176	13.1	13-83	2-15	0-4	5-19	3-53	0-2	-42.77
Newmarket	22-156	14.1	7-51	12-49	0-12	0-13	3-24	0-7	+18.53
Doncaster	19-126	15.1	8-52	3-19	1-10	1-11	5-26	1-8	-20.01
Wolverhampton (AW)	17-88	19.3	5-27	8-22	0-1	2-14	2-19	0-5	-11.98
Sandown	16-129	12.4	9-48	1-15	0-6	0-3	5-49	1-8	-34.16
Chepstow	14-55	25.5	6-18	3-8	0-0	3-5	0-19	2-5	+0.27
Ascot	14-163	8.6	9-50	0-26	2-18	0-5	3-41	0-23	-75.70
Brighton	12-48	25.0	9-21	0-2	0-0	1-7	2-18	0-0	-11.83
Leicester	12-83	14.5	5-32	1-12	1-4	2-11	3-20	0-4	-27.25
Haydock	12-102	11.8	3-35	1-12	2-12	3-10	2-27	1-6	-23.66
Bath	11-61	18.0	5-27	2-7	0-1	1-8	3-18	0-0	-18.74
Nottingham	11-73	15.1	3-24	2-12	0-0	4-9	1-24	1-4	-9.55
Epsom	9-39	23.1	4-13	1-6	1-3	0-1	3-15	0-1	+3.45
Chelmsford (AW)	9-60	15.0	5-19	2-15	0-1	1-13	1-9	0-3	-24.25
Southwell (AW)	7-25	28.0	2-9	0-3	1-1	0-1	4-9	0-2	+8.87
Chester	6-41	14.6	5-13	0-6	0-3	1-7	0-11	0-1	-18.85
Lingfield	6-46	13.0	3-22	0-8	0-1	2-3	1-11	0-1	-16.75
Ffos Las	5-16	31.2	4-7	0-2	0-0	0-2	1-4	0-1	+6.75
York	5-66	7.6	2-28	2-7	0-7	0-8	1-15	0-1	-21.63
Redcar	4-8	50.0	2-4	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	+10.58
Yarmouth	2-5	40.0	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	+0.91
Pontefract	2-8	25.0	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	-2.51
Ayr	2-11	18.2	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-2	0-1	+4.00
Thirsk	1-2	50.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	+0.37
Warwick	1-8	12.5	1-3	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-6.20
Carlisle	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Musselburgh	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Ripon	0-5	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	-5.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 508 Total winning prize-money £4,854,429

**AIDAN O'BRIEN**

'He has size and scope, travels well and has lots of speed'

Priceless insight from the master of Ballydoyle in Monday's Stable Tour



**DARK HORSE**

**Telegram**  
3c Dream Ahead - Miss Chaussini  
Mohammed Saeed Al Shahi  
8-1  
RPR 84 OR -  
He's a good looker who I think is well handicapped and could be a Britannia horse in the making. He's been very easy to deal with, having strengthened up through the winter after winning on the all-weather at the weekend.

last summer but missed his intended reappearance at Newmarket this week because of the softer surface. I think I'll look for a handicap for him in the near future.

**Dheban**  
c Exceed And Excel - Comeback Queen  
Al Shaqab Racing  
23951-  
RPR 81 OR 84  
We always thought he was a nice two-year-old but it took him a while to get off the mark – in his last race of last year at Chelmsford. He's quite a fast horse who has done well over the winter and could develop into a useful 6f handicapper. I could see him being ready at the end of April.

**Hermann**  
c Authorized - Alamanni  
M Kerr-Dineen and Martin Hughes  
3  
RPR 74  
He had a hard race on his debut at Doncaster but we were pleased with that effort and we'll look for a maiden on a nice track in the next three weeks. He'd done some useful work in the lead-up to that and although he doesn't know a lot yet, he's the kind of horse it may pay to follow through the season in handicaps.

**Kesselring**  
c New Approach - Anna Oleanda  
R J McCreery  
Unraced  
RPR - OR -  
He had it quite easy last year as a juvenile but is hopefully a nice maiden for this season. He may start off at Newbury on Saturday over a mile.

**King Of Rooks**  
c Acclamation - Slap Shot  
Al Shaqab Racing  
113246-  
RPR 107 OR 105  
He wasn't moving very well

# AIDAN O'BRIEN STABLE TOUR

The master of Ballydoyle gives the lowdown on his stellar string

**T**HE Classics are fast approaching and Aidan O'Brien finds himself in the position of having the favourite for the first four of them under his supervision at Ballydoyle.

Air Force Blue, the top two-year-old of 2015, stands alone at the head of the Qipco 2,000 Guineas market. Minding is favourite for the Qipco 1,000 Guineas and the Investec Oaks while the once-raced maiden winner US Army Ranger is clear favourite for the Investec Derby.

All at Ballydoyle are excited about Air Force Blue's prospects of giving O'Brien an eighth 2,000 Guineas win and a 24th British Classic victory on April 30 and O'Brien's faith in the colt's ability is strong.

"I said after he won the Dewhurst I thought he was the best two-year-old we've had," O'Brien said of the son of War Front. "He did well over the winter and we're very happy with him. He's got size and scope, travels well and has lots of speed."

**Interview by Tony O'Hehir**

## 'Air Force Blue the best two-year-old we've had'

### OLDER HORSES

#### Bondi Beach

Four-year-old colt by Galileo (sire) - One Moment In Time (dam)  
*Owners: Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Lloyd J Williams*  
*Form figures: 121220-Racing Post Rating 119; Official rating 118*  
 He did well last year and isn't far off starting his season. He's a good, solid horse who will be racing over a mile and a half and further. He could begin his campaign in either the Martin Molony Stakes at Limerick on Saturday or in the Vintage Crop Stakes at Navan on May 15. After that we'll look at Royal Ascot, where he could run in the Gold Cup or in the Hardwicke Stakes.

#### Cougar Mountain

5h Fastnet Rock - Descant  
*Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Annemarie O'Brien*  
*34517-7 RPR 120 OR 114*  
 We've always thought he's a lot better than he's shown so far and hopefully he'll show what he's capable of this year. His best run last season was at Royal Ascot when he finished third in the Queen Anne, only a length and a quarter behind the winner Solow. He should come on a lot from his run in the Gladness Stakes when the bad ground was against him. He's a possible for the Lockinge. If we can get him right he could have a very good season.

#### Dick Whittington

4c Rip Van Winkle - Sahara Sky

*Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier*  
*1311/4-6 RPR 114 OR 109*

A Group 1 winner at two, he had a setback after finishing fourth in the Greenham last year and missed the rest of the season. He handles ease but it was very heavy when he made his comeback in the Gladness Stakes early this month. Because of that and the fact he'd been off for so long, he struggled but we expect there will be plenty of improvement to come. He'll have no problem dropping back to six furlongs and the Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot is a likely target.

#### Father Christmas

4c Bernardini - Christmas Kid  
*Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and*

*Sue Magnier*

*8/213-RPR 111 OR 106*  
 He hasn't run since finishing third in the King Edward VII Stakes in June but he's in good form and could head for the Ormonde Stakes at Chester. He appreciates nice ground and a mile and a half or a bit further will suit him well.

#### Fluff

4f Galileo - Sumora  
*Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor*  
*1-57 RPR 99 OR 97*  
 She was impressive winning over a mile on her debut at Navan a year ago but we didn't get to run her again last season. She's had two runs this year and when we

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### STAR QUALITY

#### Found

4f Galileo - Red Evie  
*Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier*  
*12921-3 RPR 119 OR 119*  
 She was very consistent last season, going very close in a number of Group 1s before winning the Breeders' Cup Turf, beating Golden Horn, in October. She handles ease but it was very heavy when she started off in the Alleged Stakes at the Curragh and, while conditions were far from ideal, we decided to let her take her chance. She's come out of the race well and the plan is to bring her back to the Curragh for the Mooresbridge Stakes on May 2 followed by the Tattersalls Gold Cup.





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## STABLE TOUR AIDAN O'BRIEN

# 'Happy with Minding and she goes straight for the 1,000 Guineas'

►►From front page

stretched her out to a mile and a half in the Noblesse Stakes at Leopardstown she was a bit keen. We'll drop her back in distance next time. She's got plenty of ability.

## Highland Reel

4c Galileo - Hveger  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor  
11531-4  
RPR 121 OR 121

He did plenty of travelling last year, winning the Grade 1 Secretariat Stakes in the US, the Group 1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin and finishing third in the Cox Plate in Australia. He started off this season in Dubai last month, finishing fourth in the Sheema Classic. We were quite happy with his run and it's going to be more of the same for him this season with another international campaign planned. He left for Hong Kong last Saturday and will run in the Group 1 QEII Cup at Sha Tin on Sunday.

## Kingfisher

5h Galileo - Mystical Lady  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Lloyd J Williams  
/412380-  
RPR 116 OR 110

He ended last year in the Melbourne Cup, where he didn't have much luck in running. He's back in full work and we're waiting for better ground before running him. He'll be aimed at some of the top staying races as he was last year when he finished second in the Ascot Gold Cup.

## Ol' Man River

4c Montjeu - Finsceal Beo  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith  
11/0645-  
RPR 114 OR 103

He did well at two but was disappointing last season. We never got where we wanted to get with him. He's better than he ran last year and is back cantering away. There are no plans for him yet but we might look at Royal Ascot. He appreciates nice ground.

## Order Of St George

4c Galileo - Another Storm  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Lloyd J Williams  
52/2111-  
RPR 125 OR 124

He did very well last autumn, winning three in a row and finishing off with an 11-length win in the Irish St Leger. He's back in full work and the plan is to get a run into him before Royal Ascot, where the Gold Cup will be his target. We might start him back in the Saval Beg at Leopardstown or in the Vintage Crop at Navan.

## Sir Isaac Newton

4c Galileo - Shastye  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and

## STABLE PROFILE

►►Yard Ballydoyle

►►Where Rosegreen, County Tipperary

►►Started training 1993

►►Horses in yard 160

►►Assistant trainers/head grooms Andrew Murphy, Seamus Brady, Brian Collieran, Jamie Gillespie, Robbie Manton, John Manton, Damien Kerwick, Matt Gleeson, Leigh O'Brien, Oleksandr Movchan, Oleg Gavrylenko, Yvonne Zuercher, Sarmite Loca, Martin Deegan, Maryna Demchuk, Frank Leavy, Edmond Kinane, Jamie Kinane, Trevor O'Neill, Gary O'Connor, Chris Geoghegan, David McCabe

►►Jockeys Ryan Moore, Seamie Heffernan, Colm

O'Donoghue, Emmet McNamara, Michael Hussey

►►Apprentices Donnacha O'Brien, Ana O'Brien, Ian Queally

►►Website coolmore.com

### Winners in Ireland

2015.....93

2014.....94

2013.....124

2012.....82

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015.....-£26.01

2014.....-£129.35

2013.....-£49.16

2012.....-£111.70

### Prize-money 2015

£2,890,217

Michael Tabor

2/2164-  
RPR 111 OR 107

He hasn't fulfilled his potential and we're hoping he might do that this year. He ran very well in the Jersey Stakes, finishing sixth after having no sort of run. We'll be looking at giving him a couple of runs before Royal Ascot, where, if he pleases us in the meantime, it's possible he might run in the Queen Anne Stakes.

## The Happy Prince

4c Rip Van Winkle - Maid To Dream  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith  
12423-5  
RPR 111 OR 108

He ran quite well in the Gladness Stakes first time out this season and won't mind dropping back to six furlongs - his two wins last season were at that trip and he's been placed over the distance at Listed and Group 3 level. He has plenty of pace and although his wins have been on easy ground he doesn't have to have it that way.

## Vancouver

4c Medaglia D'Oro - Skates  
Sue Magnier  
1114-  
RPR 112 OR 115

A champion two-year-old in Australia, where he won the Golden Slipper for Gai Waterhouse, he joined us over the winter and is an exciting horse. He's been cantering away but hasn't done any serious work yet. He's got big and powerful since he got here and is a very good mover.

We're not sure yet whether we'll go sprinting with him or try him over a mile. We'll make that decision and hopefully get a run into him before Royal Ascot.

## THREE-YEAR-OLDS

### Air Vice Marshal

c War Front - Gold Vault  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Joseph Allen LLC  
312-  
RPR 106 OR 108

He's done well since last year and we're training him to start off around Guineas time. He might not be ready in time for Newmarket and he could start off in the Tetrarch Stakes at the Curragh a couple of days later. He could go for the Irish Guineas or the French Guineas.

### Alice Springs

f Galileo - Aleagueoftheirrown  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith  
53412-3  
RPR 111 OR 111

She did well last season, winning a couple of times and being placed in two Group 1s including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. She had her first run of the season at Leopardstown last week when she finished third in a Group 3 over seven furlongs. The slow ground was far from ideal for her and she should come on a good bit for the run. She'll probably go for one of the Guineas but which one it will be hasn't been decided yet. She's probably a miler, although we might try her over a mile and a quarter.

## STAR QUALITY

### Air Force Blue

3c War Front - Chatham  
John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith  
12111-  
RPR 125 OR 124

He had a good winter and is in good form. We're happy with where he is with the Guineas less than two weeks away. He progressed with each race in the second half of last season, winning three Group 1s and confirming what we thought of him quite early last year. He's a big colt who was a May foal and in February of last year he was doing things on the gallops he shouldn't have been able to do with the groups he worked with. First time out at the Curragh we were going to drop him in but he hit the gates and made almost all to win. He was very green when he ran second in the Coventry but after that it was onwards and upwards. Good or faster ground is what he needs and we had big discussions about whether to run him in the National Stakes at the Curragh where the ground was on the soft side. The 'lads' decided he should run as we needed to find out where we would stand if the ground for the Guineas was soft. He handled the conditions well and pulled away to win in good style. He's got size and scope, travels well and has lots of speed. He'll be tackling a mile for the first time in the Guineas and we're not expecting it to be a problem. We'll see how he gets on and all going well I'd imagine he'll be kept to a mile, although I'm not ruling out trying a mile and a quarter with him at some stage.

### Ballydoyle

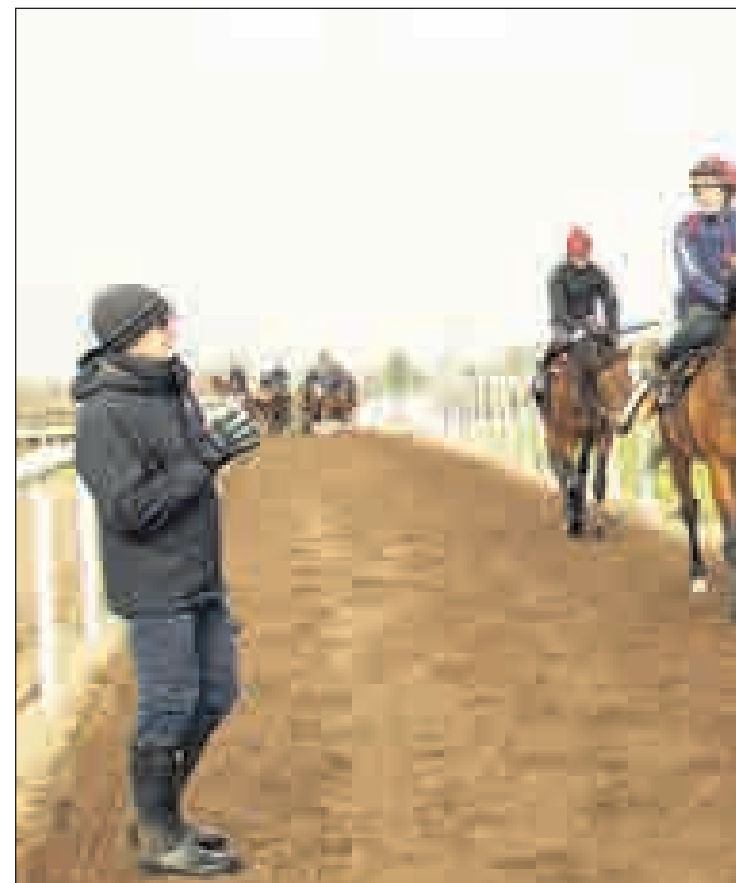
f Galileo - Butterfly Cove  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier  
421121-  
RPR 113 OR 113

A sister of Misty For Me, who won four Group 1s for us, and she's a filly we like a lot. She enjoyed a good first season, ending up by winning the Prix Marcel Boussac. She's well forward in terms of fitness. Ground is important to her - she likes good or good to firm - and isn't one who wants it soft. She'll probably start off in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket or the French equivalent. She's shown she gets a mile well and we might try her over a bit further later on.

### Beacon Rock

c Galileo - Remember When  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor  
6132-3  
RPR 108 OR 109

A smart colt who started his



season in the Ballysax Stakes at Leopardstown last week and ran quite well until tiring over the last one and a half furlongs. We'll give him a run in another of the Derby trials and see how he has progressed before making further plans.

### Best In The World

f Galileo - Red Evie  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier  
21-4  
RPR 98 OR 99

A sister to Found, she's a nice type and won a maiden over a mile at the Curragh on her second start late last season. She's in all the fillies' Classics and started off in the Salsabil Stakes at Navan yesterday. She should come on nicely for the run [finished fourth] and we think that going a mile and a half shouldn't be a problem for her. She'll probably go for one of the Oaks trials.

### Bhutan

c Galileo - Ecology  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith  
1  
RPR 86 OR -

When we started working him last season he went quite nicely but as the year went on he got lazier and lazier and we ended up not running him. He was obviously kidding us along and he certainly woke up when we ran him in a maiden at Leopardstown recently. He won well and got the mile and a quarter well. It looked as if a mile and a half shouldn't be a problem for him. He has no big entries but on the evidence of his Leopardstown win there should be more races to be won with him.

### Big Ben

c Galileo - Flirtation  
Derrick Smith  
Unraced

He's a colt who does himself well and isn't ready for the track just yet. I'm not sure when he'll start off but I'd imagine he'll probably get a mile and a half.

### Black Sea

c Galileo - Christmas Kid  
Michael Tabor  
413-1  
RPR 108 OR 103

He showed promise last year and did well when coming from behind to win the Leopardstown 2,000 Guineas Trial on his reappearance. The ground was heavy and Ryan [Moore] came back and said he would appreciate better ground. Hopefully he'll progress. He should get a mile and a quarter and we might consider the Prix du Jockey Club and/or Royal Ascot for him.

### Bravery

c Galileo - Lady Icarus  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Annemarie O'Brien  
2-6  
RPR 82 OR -

He ran quite well on his reappearance in a mile maiden at the Curragh in March. He's a Galileo with plenty of speed, so we'll have to see whether he'll get any further than a mile. He'll appreciate better ground.

### Californiadreaming

f Fastnet Rock - Descant  
Sue Magnier and Annemarie O'Brien  
326-4  
RPR 91 OR 90

A sister to Cougar Mountain, she finished fourth in a mile maiden at Leopardstown recently and will be going for another maiden in about three weeks' time, when hopefully she will have progressed from her first run of the season.

### Claudio Monteverdi

c Galileo - Dance For Fun  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith  
4-41  
RPR 98 OR -

A brother to Lush Lashes, who won three Group 1s for Jim Bolger, he won a mile maiden

# STABLE STAT

Seamie Heffernan is 2/27 (7% -£9.50) in Group 1s at the Curragh for Aidan O'Brien in the last three seasons, but in Group 2s and 3s there his record improves to 10/36 (27%), for a £1 level-stakes profit of £40.88

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# Raceform

INTERACTIVE



ANNEMARIE O'BRIEN



**Aidan O'Brien on the Ballydoyle gallops with Qipco 2,000 Guineas favourite Air Force Blue**

Navan in October and Ryan [Moore] was very happy with him when he rode him to finish fourth in the Ballysax Stakes at Leopardstown last week. He thought two furlongs down that he might be in business but Cook Islands tired from there. He should come on for the run and will be going for another one of the Derby trials.

**Coolmore**

f Galileo - You'resothrilling  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

3214-5

RPR 105 OR 106

She did quite well last year and we sent her over for the Nell Gwyn last week as we wanted to start her on as nice ground as possible. Seven furlongs is as short as she'd want to go and she ran a nice race. We'll probably aim her at the Irish 1,000 Guineas and then step her up in trip.

**Crocodile Shoes**

c Galileo - Mythical Echo  
Sue Magnier

Unraced

He should get a mile and a half and probably further and will appreciate nice ground.

**Deauville**

c Galileo - Walklikeanegyptian  
Fitri Hay, Michael Tabor, Sue Magnier and Derrick Smith

1125-

RPR 110 OR 110

He won a Group 3 at Leopardstown before finishing second in the Royal Lodge and ending his season in the Racing Post Trophy in which he finished fifth. He's in good form and will start off in one of the Derby trials, possibly at Chester. He should get a mile and a half and might get further later in the season.

**Earring**

f Dansili - Together  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

2

RPR - OR -

Her dam won a Grade 1 for us in the US. She's a very nice filly and made her debut in a fillies' maiden over a mile at Navan yesterday and showed her inexperience. She was drawn wide and Ryan said she was very green and kept looking

about. She finished second and should show the benefit of the run. She'll go for another maiden in a few weeks' time.

**Etched**

f Dansili - Gagnoa  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier

42-4

RPR 81 OR 82

She showed promise on her two starts last year and again when fourth over a mile and a quarter on her reappearance at Leopardstown. She'll go for another maiden, probably over the same trip, and should progress.

**Even Song**

f Mastercraftsman -  
Guantanamo

Sue Magnier

31-

RPR 90 OR -

She's a half-sister to Simple Verse and we like a lot. She won her maiden very well at Leopardstown at the end of last season. She's in the Guineas at Newmarket and could go there. We see her as a possible Oaks filly.

**General Macarthur**

c War Front - Imagine  
Sue Magnier

51-

RPR 84 OR 92

He won his maiden over seven furlongs at Dundalk in September and we're waiting for some nice ground before starting him off. He's in the Dante, the Irish Guineas and the Derby and Irish Derby, but we'll see how things go in the trials. We're not sure about what trip might suit him best.

**Hit It A Bomb**

c War Front - Liscanna  
Evie Stockwell

111-

RPR 114 OR 116

He was unbeaten last year, finishing off with his win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He did very well over the winter and has got a lot stronger. Unfortunately he's had a slight setback and won't be ready for Newmarket. We won't force him but he might be ready for the Irish Guineas or, if not, Royal Ascot.

**Housesofparliament**

c Galileo - Sharp Lisa  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

5-2

RPR 80 OR -

He ran second to Bhutan in a 1m2f maiden at Leopardstown

eight days ago. He'll have no problem going up a couple of furlongs in trip and nicer ground than he had at Leopardstown should suit him well.

**How High The Moon**

f Fastnet Rock - Quarter Moon  
Mrs R Henry and Mrs J Magnier

126-

RPR 100 OR 99

A sister of Diamondsandrudies, she'll probably have a run before we decide if she'll go to the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Looking further ahead, she should get a mile and a quarter and possibly a mile and a half.

**Idaho**

c Galileo - Hveger  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier

14-2

RPR 111 OR 108

A brother to Highland Reel, he did well last season and ran a good race in the Ballysax Stakes at Leopardstown eight days ago when he quickened up well off a strong pace on heavy ground before getting a bit tired and finishing second to Dermot Weld's horse [Harzand]. He should come on for the run and will go for another of the Derby trials.

**Johannes Vermeer**

c Galileo - Inca Princess  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and T Ah Khing

311421-

RPR 115 OR 113

He's had a little setback and will probably be out of action for a couple of months. He'll almost certainly miss the Classics but we hope to have him back in the second half of the season. He did well last season, finishing fourth in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, second in the Racing Post Trophy and winning the Criterium International at Saint-Cloud. He doesn't have to have it but he's shown that he handles soft ground well.

**Kellstorm**

c Galileo - Another Storm  
T Ah Khing, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

7-3

RPR 88 OR -

He ran well when third in the Curragh maiden won by US Army Ranger. He's a brother to Order Of St George, who won the Irish St Leger last year, and should get a mile and a half well and probably further.



## HORSE TO FOLLOW

### David Jennings

**Somehow**  
Obviously Air Force Blue is the buzz horse at Ballydoyle this season but there are plenty of exciting fillies there too, none more so than Somehow. She is a daughter of Fastnet Rock and dual Oaks heroine Alexandrova who won a 1m2f Leopardstown maiden on her first start as a three-year-old in the manner of a filly who is going places fast. She pulled clear with Shamreen, sent off favourite after a promising Curragh debut, and could have won by further if Seamie Heffernan had got any way serious close home. She was certainly value for more than the winning margin. She is bred to be an Oaks filly and it would not come as a huge surprise if she emulated her mother at Epsom. Current quotes of 25-1 look generous.

## STAR QUALITY

**Minding**  
3f Galileo - Lillie Langtry  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

21211-  
RPR 119 OR 120

She's been doing plenty of half-speeds and is quite forward. We're happy with her fitness and she'll be going straight for the Guineas at Newmarket, where she finished off last season by winning the Fillies' Mile in very good style. It was her second Group 1 success. She showed last year that she handles easy ground well but genuine good ground would be fine for her - she probably wouldn't want it too fast, though. Hopefully she'll go on to the Oaks.



He's in the Derby and the Irish Derby and will go for one of the trials.

**Kind Of Magic**  
f Galileo - Look At Me  
Sue Magnier

5417-6  
RPR 101 OR 100

A Listed winner over a mile at the Curragh last year, she's got plenty of good entries. She went to Navan for the Salsabil Stakes over 1m2f yesterday and, while she never really threatened, she should progress and get a mile and a half. I'd imagine she'll run next in one of the Oaks trials.

**Landofhopeandglory**  
c High Chaparral - Wurfklinge  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

1222-4  
RPR 100 OR 103

He was twice second at Listed level after winning his maiden at the Galway festival and looked a stayer. He was just ready to start off when he ran in the Tattersalls Millions 3-Y-O Trophy at Newmarket on Thursday. He finished fourth and should come on for the run.

**Lieutenant General**  
c Fastnet Rock - Lady Lupus  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Annemarie O'Brien

331884-  
RPR 99 OR 99

He never raced beyond seven furlongs last year but is bred for middle distances and is in full work, preparing to go up in trip. He'll run in one of the Derby trials and we'll see how things go.

**Like A Star**  
f Galileo - Anna Karenina  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

3  
RPR 72 OR -

She's a sister to Battle Of Marengo, who won five in a row for us, including the Derrinstown Derby Trial, a few years ago. She shaped well on her recent debut when third in the maiden won by Somehow at Leopardstown and will be going for another maiden.

**London**  
c Galileo - Altana  
Derrick Smith

823-  
RPR 86 OR 86

He had a little setback and

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at Leopardstown quite nicely on his second start of the season. He'll be stepping up in trip and will go for one of the Derby trials. Chester could be on his schedule.

**Cockatoo Island**

c War Front - Temperance Gift  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and DATTT Stable

Unraced

We're waiting on nice ground to get him started. He'll be ready to go when conditions suit and I'd imagine he'll begin in a maiden over a mile or a quarter.

**Cole Porter**

c Galileo - A Z Warrior  
Triermore Stud and Sue Magnier

423-

RPR 86 OR 87

His three runs last season suggested he would be a stayer. He's almost ready to go but we're waiting on the ground to improve before getting him started. He'll get a mile and a quarter and probably further.

**Cook Islands**

c Fastnet Rock - Tree Chopper  
Derrick Smith

41-4

RPR 90 OR 99

He won his maiden well at

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## STABLE TOUR AIDAN O'BRIEN

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probably won't be in action for a couple of months. He never ran as well as he worked last season and hopefully he'll do better when he returns. He'll probably be racing over a mile and a quarter.

#### Long Island Sound

c War Front - Treasure Trail  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and J Allen

1

RPR 80 OR -

He won a mile maiden at Dundalk on his debut early this month and will be going back there for a winners' race when we'll see how he has progressed.

#### Monarch

c Galileo - Secret Garden  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier

Unraced

A big colt whose brother Roderic O'Connor won the Irish 2,000 Guineas. He's carrying plenty of condition but should be making his debut within the next two or three weeks. He's in the Irish Guineas, the Derby and the Irish Derby but we'll see how he gets on first time out and take it from there.

#### Painted Cliffs

c Canford Cliffs - Lulawin  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

81145-

RPR 110 OR 111

We're not sure whether he'll get a mile as he has loads of pace and it's more likely we'll keep him to six furlongs - he won a Group 2 over that trip last year. He'll probably have a couple of runs before we decide about the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

#### Pietro Testa

c Galileo - Penang Pearl  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

5-3

RPR 74 OR -

He ran respectably when third in a maiden over a mile and a half on very testing ground at Gowran Park recently. The conditions were far from ideal for him and on better ground I'm sure he'll perform much better.

#### Port Douglas

c Galileo - Walzerkoenigin  
Michael Tabor

12414-

RPR 106 OR 106

He showed ability last year, winning a Group 2 and finishing fourth in the Racing Post Trophy. He'll probably start off in one of the Derby trials in three to four weeks' time and we'll see how things go.

#### Prefer

c Galileo - Pieds De Plume  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

6-

RPR 69 OR -

She's a sister to Moth, who finished third in the 1,000 Guineas and fourth in the Oaks. She's a filly who should get a mile and a half and will be starting off in a maiden.

#### Pretty Perfect

c Galileo - Milanova  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier

51-1

# 'Derrinstown could be next for Ranger'

## STAR QUALITY

### US Army Ranger

c Galileo - Moonstone  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

1

RPR 97 OR -

He came out of his Curragh maiden win well and we're looking at either Chester or the Derrinstown at Leopardstown as the next step towards Epsom. He was showing us plenty last year - what he was doing over four and a half furlongs was a bit different to what he was bred to do - so we knew he was quite smart, but one morning on the gallops he got a fright and gave himself a knock. It wasn't serious but it meant we had to miss running him.

The ground at the Curragh was heavy and far from ideal but we took the view that if he was to go for the Derby he had to get experience and have two races before Epsom. We were getting a bit short of time, so we ran him and he coped well enough with the conditions. Hopefully he'll get better ground for his trial and we'll find out more about him. Donnacha [O'Brien] rides him every morning and loves him. We like him.

RPR 88 OR 95

She made all to win a 7f maiden at Leopardstown in October and did the same when stepped up to a mile and a quarter in the Salsabil Stakes at Navan yesterday. She won well and is a smart filly. She's entered for the Irish 1,000 Guineas, the Oaks and the Irish Oaks. We'll wait a bit before deciding but she could go for an Oaks trial next rather than the Irish Guineas.

### Romanesque

c Montjeu - Seatone  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

Unraced

It's taking time to get him fit and it will probably be another month to six weeks before he's ready to start off. He should get a mile and a half.

### San Francisco

c Galileo - Rumpelstiltskin  
Michael Tabor

Unraced

A brother to Tapestry, who won



**TOMORROW**  
Andrew Balding opens the doors at Kingsclere

the Yorkshire Oaks, he's carrying plenty of condition and isn't ready to start just yet. When he is, he'll appreciate nice ground and will probably be suited by a mile and a quarter and a mile and a half.

### Sean O'Casey

c Galileo - Lahinch  
Sue Magnier

5

RPR 52 OR -

He started off over a mile and a quarter at Cork in March but the ground was heavy and it didn't suit him. He'll be much better on nicer ground. He shows pace at home and might be best suited by a mile or a mile and a quarter.

### Seventh Heaven

f Galileo - La Traviata  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

74-

RPR 74 OR -

She showed promise last season and has strengthened up well. She'll be going for a maiden at Dundalk tonight. We'll see how she goes but she could be a filly for the Irish 1,000 Guineas.

### Shogun

c Fastnet Rock - Perihelion  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Annemarie O'Brien

71360-3

RPR 108 OR 108

A brother to Qualify, who won the Oaks last year, he did very well over the winter. We started him off in the Craven at Newmarket on Thursday when he finished third. It rained heavily before the race, which was far from ideal, and he'll appreciate better ground.

### Somehow

f Fastnet Rock - Alexandrova  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier

3-1

RPR 85 OR -

Her dam won the Oaks, the Irish Oaks and the Yorkshire Oaks. She won her maiden quite nicely at Leopardstown and will go for an Irish Oaks trial somewhere.

### Successor

c Galileo - Dame Again  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

75-5

RPR 70 OR -

We put a hood on him when he ran fifth behind Bhutan over a mile and a quarter at Leopardstown last week and Seamie [Heffernan] told me afterwards that a step up to a mile and a half on better ground should suit.

### Sword Fighter

c Galileo - Tarbela  
Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier

3-2

RPR 74 OR -

Although beaten 16 lengths he ran a nice race when second in terrible conditions at Cork in March and he should do better

on decent ground. A mile and a quarter to a mile and a half should suit.

### The Gurkha

c Galileo - Chintz  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

31

RPR 82 OR -

The ground was far from ideal and he also ran very green when third to Claudio Monteverdi over a mile on his debut at Leopardstown. He finished the race well and Seamie (Heffernan) really liked him. He went to Navan for another mile maiden yesterday and won in good style. We think he's smart and that better ground should suit. There's a chance he could go to the French Guineas and he might get a mile and a quarter later on. I wouldn't be sure about a mile and a half though.

### The Major General

c Galileo - Scribonia  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Jooste Kantor

7-4

RPR 82 OR -

He ran quite well when fourth behind US Army Ranger at the Curragh. He should progress and will get a mile and a half. He handles ease.

### Unicorn

c Galileo - One Moment In Time  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

317-

RPR 91 OR 95

He won his maiden over a mile at Leopardstown and being a brother to Bondi Beach you'd have to think he'll be a stayer. He'll run in a Derby trial and could be one for the Irish Derby, while later in the season he could develop into a St Leger horse.

### Washington DC

c Zoffany - How's She Cuttin'  
Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith

21212-1

RPR 111 OR 113

Sprinting is his game and nothing should be read into him starting his season over seven furlongs at Dundalk. He won well there but it was just a starting point for his season and if everything goes to plan - there are suitable sprint races coming up at Naas and Navan - he'll be heading back to Royal Ascot, where he won the Windsor Castle last year, for the Commonwealth Cup.

### Waterloo Bridge

c Zoffany - Miss Childrey  
Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Michael Tabor

21129-2

RPR 104 OR 105

He's very fast and very much a sprinter who had his big day at Royal Ascot when he won the Norfolk. We tried him over an extended mile in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile on dirt on his final start last year but that didn't

## STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	1,693	406	265	211	811	24		-307.46	-18%
Non-hcp 3yo	1,919	397	277	259	986	21		-299.80	-16%
Non-hcp 4yo+	268	58	48	42	120	22		-41.03	-15%
Hcp 2yo	111	22	19	10	60	20		-18.93	-17%
Hcp 3yo	451	56	55	43	297	12		-177.82	-39%
Hcp 4yo+	201	22	18	16	145	11		-48.45	-24%
Totals	4,643	961	682	581	2,419	21		-893.49	-19%

\*return on investment

## JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Seamie Heffernan	215-1161	18.5	-152.44
Colm O'Donoghue	52-479	10.9	-98.98
Kieren Fallon	51-207	24.6	-50.18
Sean Levey	27-178	15.2	-4.34
Donnacha O'Brien	23-137	16.8	-18.73
Ana O'Brien	19-262	7.3	-150.32
Ryan Moore	16-69	23.2	-7.99
Miss S O'Brien	5-34	14.7	-15.88
Michael Hussey	4-50	8.0	-21.75
Kevin Manning	2-3	66.7	+0.33
Mir JP Magnier	2-4	50.0	+3.50
Jamie Spencer	2-5	40.0	-2.48

## FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	100-632	15.8	-214.11
Non-hcp 3yo	94-513	18.3	-56.73
Non-hcp 4yo+	15-77	19.5	-46.73
Hcp 3yo	4-34	11.8	-15.90
Hcp 4yo+	6-34	17.6	+2.33

## COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Curragh	247-1361	18.1	120-573	93-540	22-119	0-13	8-79	4-37	-186.12
Leopardstown	162-839	19.3	78-325	59-388	10-45	1-6	11-54	3-21	-219.54
Dundalk (AW)	108-543	19.9	41-155	40-159	4-29	2-21	8-89	13-90	-131.46
Navan	67-261	25.7	21-94	34-105	5-10	1-7	5-38	1-7	+2.14
Naas	60-305	19.7	22-123	28-127	2-3	1-12	7-33	0-7	-101.78
Gowran Park	56-259	21.6	32-100	18-121	0-2	4-14	2-18	0-4	-60.69
Tipperary	55-194	28.4	35-101	17-68	0-5	1-4	2-15	0-1	-50.55
Killarney	33-119	27.7	5-21	19-48	3-11	3-7	3-28	0-4	-7.13
Cork	33-177	18.6	8-44	23-115	2-8	0-3	0-6	0-1	-22.54
Galway	31-161	19.3	15-55	12-53	0-7	4-10	0-28	0-8	-51.49
Fairyhouse	27-99	27.3	10-31	11-47	2-4	1-3	3-12	0-2	+0.73
Limerick	24-68	35.3	7-13	12-42	4-6	0-1	1-3	0-3	+5.63
Listowel	16-86	18.6	6-29	5-21	1-7	4-10	0-15	0-4	-40.81
Wexford (rh)	11-29	37.9	1-3	9-19	1-2	0-0	0-3	0-2	+10.52
Roscommon	9-62	14.5	4-18	3-29	1-4	0-0	1-9	0-2	-34.26
Down Royal	7-23	30.4	0-2	5-10	0-1	0-0	2-8	0-2	-6.88
Ballinrobe	6-19	31.6	0-1	4-12	0-2	0-0	2-3	0-1	+5.89
Bellewstown	4-16	25.0	0-0	2-8	1-3	0-0	1-3	0-2	+0.28
Wexford	2-4	50.0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	+4.75
Trillick	2-8	25.0	1-5	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-3.93
Clonmel	1-5	20.0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	-1.25
Tramore	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Sligo	0-4	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	-4.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 903 Total winning prize-money £25,073,043

work for different reasons. He started his season in the Tattersalls Millions Sprint at Newmarket on Wednesday when he finished second. He was just ready to start off and should come on for the run. All going well he'll probably be aimed at the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

## TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Our first two-year-old runner of the season, **Peace Envoy**

(c Power - Hoh My Darling), won nicely at Dundalk and is entered for Tipperary on Thursday. But it's early days and, as a group, we haven't really got after them yet.

However, a few of the colts are more forward than the others and they include **Caravaggio** (c Scat Daddy - Mekko Hokte), who makes his debut at Dundalk tonight, **Castle Howard** (c Excelebration - Four Eleven) and **Istan** (c Excelebration - Something Exciting).



## STABLE TOUR ANDREW BALDING

**C**LASSIC contenders may be missing from the three-year-old ranks this year but some old friends and this year's new intake are putting a spring in the step of Andrew Balding and his team.

Winners continued to flow last year despite a series of misfortunes in midsummer that would have bowled over lesser stables. In the circumstances, just falling shy of a second seasonal century was testament to the yard's strength in depth.

Injuries to key horses like Scotland, Absolutely So, Nabatean and Montaly were blows but they will all try to put the record straight this year.

Also still around is Elm Park, the 2014 Racing Post Trophy winner, who is back for more Group 1 assignments. His third place behind Golden Horn and Jack Hobbs in the Dante before he got jarred up in the Derby looks gilt-edged with hindsight.

Balding has done well with his older horses not only on the top stage, where Phoenix Reach and Side Glance demonstrated his skills, but also further down the chain with the claims of his academy of apprentices being used to good effect.

Eddy Greatrex, who announced his arrival last year in front of the Channel 4 cameras, has had his 5lb claim protected over the winter and there are two more teenagers to look out for this year in Josh Bryan, nephew of trainer Peter Bowen, and Will Cox, nephew of Clive Cox.

**Bruce Jackson**

## OLDER HORSES

**Absolutely So**

Six-year-old gelding by Acclamation (sire) - Week End (dam)

Owner: The George Smith Family Partnership  
Form figures: 2188/31-  
Racing Post Rating 113; Official rating 109

He's moving well again after suffering a hairline fracture just before he was due to go to Goodwood after his Listed win at Salisbury in June. He's had a lot of time off but is ready to start in a seven furlong Listed race at Haydock on May 7 and we'll take it from there. He's decent and certainly up to Group races. He likes a bit of give in the ground and seven

# Older horses ready to make up for lost time

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Park House Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Kingsclere, near Newbury
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2003
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** Winning the Group 1 Mackinnon Stakes in Australia with homebred runner Side Glance
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 150
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Chris Bonner
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** David Probert, Oisín Murphy, Liam Keniry
- ▶▶ **Apprentices** Rob Hornby, Eddy Greatrex, Will Cox and Josh Bryan
- ▶▶ **Website** [kingsclere.com](http://kingsclere.com)



## Winners in Britain

2015	95
2014	119
2013	99
2012	93
<b>Profit/loss to £1 stake</b>	
2015	-£272.93
2014	-£35.60
2013	-£13.36
2012	-£155.54
<b>Prize-money 2015</b>	
	£1,539,900

furlongs on a turning track suits, so the Lennox Stakes at Goodwood would be an ideal race for him midsummer.

**Ballynanty**

4c Yeats - Reina Blanca  
Richard Wilmot-Smith  
212-623  
RPR 104 OR 102

He has come a long way over the winter and ran a terrific race in the All-Weather Marathon final but does have a tendency to dislocate his palate, so has had it cauterised. All being well he'll be cantering in the next week and could be a very nice stayer. There's no reason why he won't

be as good on the grass this year.

**Blond Me**

4f Tamayuz - Holda  
Barbara Keller  
211226-  
RPR 106 OR 103

She came on in leaps and bounds last year and was unlucky in the Atalanta [Group 3] before a good second in a Grade 2 at Belmont Park. She has done tremendously well physically over the winter and could start in the Dahlia Stakes or a Listed race at Goodwood, with the Duke of Cambridge a possible summer target.

## STABLE STAT

In the last three seasons Balding is 7/13 with his non-handicap 2yos at Windsor (£14.72 profit to £1). Runners having their second or third career start at the track have figures of 11101221 (6/9) in this period  
▶▶ *Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at [raceform.co.uk](http://raceform.co.uk)*

**Duretto**

4g Manduro - Landinium  
Lord Blyth  
1/04114-  
RPR 98 OR 92

He's a half-brother to Nabatean and we've always thought a lot of him. He's picked up good money in valuable handicaps and hopefully can do so again. As he likes Ascot, where he has won both his starts, the Duke of Edinburgh at the royal meeting is an obvious target and he would have one run before that.

**Elbereth**

5m Mount Nelson - Masandra  
David Taylor  
421523-  
RPR 102 OR 95

She had a really good year, improving more than a stone on her rating of 80 at the start of the season, and she has improved again since last year. She'll start in the City and Surburban at Epsom tomorrow, having won over the course and distance last June, and she's up to winning a Listed race this year.

**Haines**

5g Shirocco - Spring Dream  
Bow River Racing  
504-121  
RPR 92 OR 89

He has done very well and has been given an entry in the Chester Cup on May 4 but I don't know whether he'll get in. He hasn't won on the grass yet but I don't think that's an issue - he wasn't right when



## STAR QUALITY

**Elm Park**

4c Phoenix Reach - Lady Brora  
Qatar Racing  
11/3015-  
RPR 118 OR 113

Got very jarred up in the Derby and it was not an easy year for him. We have high hopes this year and he's always been good at home. He picked up a niggly working at Kempton last week but hopefully it is not too serious. He was going to Sandown this week but we are now looking to get him started in May. He will get entries in the bigger mile and mile and a quarter races and will hopefully win a big one this year.

of last season and he'll start in the Listed Royal Windsor Stakes next month if there's some give in the ground, which he likes. There are some nice mile races to win with him.

**Highland Colori**

8g Le Vie Dei Colori - Emma's Star  
Evan Sutherland  
65762-4  
RPR 116 OR 99

He hasn't won since his Ayr Gold Cup year in 2013 but has run a couple of cracking races. He's getting on but can win more races. He loves a bit of cut in the ground and probably wants further these days. He has won over a mile and will go over that trip again this year.

**Man Of Harlech**

5g Dansili - Pfestiniog  
Elite Racing Club  
410-445  
RPR 107 OR 100

He needs everything to drop right but ran well in the Lincoln and the All-Weather Middle-Distance final. His optimum is a strongly run mile and a furlong up to a mile and a quarter. He had a hard enough race in the Lincoln and if he ran again soon it would be the Suffolk Handicap at Newmarket, but he's due a break.

**Merry Me**

5m Invincible Spirit - Thought Is Free  
Fitri Hay  
02220-7  
RPR 101 OR 95

She's been a bit unlucky but has placed black type. She's been covered by Iffraaj and will hopefully race in foal with the aim to win a Listed race. Sometimes mares can improve

running on grass last year. There's a nice staying handicap in him later in the year.

**Here Comes When**

6g Danehill Dancer - Quad's Melody  
Fitri Hay  
674726-  
RPR 118 OR 111

He had a disappointing year but has had a breathing operation over the winter, which hopefully will help him get back to form. Things will be easier without the Group 2 penalty he had for the first half

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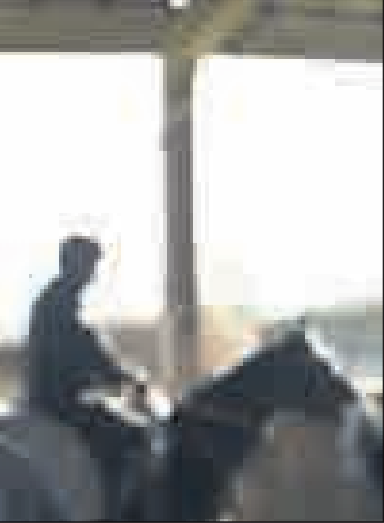
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**Andrew Balding in the indoor school at Park House Stables, which houses several old friends as well as this year's new intake**

win brings him on again and we can get him back to his best, he's well handicapped.

**Rocky Rider**

4c Galileo - Blue Symphony  
Qatar Racing  
41/1345-  
RPR 111 OR 101

He was injured last summer after running well at Royal Ascot, where he was shuffled back before staying on again. He'll be back in mid-June.

**Scotland**

5g Monsun - Sqillo  
Fitri Hay  
350/546-  
RPR 111 OR 109

He's in fast work again having been injured last summer after running extremely well in the Ascot Gold Cup, where he had a poor draw and was not ideally positioned before running on well. He's in the Yorkshire Cup and will have a run before going back to Ascot. He has a lot of class and if he has a good season the Melbourne Cup would be a long-term objective - a flat two miles will suit and his sire has a good record in the race.

**DARK HORSE**

**Great And Small**

3f Galileo - Gryada  
Nicholas Jones  
8-  
RPR 54 OR -

I hardly recognised her when she came back from her winter break - she had done so well. She's closely related to Fame And Glory, is working well and should be a nice filly this year.

in foal and she likes the ground good to soft.

**Montaly**

5g Yeats - Le Badie  
Farleigh Racing  
518/567-  
RPR 101 OR 95

He picked up an injury at York when in the process of running a good race. He had surgery on a cracked hind cannonbone but has made a really good recovery. He looks very useful and hopefully will have a clear run. He could be an Ebor and Old Newton Cup type.

**Mymatechris**

5g High Chaparral - Splendeur  
David Brownlow  
12/3100-  
RPR 99 OR 103

It was probably a mistake to run him in the Chester Cup on heavy ground after his All-Weather Marathon win last year as it dragged the bottom out of him. He's had a second breathing operation over the winter and will be ready to run in June as he wants fast summer ground and stays well.

**Nabatean**

5g Rock Of Gibraltar - Landinium  
Lord Blyth  
1551/12-  
RPR 107 OR 104

He picked up an injury after a fine second to Clever Cookie at York. I really like him. He's unexposed after eight races and with a clear run he could make up into a high-class stayer. He wants a bit of give in the ground, with a return in June likely.

**Pearl Spectre**

5g Street Cry - Dark Sky  
Qatar Racing  
1/57-361  
RPR 87 OR 81

He left me with a view to being a Kentucky Derby horse after his two-year-old season but came back injured and had time off. His Southwell win doesn't look much on the face of it, but he's a talented horse with a lot of ability and, if the

**Dream Of Summer**

c Canford Cliffs - Danehill's  
Dream  
Happy Valley Racing & Breeding Ltd  
05261-  
RPR 77 OR 77

A fine, big, scopey horse who got better through last year. He won comfortably at Lingfield in November and the form has worked out well. He wouldn't want the ground too soft and is a nice mile handicapper in the making.

**Ian Fleming**

g Makfi - High Cross  
Chelsea Thoroughbreds  
5226-1  
RPR 81 OR 79

He's going the right way, winning his maiden nicely, and can win a decent three-year-old handicap. Could go for a seven and a half furlong handicap at Chester's May meeting.

**Kingston Kurrajong**

c Authorized - Kingston Acacia  
Richard Hains  
06122-  
RPR 87 OR 89

Had to miss his Lingfield Listed race ten days ago after not eating up. He runs in the Investec Derby Trial at Epsom tomorrow. He is not quite up to this class but is effective on any sort of ground and should have a good year.

**Make Fast**

f Makfi - Raymi Coya  
The Queen  
1526-  
RPR 95 OR 96

She's not very big but has a huge heart and loves soft ground. Her work has been pretty good but she has scoped dirty and we've stepped back with her. She'll have options later in the year on her ground.

**Molten Gold**

c New Approach - Flash Of Gold  
The Queen  
9-5  
RPR 51 OR -

Was still weak when running on soft on debut and was disorganised on the ground. Has done well over the winter and is a lovely, scopey colt who will develop through the season. Chelmsford on Saturday was not ideal - he wants a mile and a half and some give in the ground. Will make up into a nice handicapper.

**Nodachi**

c Rip Van Winkle - Jabroot  
Fitri Hay  
02-  
RPR 74 OR -

He can reward his patient owner. He's a lovely specimen who has done well over the winter and I'd like to think he'll improve through the year. He stayed on well when second in his maiden at Bath and should stay a mile and a half.

**Ormito**

c Mamool - Ormita  
Lynda Ramsden/Richard Morecombe  
2147-  
RPR 95 OR 94

He ran a fine race in a strong Listed race and I took him to France for a Group 1 but he didn't travel very well there and the plan backfired. He has been slow to come to himself this spring and I'll take my time with him as he's a fine, big horse with nice races to win and is best with a bit of cut in the ground.

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**James Pyman**

**Dark Shot**  
His dam Dark Missile won the Wokingham for this stable in 2007 and Balding also has an Ayr Gold Cup on his CV so excels with this type of horse. This three-year-old son of Group 2-winning sprinter Acclamation, who improved with age, could bag a big sprint handicap at some stage this season. Dark Shot is winless after five runs in maidens, but has a fair engine as he's shown signs of ability and, with his trainer expecting him to progress, a handicap mark of 81 looks exploitable.

**Real Dominion**

c Cape Blanco - Real Doll  
Mick and Janice Mariscotti  
483-3  
RPR 82 OR 80

He saw out the trip well at Kempton, which was not a given on his pedigree, in what was a decent race for this time of year. He could go for a maiden or another handicap and will get a mile and a half.

**Sunflower**

f Dutch Art - Swan Wings  
Nicholas Jones  
16-  
RPR 95 OR -

Has always shown ability and was thrown in at the deep end after her maiden win as she had the Cheveley Park entry. Has a lot of speed and could start in a Sandown handicap, but the main aim is to get her some black type.

**Viscount Barfield**

c Raven's Pass - Madonna  
Dell'Orto  
David Brownlow  
95-31  
RPR 78 OR 75

He needed his first run back and then showed a nice turn of foot from an unpromising position to win at Kempton. If he learns to settle he'll stay a mile and can win a decent race.

**Zoffanys Pride**

c Zoffany - Lioness  
Axom LXII  
91-6  
RPR 81 OR 84

Handled soft ground when winning his maiden comfortably and has done well physically over the winter but is not an exuberant worker at home. Will come on a lot for his run at Newmarket, where he was a bit fresh, and is up to running in decent handicaps.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

We have a very nice bunch of two-year-olds but they're not going to be rushed. **Berkshire Boy** (c Elzaam - Circuit City) is coming along well and will probably be our first two-year-old runner. Others showing a lot of promise include **Isomer** (c Cape Blanco - Nimue), **South Seas** (Lope De Vega - Let It Be Me), **Bohemian Flame** (Zoffany - Red Japonica), who is owned by the successful Kennet Valley team, **Drochaid** (Mastercraftsman - Avon Lady) and Jeff Smith's **Fair Cop** (Exceed And Excel - Speed Cop).

**TOMORROW**  
**Mark Johnston on his exciting squad**

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	1,043	132	128	119	664	13		-56.79	-5%
Non-hcp 3yo	1,025	162	138	147	578	16		-188.64	-18%
Non-hcp 4yo+	494	65	70	64	295	13		-157.87	-32%
Hcp 2yo	168	13	21	20	114	8		-68.21	-41%
Hcp 3yo	1,522	216	191	205	910	14		-206.82	-14%
Hcp 4yo+	1,563	202	182	153	1,026	13		-224.85	-14%
Totals	5,815	790	730	708	3,587	14		-903.18	-16%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
David Probert	259-1615	16.0	-38.18
Liam Keniry	93-796	11.7	-215.01
Jimmy Fortune	90-728	12.4	-197.48
William Buick	63-429	14.7	+1.16
Oisin Murphy	58-335	17.3	-31.70
Franny Norton	35-255	13.7	-27.67
Thomas Brown	25-159	15.7	-12.11
Martin Dwyer	25-200	12.5	-40.74
Edward Greatrex	13-57	22.8	+37.55
Jim Crowley	13-72	18.1	-6.18
Rob Hornby	12-90	13.3	-7.25
Jamie Spencer	11-69	15.9	-31.11

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	25-399	6.3	-95.50
Non-hcp 3yo	51-361	14.1	-92.33
Non-hcp 4yo+	11-105	10.5	-70.34
Hcp 3yo	17-126	13.5	-11.25
Hcp 4yo+	31-254	12.2	-61.34

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	23-173	13.3	-70.11
February	18-119	15.1	-18.18
March	42-182	23.1	-25.12
April	68-448	15.2	-32.08
May	105-757	13.9	-112.62
June	93-784	11.9	-213.36
July	115-758	15.2	+2.06
August	106-779	13.6	-97.77
September	90-756	11.9	-103.73
October	63-599	10.5	-127.77
November	31-264	11.7	-82.18
December	36-196	18.4	-22.32

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	48-127	37.8	+1.46
Non-hcp 3yo	66-156	42.3	-13.74
Non-hcp 4yo+	28-78	35.9	-9.77
Hcp 2yo	4-20	20.0	-7.71
Hcp 3yo	82-267	30.7	-1.06
Hcp 4yo+	73-290	25.2	-45.26

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Kempton (AW)	116-805	14.4	13-133	30-176	9-47	3-26	33-208	28-215	-93.40
Lingfield (AW)	86-542	15.9	12-73	27-142	7-51	2-18	19-122	19-136	-94.36
Salisbury	43-299	14.4	18-91	5-47	5-18	0-3	5-78	10-62	-48.30
Windsor	41-259	15.8	11-45	9-62	4-16	1-8	12-76	4-52	-19.68
Sandown	40-302	13.2	6-66	6-40	4-25	1-4	16-96	7-71	-33.41
Chester	37-178	20.8	2-18	6-27	3-22	1-7	18-62	7-42	+46.14
Bath	35-226	15.5	6-38	8-40	2-14	0-7	8-74	11-53	-43.10
Chepstow	33-154	21.4	2-22	8-39	0-2	1-1	8-49	14-41	-4.99
Wolves (AW)	32-251	12.7	3-38	10-58	7-27	0-13	7-65	5-50	-93.44
Epsom	30-182	16.5	12-34	3-21	1-9	1-5	2-48	11-65	+42.19
Newmarket	30-296	10.1	6-85	3-38	3-30	0-9	9-54	9-80	+49.87
Newbury	28-292	9.6	6-96	9-60	1-23	0-3	8-62	4-48	-91.12
Ascot	26-368	7.1	0-34	1-29	2-52	0-7	10-93	13-153	-185.92
Goodwood	23-305	7.5	2-52	2-34	1-31	1-17	6-75	11-96	-117.39
Newmarket (July)	22-190	11.6	2-40	2-18	1-13	0-5	8-66	9-48	-10.13
Southwell (AW)	18-6826.5	2.8	6-21	1-5	0-0	5-12	4-22	4-22	-2.50
Doncaster	17-135	12.6	4-14	2-18	3-24	1-10	3-24	4-45	+11.74
Brighton	15-90	16.7	2-16	2-8	1-4	0-2	7-33	3-27	-16.87
Lingfield	14-72	19.4	2-9	5-18	0-2	0-2	2-14	5-27	+7.89
Warwick	14-74	18.9	4-17	2-17	1-7	0-5	6-21	1-7	+17.50
Haydock	14-117	12.0	1-11	1-6	1-19	0-2	6-43	5-36	-39.44
Ffos Las	10-43	23.3	1-8	2-5	0-0	1-2	2-17	4-11	+14.05
York	10-109	9.2	3-17	2-6	4-21	0-0	1-27	0-38	-62.47
Nottingham	9-80	11.2	2-26	1-13	0-2	0-3	4-21	2-15	-11.75
Chelmsford (AW)	9-88	10.2	1-9	1-19	1-9	0-2	2-8	4-41	-43.27
Leicester	9-105	8.6	1-18	2-27	0-4	0-4	4-29	2-23	-42.93
Folkestone	6-27	22.2	1-6	2-6	0-0	0-0	1-5	2-10	+1.60
Ayr	5-21	23.8	1-1	1-2	1-3	0-2	1-4	1-9	+20.73
Redcar	2-6	3.3	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	+7.00
Hamilton	2-9	2.2	0-0	0-3	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	-0.33
Thirsk	2-12	16.7	1-2	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	1-4	-5.59
Beverley	2-12	16.7	2-3	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-4	0-2	-5.75
Pontefract	2-26	7.7	1-4	0-7	1-5	0-0	0-6	0-4	-10.50
Yarmouth	2-30	6.7	0-4	1-4	0-3	0-1	0-8	1-10	-20.75
Wetherby	1-4	25.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-2.50
Southwell	1-5	20.0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	-1.25
Ripon	1-6	16.7	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-3	-3.50
Musselburgh	1-7	14.3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-5	0-1	-2.50
Newcastle	1-7	14.3	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-4	-4.50
Carlisle	1-10	10.0	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	-7.25
Catterick	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	-3.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 691. Total winning prize-money £7,076,114



## STABLE TOUR MARK JOHNSTON

HERE may have been a change in policy at Mark Johnston's expansive Middleham yard last season but the transition could hardly have been more seamless, as for the sixth time in the last seven years he chalked up more than 200 winners for the calendar year.

Having been most reliant on his team of three-year-olds and older horses over the previous five years, Johnston last season switched the emphasis to his biggest-ever team of juveniles and the youngsters did not disappoint, gaining 92 successes at a strike-rate of 18 per cent.

After such striking results, there is no surprise to see a similar policy for 2016 with a team of 128 two-year-olds set to fly the stable's flag from Hamilton to Brighton.

Whereas last year Johnston may have lacked the firepower he once had in his three-year-old division, many of last year's juvenile stars are back for more, including Classic contenders Lumiere and Buratino, among the best of their generation last year and bang on target for the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas respectively.

Johnston says: "It's different this year as two-thirds of the string were two-year-olds last season, whereas we're 50-50 between two-year-olds and older horses this year. The most we've ever had before is 246, so this is our biggest string. Compared to the other big yards we might be a little bit weak in the four-year-old and upwards department but we're very strong in the three-year-old division."

Johnston's team have a lofty target of 243 winners and there is genuine optimism at the stable that 2016 could be a year for Classic celebrations too.

## Lewis Porteous

## OLDER HORSES

## Fire Fighting

Five-year-old gelding by Soldier Of Fortune (sire) - Savoie (dam)  
Owner: Alan Spence  
Form figures: 1401-62  
Racing Post Rating 116; Official rating 108

An unbelievable horse who ran 25 times for us last year. We took him to the sales towards the end of last year and thought he'd make in the

# Classic hopes with last year's hot juveniles

## STABLE PROFILE

▶▶Yard Kingsley House Stables

▶▶Where Middleham, North Yorkshire

▶▶Started training 1987

▶▶Finest hour "Attraction will always be the one I'm most proud of. Her finest hour to my mind was the Coronation Stakes but the most enjoyable by far was the 1,000 Guineas"

▶▶Horses in yard 255

▶▶Assistant trainers Deirdre Johnston, Charlie Johnston and Jock Bennett

▶▶Jockeys Joe Fanning, Franny Norton, Silvestre de Sousa, William Buick, James Doyle, Paul Hanagan and Dane O'Neill

▶▶Website [markjohnstonracing.com](http://markjohnstonracing.com)



## Winners in Britain

2015	204
2014	207
2013	216
2012	215

## Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£111.80
2014	-£283.07
2013	-£396.21
2012	-£148.88

## Prize-money 2015

£2,748,949

region of £200,000 but we ended up buying him back in at 85,000gns - I couldn't believe it. We gave him a break after his last win of last year and I'd say he was the worse for it. He thrives on his racing and continues to do so. It'll be the best of handicaps for him with the occasional flurry into Listed and Group races.

## Mister Universe

4c Cape Cross - Miss Ivanhoe  
Abdulla Al Mansoori  
267-116  
RPR 106 OR 108

His form on the all-weather shows he's at least as good as ever but he needs his conditions on turf - he wants seven furlongs or a fast mile on fast ground. He's on the cusp of Listed and Group races but he

wants his ideal conditions.

## Notarised

5g Authorized - Caribbean Dancer  
Hugh Hart  
803-310  
RPR 107 OR 102

There was some doubt last year whether he stayed two miles but he put that to bed at Chelmsford last month. He simply went too fast on Finals Day at Lingfield and he's more than capable of the same level of form as last year. It will be the biggest of handicaps at 12 furlongs and upwards and

occasionally into Listed races and Group 3s.

## Oriental Fox

8g Lomitas - Oriental Pearl  
Markus Graff  
172223-  
RPR 113 OR 109

The owner is keen to start in the Sagaro Stakes, with a view to running in the Queen Alexandra again or the Ascot Gold Cup. I've also entered him in the Chester Cup, which I'd have thought would be ideal for him and we'll debate it. There aren't many miles on the clock and he proved in the Cesarewitch that he's capable of carrying big weights. When he has been stepped up to Cup class is when he's come unstuck and that might still be the case.

## Revolutionist

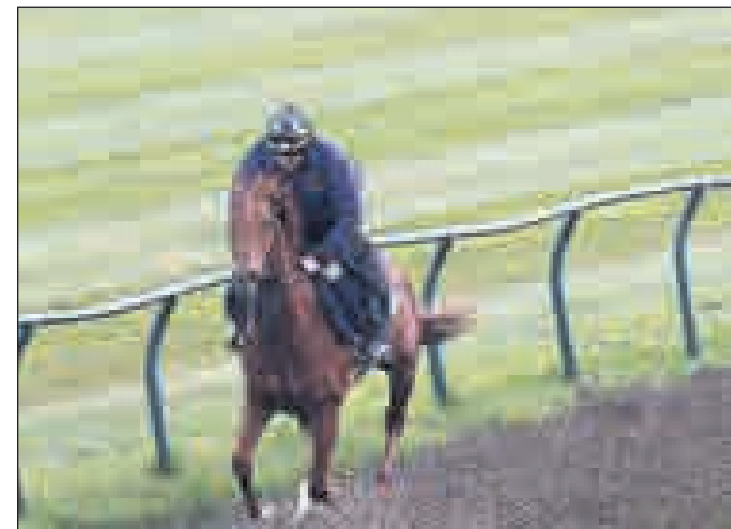
4c Pivotal - Mysterial  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
1119-14  
RPR 91 OR 95

His last run was disappointing but it was a funnily run race and he never really got rolling. He's had a few niggling problems and if we can get him back on track he's capable at the highest level in handicaps.

## Sennockian Star

6g Rock Of Gibraltar - Chorist  
The Vine Accord  
739847-  
RPR 110 OR 95

He was coming to the sales last



## DARK HORSE

## Riflescope

3c Raven's Pass - Red  
Intrigue  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
41665-  
RPR 99 OR 99

I can't wait to see him out. He's an out-and-out sprinter and built like one. I don't see him going more than six furlong but until he's run it's not written in stone. He's ready to go and looks very well.

October and got badly injured in the horsebox and had to be withdrawn. Although they were superficial injuries, they were quite extensive. He makes his comeback in the City and Suburban at Epsom [today], a race he won two years ago off a 11lb higher mark, and he's quite capable at that level. I just hope it's not too bottomless for him.

## Watersmeet

5g Dansili - Under The Rainbow  
J Barson  
404-519  
RPR 111 OR 101

It's no secret he takes a long time to recover from his races. He also needs his ideal conditions and doesn't handle soft ground. We thought last year ten furlongs was his optimum but I'm sure he stays

12. He's very good on his day and capable of giving a good account again on turf this year.

## THREE-YEAR-OLDS

## Adventurous

c Invincible Spirit - Rosia  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
335-024  
RPR 108 OR 105

I was slightly disappointed with his run in the Free Handicap. He's got form on good to soft ground but it was particularly sticky and he just didn't seem to pick up on it. Horses rated around 100 are hard to place but I'm sure he's capable of competing in Pattern races.

## Beaverbrook

c Cape Cross - Bint Almatar  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
45675-3  
RPR 99 OR 98

He ran a great race at Wolverhampton on his comeback from a terrible draw and he goes to Epsom [today] for the Investec Derby Trial. The question with him would be trip and ground, but he's in very good form and the race has broken up a bit. If he gets the trip and handles the softer ground he's in with a great chance. He's got a Dante entry and would need to improve significantly to make that but we'll see if he can make the step up.

## STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2014 Mark Johnston and Joe Fanning have figures of 1111115312211 (9-13) in 2yo maidens at Hamilton (£1 level-stakes profit of £9.23). Without Fanning, the trainer is 0-6 in this period  
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JOHN GROSSICK

**Buratino (left) on the gallops in preparation for the Qipco 2,000 Guineas**

that was Buratino's best run. Air Force Blue will take all the beating, there's no doubt about that, but at the same time I think Buratino is the most underrated of the Guineas field. He's got every chance.

**Dessertoflife**

f Mastercraftsman - Cranky Spanky  
TT Bloodstocks  
162210-  
RPR 98 OR 101

She won a Group 3 at Baden-Baden last year and then stepped up to Group 1 company in the Fillies' Mile and came completely unstuck. She's a bit light and a bit of a worrier, so we haven't been doing a huge amount with her and I think it'll be the middle of the year before we see her. We'll try to get a Group 1 in this country but she also has entries in Group 1s and 2s in Germany. We think she's a middle-distance filly.

**Fireglow**

f Teofilo - Fading Light  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
412241-  
RPR 104 OR 105

The only question with her is trip. On pedigree and the fact she was running at a mile last year, we were thinking of middle-distance races for her - but she's very fast. She's got the Guineas entry but I don't think she'll run there and we'll probably go for the Pretty Polly. She's rated 105 but I'd like to think she's better than that. She's working particularly well and first of all we've got to establish whether she stays before talking about the Oaks.

**Ode To Evening**

r Poet's Voice - Ever Love  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
5158-2  
RPR 97 OR 100

He completely flopped in the Gimcrack but you've got to put a line through that. We couldn't put our finger on anything after the race other than his retained testicle, so we removed it and he's in very good form. Last time at Lingfield he was in front before and after the line and literally lost it on the nod in a pretty good race. That was his first try at a mile and was perfect. He'd be at the top of the weights in handicaps but is probably more than capable of stepping back into Pattern company. He's got a Dante entry but will run before then and we'll see what direction he's going in.

**Rah Rah**

f Lonhro - Rahiyah  
Godolphin  
1104d4-1  
RPR 100 OR 102

She was very precocious at two but got badly injured on her last start when she fractured her cannonbone and has five screws in her leg now. She returned to win at Wolverhampton last month but came back injured again - it's not as serious but she'll be off for a wee while. Her form

from last year is top class and we'll be trying her over seven furlongs. The sky's the limit.

**Sixth Sense**

c Shamardal - Shinko Hermes  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
371736-  
RPR 100 OR 100

He was in and out last year but we used him as a pacemaker at times and that maybe didn't give him the best chance. He was third in the Chesham and won a Listed race at Ascot and we'll try to get him back to that level and take it from there. I'm not sure about his trip and there are no immediate plans.

**Whitman**

c Poet's Voice - Sundrop  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
311315-  
RPR 99 OR 97

He won three of his six races last year and the soft ground was against him on his last start in the Mill Reef. He's another one caught between the top of the handicappers and the bottom of the Pattern races and we'll start him over seven furlongs if we can find a suitable race, but he's going to be difficult to place.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

**Boater**

f Helmet - Cercle D'Amour  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
1  
RPR 88 OR -

Both Boater and Chupalla knew their jobs when winning at Kempton but the reason they won is because they're good fillies. With any two-year-old who wins pre-Royal Ascot, you're thinking about that meeting. She's a sprinting type and could be a Queen Mary filly.

**Chupalla**

f Helmet - Dubai Sunrise  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
1  
RPR 89 OR -

Physically she's quite different to Boater as she's a lovely, rangy type. She could be one for the Albany at Royal Ascot.

**Sutter County**

c Invincible Spirit - Rio Osa  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
11  
RPR 90 OR -

He was our first juvenile runner and winner of the season at Wolverhampton and followed up under a penalty at Newmarket. He didn't seem to be in love with the ground there but also came back lame in his hind limb. The vet suspects a stress fracture in his tibia or his pelvis. We know it's above the hock behind and there's no major fracture, so we're not going to lose sleep over it. If it is that, he'll be back on the course in six weeks. I'd like him to run again before Royal Ascot ideally.

**The Last Lion**

c Choisir - Mala Mala  
John Brown & Megan Dennis  
1  
RPR 86 OR -

In comparison to our first

## HORSE TO FOLLOW

### Nick Watts

**Buratino**  
Buratino is very much the forgotten horse of the 2,000 Guineas and should go very well. It often gets lost in the hype that he actually beat Air Force Blue comfortably in the Coventry and held his form well thereafter despite a busy campaign. His extensive two-year-old campaign means he comes to the first Classic ready-made, and might be at an advantage over horses who may need more time and aren't quite there yet. Even if he misses out on Guineas glory, further Group successes await this summer.

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**Buratino**

c Exceed And Excel - Bergamask  
Godolphin  
121132-  
RPR 117 OR 117

He had his last spin before the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket last Thursday and it went perfect. He didn't run beyond six furlongs last year but if you look at the Middle Park, in another half-furlong I think Shalaa would have had something to think about. He showed us that day he certainly stays beyond six furlongs and I've got to hope he's going to be even better at a mile. He's not big and hasn't changed dramatically but he's very well. We beat Air Force Blue in the Coventry and he turned the tables in Ireland on softish ground. I don't think

**STAR QUALITY**

**Lumiere**

3f Shamardal - Screen Star  
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum  
121-  
RPR 114 OR 116

Everything is on target for the 1,000 Guineas. She took a little bit of time to come to hand but we took her to Haydock 16 days ago and everything was spot on. We didn't need to do an awful lot at Newmarket last week and it was just perfect. She's certainly grown and is a big filly. We've concentrated on getting her settled at home and she's been very relaxed on both her racecourse gallops, but I wouldn't count on that in a Guineas field when the stalls open. This filly is very fast and I wouldn't want William Buick to get into a fight with her - let her use that speed. If you didn't know she was by Shamardal and what she did at two, you'd say she was a middle-distance horse physically and I don't see any reason why she shouldn't stay every inch of the mile. You can't knock Minding's form, it's top class, but so is ours. On ratings we're not the top horse in this race, so it's a bit crazy to say nothing but winning would do, but she's that type of horse and held in that sort of regard at home. We think of her as up there in our all-time top three.

three winners, The Last Lion didn't win by as far in the Brocklesby but conditions were terrible and I think Franny Norton was very impressed. He doesn't need soft by any means but he handles it. He'll probably go for the conditions race at Ascot on Sagaro Stakes day next.

Of the other juveniles who have run, **Accladora** (f Acclamation - Keladora) wasn't beaten far at Wolverhampton having taken on the winner from the start. She couldn't live with her in the end but she was racing hard all the way and it was encouraging she didn't flop away. There's not much of her and she'll probably have a break for two or three weeks before her next run.

**Camargue** (f Invincible Spirit - Chaquiras) and **Love Oasis** (f Oasis Dream - Pickle) ran promising races at Newmarket last week. Love Oasis was rushed a little bit to get there and will come on an awful lot. They're a promising pair.

**UNRACED JUVENILES**

**Apamurra** (f Lonhro - Alizes) is going well and is an early one and **Wheneverwecan** (f Power - Jallaissine) goes very well. **Masham Star** (c Lawman - Croisiere) could be our first six-furlong runner. He's going well but I can't imagine him going over five. **Yalta** (c Exceed And Excel - Lacity) might not be so early but goes very well, while the Rock Of Gibraltar - Muravka filly is an interesting one. She's a half-sister to The Wow Signal and a very nice filly. We're waiting for a name for her and she could run soon.

**Think So** (c So You Think - Mabalane) is a big, backward-looking horse, so is not one we'd been expected to be going, but he worked well last week. I still can't imagine him being out before the end of May but he's very nice. **Sofia's Rock** (Rock Of Gibraltar - Princess Sofia) is a full-brother to Prince Gibraltar and working well. He's a middle-distance horse.

**Frankuus** (c Frankel - Dookus) is an interesting one. He's our only Frankel and goes well. The owner has been a bit shocked he's galloping already but that's our policy and occasionally you see a middle-distance horse going well early and it's very exciting.

## TOMORROW

Godolphin's Charlie Appleby talks about his string

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	2,785	444	376	353	1,612	16		-628.00	-23%
Non-hcp 3yo	1,771	342	299	244	886	19		-162.67	-9%
Non-hcp 4yo+	319	55	40	57	167	17		-61.07	-19%
Hcp 2yo	839	107	95	106	531	13		-313.37	-37%
Hcp 3yo	4,838	743	565	532	2,998	15		-690.59	-14%
Hcp 4yo+	2,209	267	238	234	1,470	12		-355.21	-16%
Totals	12,761	1,958	1,613	1,526	7,664	15		-2210.91	-17%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Joe Fanning	748-4463	16.8	-765.00
S de Sousa	208-1129	18.4	-48.62
Franny Norton	138-987	14.0	-216.58
Royston French	94-778	12.1	-178.32
Kieren Fallon	35-225	15.6	-41.11
Frankie Dettori	29-170	17.1	-55.61
Adrian Nicholls	29-247	11.7	-30.95
Neil Callan	26-167	15.6	-26.96
Adam Kirby	23-92	25.0	+18.15
William Buick	17-94	18.1	-4.09
Paul Mulrennan	16-80	20.0	-7.97
Dane O'Neill	14-65	21.5	+10.75

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	97-350	27.7	-10.22
February	93-386	24.1	-29.88
March	136-587	23.2	-84.55
April	165-1076	15.4	-319.09
May	207-1447	14.3	-204.58
June	231-1701	13.6	-349.46
July	310-1861	16.7	-72.62
August	249-1700	14.6	-242.75
September	230-1634	14.1	-340.66
October	132-1358	9.7	-460.10
November	63-421	15.0	-88.36
December	45-242	18.6	-8.64

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	112-914	12.3	-213.36
Non-hcp 3yo	127-678	18.7	-88.86
Non-hcp 4yo+	18-80	22.5	-12.34
Hcp 3yo	72-393	18.3	-61.39
Hcp 4yo+	37-237	15.6	-57.21

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	212-525	40.4	-39.89
Non-hcp 3yo	149-358	41.6	-38.46
Non-hcp 4yo+	18-58	31.0	-13.22
Hcp 2yo	49-178	27.5	-27.40
Hcp 3yo	304-910	33.4	-44.83
Hcp 4yo+	92-346	26.6	-72.19

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	207-1008	20.5	33-163	55-210	4-21	13-96	66-356	36-162	-102.98
Lingfield (AW)	141-832	16.9	19-106	53-250	3-39	1-33	45-261	20-143	-241.93
Southwell (AW)	127-514	24.7	18-78	31-106	7-13	5-32	42-161	24-124	+33.38
Beverley	114-471	24.2	31-116	8-39	1-4	3-13	57-238	14-61	+50.10
Hamilton	112-468	23.9	29-92	24-94	1-4	5-25	40-178	13-75	+35.59
Kempton (AW)	94-713	13.2	12-120	17-104	4-26	9-61	39-284	13-118	-241.88
Musselburgh	77-430	17.9	20-99	12-37	2-5	2-11	33-198	8-80	-54.56
Catterick	68-297	22.9	18-72	13-48	2-6	10-51	18-85	7-35	+48.45
Goodwood	68-463	14.7	12-88	7-39	5-18	4-35	26-179	14-104	+135.37
Chester	64-405	15.8	12-63	5-27	0-6	4-27	28-190	15-92	-3.76
Newmarket (July)	58-393	14.8	8-84	5-34	4-9	3-29	32-190	6-47	+11.31
Newmarket	55-448	12.3	16-107	10-64	3-12	2-25	17-144	7-96	-20.09
Leicester	53-287	18.5	22-107	4-31	1-2	4-17	16-96	6-34	+9.57
Pontefract	50-395	12.7	10-82	13-77	0-5	1-30	20-139	6-62	-146.58
Ascot	50-552	9.1	7-92	9-45	1-2	1-12	21-236	11-142	-139.71
Haydock	49-480	10.2	8-113	5-47	0-7	0-23	28-195	8-95	-152.10
Ripon	47-357	13.2	9-70	10-70	2-9	1-9	21-143	4-56	-112.84
Newcastle	38-259	14.7	12-80	10-38	1-5	4-16	8-74	3-46	-93.93
Doncaster	38-381	10.0	13-91	4-50	3-13	1-16	16-115	1-66	-160.50
Redcar	34-262	13.0	10-93	9-33	0-3	1-14	12-92	2-27	-12.75
Ayr	34-326	10.4	15-115	3-11	1-3	2-33	11-118	2-46	-208.85
Sandown	33-295	11.2	13-69	3-20	0-13	0-7	15-147	2-39	-100.97
Thirsk	31-242	12.8	10-59	5-36	0-2	2-10	12-98	2-37	-43.85
York	31-470	6.6	12-116	0-24	0-15	1-43	13-150	5-122	-237.30
Epsom	29-263	11.0	8-42	1-20	0-4	1-11	12-110	7-76	-114.23
Bath	28-112	25.0	5-25	7-17	0-3	2-10	11-49	3-8	+19.98
Brighton	28-119	23.5	8-35	0-6	0-0	1-9	16-57	3-12	+43.03
Carlisle	28-173	16.2	7-46	2-14	0-3	3-7	13-70	3-33	-7.12
Newbury	27-196	13.8	12-62	0-15	2-9	3-13	6-66	4-31	-40.40
Chelmsford (AW)	25-152	16.4	5-32	5-23	2-7	3-14	6-47	4-29	-27.59
Yarmouth	24-205	11.7	5-62	1-16	0-1	4-19	10-79	4-28	-59.99
Nottingham	24-281	8.5	11-103	0-31	0-6	3-22	9-96	1-23	-147.56
Warwick	16-115	13.9	2-32	1-20	2-4	3-6	6-46	2-7	-22.02
Chepstow	15-77	19.5	2-21	5-17	1-1	0-3	5-26	2-9	-1.41
Windsor	11-116	9.5	1-13	2-19	1-7	2-13	5-48	0-16	-39.88
Ffos Las	10-56	17.9	2-11	1-6	0-1	1-3	1-20	5-15	-9.39
Lingfield	7-58	12.							

## STABLE TOUR CHARLIE APPLEBY

# Mood upbeat with fresh team ready to embrace new era

**G**ODOLPHIN employees are sporting some stylish new branded jackets this season, and after changes at the top of one of the world's great racing operations they will be hoping their new attire will herald the beginning of a new era.

John Ferguson spoke of returning Godolphin to the glory days as he took up his remodelled role at the head of the more streamlined organisation earlier this year, and Charlie Appleby got the ball rolling in the ideal fashion, sending out Secret Brief to win the Lincoln at Doncaster.

Speaking almost three years after replacing the disgraced Mahmood Al Zarooni, Appleby said the whole team was boosted by that victory on Town Moor.

"I'm delighted with the start to the season we have made and winning the Lincoln was a really nice way for the whole team to kick things off," he says. "Over the winter we've been able to assemble a nice, fresh team of horses and we've made a great start."

"Everyone understands their role and what they're going to be doing this season, so I'm feeling positive about our prospects for the rest of the year."

Part of that positivity comes from Ferguson's new job description, and Appleby adds: "John has been a great help to me and the whole team over these last few years."

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶ **Yard** Moulton Paddocks
- ▶ **Where** Newmarket
- ▶ **Started training** July 2013
- ▶ **Finest hour** Outstrip winning the 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, the trainer's first Group or Grade 1 win
- ▶ **Horses in yard** 130
- ▶ **Assistant trainers** Marie Murphy, James Ferguson, Alex Merriam
- ▶ **Jockey** William Buick

### Winners in Britain

2015	151
2014	102
2013	60
<b>Profit/loss to £1 stake</b>	
2015	-£152.93
2014	-£113.14
2013	-£17.07
<b>Prize-money 2015</b>	
£2,156,860	

"Having him more involved this year and in the future is only going to strengthen our operation. He's going to be more involved in the racehorses and I see that as a huge benefit to my stable."

**Mark Scully**

## OLDER HORSES

### Anglophile

Five-year-old gelding by Dubawi (sire) - out of Anna Palariva (dam)  
 Owner: Godolphin  
 Form figures: 1222-12  
 Racing Post Rating 106  
 Official rating 103

He was ultra-consistent on the all-weather and came second again in the marathon. He is having a small break now and

we'll look at Listed and open handicaps up to 2m over the summer.

### Baccarat

7g Dutch Art - Zut Alors  
 Godolphin  
 1840/16  
 RPR 106 OR 111

He's probably looking for firmer tracks than he had at Newmarket last week and, ideally, throughout the season he'll be targeted at Listed and Group 3 sprints.

### Endless Time

4f Sea The Starts - Mamonta  
 Godolphin  
 1/11911-  
 RPR 108 OR 107

She won a Listed race on her

final start last season and before that she beat the Leger winner Simple Verse. She's done nothing but improve throughout the winter and the aim for her is the Group 2 Lancashire Oaks in July.

### Gold Trail

5h Teofilo - Goldthroat  
 Godolphin  
 238614-  
 RPR 105 OR 101

He's one of a small number of five-year-olds and he's in good shape. We're looking at a 1m4f handicap at the Guineas meeting with him.

### Pretend

5g Invincible Spirit - Fafinta  
 Godolphin  
 1/81110-  
 RPR 91 OR 112

He has met with some setbacks but he shows a really nice level of ability. We are going to take our time with him but when he comes right he's a horse with plenty of promise over 5f and 6f.

### Rare Rhythm

4c Dubawi - Demisemiquaver  
 Godolphin  
 81/71-  
 RPR 101 OR 97

He is a promising colt by Dubawi who has won two out of four starts so far, most recently in a handicap at Newmarket last September. He has a liking for soft ground



and I think he has the potential to be a progressive mile and a half horse this season.

### Safety Check

5h Dubawi - Doors To Manual  
 Godolphin  
 1130-11  
 RPR 112 OR 116

He's set to run in the Hong Kong Champions Mile on May 1. He's come through his win in the Zabeel Mile in Dubai in great order and made good progress since. He'll most likely have a break after Hong Kong and depending on his performance there, we will look at Group races from 7f to 1m later in the season.

### Secret Brief

4g Shamardal - Discreet Brief  
 Godolphin  
 733-931  
 RPR 109 OR 104

We were thrilled with his win in the Lincoln. He's having a deserved break now but we're looking towards the Royal Hunt Cup with him. He won at Doncaster fairly well having only just come off the plane from Dubai, so it was an excellent performance.

### Space Age

4g New Approach - Historian  
 Godolphin  
 1/51125-  
 RPR 100 OR 96

He was my first Royal Ascot winner last year and we've gelded him now, which appears to have really helped him furnish mentally and he's developed really well. He was a bit of a free-running horse in the past but has settled down now and we'll go for handicaps

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**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Richard Birch**

**Lovell**  
He starts the campaign on an eminently workable mark of 85 and it will be a disappointment if he can't win a decent handicap or two before perhaps graduating to better things. I liked the way in which he knuckled down to win a 7f maiden at Thirsk last September and he is open to considerable improvement when stepped up to 1m2f. The form of his Sandown second to Stormy Antarctic was advertised last week in the Craven and I eagerly await his reappearance.

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**Charlie Appleby with his powerful string at his Newmarket base**

and I expect him to continue improving with age and over a bit further. Tomorrow's race at Sandown looks a competitive handicap but it's a good starting point and the step up in trip should suit.

**Mandrell**  
f Dubawi - Country Star  
Godolphin  
1-  
RPR 79 OR -  
She made a pleasing debut at Kempton in December and will be suited by a step up in trip. We don't have a specific target yet but we'd like to get her out towards the end of May.

**Rouleau**  
c Exceed And Excel - Rachelle  
Godolphin  
3215-26  
RPR 104 OR 105  
He was consistent at two. He ran in the Guineas in Dubai but our plan now is to drop him back in trip and keep him to 6f and 7f. He's having a freshen up after Dubai at the moment, so probably won't be seen until a little bit later in the season.

**Venturous**  
c Raven's Pass - Bold Desire  
Godolphin  
5116-  
RPR 93 OR 97  
He won back-to-back races at two and then ran sixth in the Middle Park. He looks to be one for the three-year-old sprinting division and will possibly kick off in the Guineas meeting in a handicap over 6f.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

We have a nice colt by Cape Cross out of a mare called Opinionated who was bought from Tattersalls for 60,000gns last year. He looks like being a nice, mid-summer horse who should show up in a good 7f maiden in time.

There's also a colt by Lonhro out of an American mare called Janetstickettocats, a nice Shamardal filly out of Mondalay and a nice filly by Dubawi out of Whazzis - she's from a nice, stout family that's provided some decent Godolphin horses down the years.

between 1m2f and 1m4f over the summer.

**Tryster**  
5g Shamardal - Min Alhawa  
Godolphin  
151-113  
RPR 117 OR 112  
He really excelled again over the winter and it was fantastic to see him adapt to the turf over in Dubai. The one thing going forward is to potentially review his running style; I expect he can't give away that much ground in Group 1s in Europe this year against top opposition. At the moment the horse is just coming back from Dubai and we will regroup with him when he gets back to the UK. I haven't nailed down a racing programme for him at the moment but we will be looking at possibilities both domestically and overseas. It really won't be decided until he is back and has had a good freshen-up.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Chess Master**  
c Shamardal - Cassandra Go  
Godolphin  
3-  
RPR 75 OR -  
We were very pleased with his maiden run at two and he's done nicely over the winter. We'd like to get him to break his maiden in the next month to six weeks as he's showing a nice level of ability. We'll start to make more significant plans once we get him up and running but we're quite optimistic about his prospects this season.

**City Chic**  
f Street Cry - Divine Dixie  
Godolphin  
71-  
RPR 80 OR 85  
A big scopey filly who will appreciate stepping up in trip in time. She's probably a touch behind some of our others at the moment, so she is probably a horse for a bit later in the summer.

**Comicas**  
c Distorted Humor - Abby's Angel  
Godolphin  
521-12  
RPR 95 OR 98  
He's another horse who was in Dubai, and he was the winner of the Meydan Classic Trial and then second in the Meydan Classic itself. He's returned from Dubai in great shape and we'll look to the Guineas meeting with him - there's a mile handicap that should be good for him.

**Culturati**  
3c Dubawi - Whazzis  
Godolphin  
2211-  
RPR 93 OR 94  
He is a winner of his last two

**DARK HORSE**

**GK Chesterton**  
3c Poet's Voice - Neptune's Bride  
Godolphin  
31-  
RPR 88 OR 89  
He was an impressive winner of his maiden at Redcar and has done well over the winter. I'm going to look at getting him out in the 0-95 race over 1m2f during the Guineas meeting. I'm very positive about his prospects and expect him to thrive at 1m2f to 1m4f.

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races and is a typical Dubawi. He shows natural pace and we're going to be looking at the sprinting division with him this summer.

**Hawkbill**  
c Kitten's Joy - Trensa  
Godolphin  
93111-  
RPR 96 OR 98  
He won his last three races and I'll be looking at 1m2f Listed races for three-year-olds for him, but there's nothing pencilled in at the moment.

**Lovell**  
c Dubawi - Cosmodrome  
Godolphin  
021-  
RPR 83 OR 85  
He broke his maiden last year

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**STABLE ANALYSIS 2013-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	543	105	82	77	279	19		-86.47	-16%
Non-hcp 3yo	293	53	56	50	134	18		-124.18	-42%
Non-hcp 4yo+	95	16	17	10	52	17		-25.00	-26%
Hcp 2yo	110	24	17	20	49	22		-28.38	-26%
Hcp 3yo	376	94	56	40	186	25		-1.12	0%
Hcp 4yo+	114	23	16	16	59	20		-17.15	-15%
Totals	1,531	315	244	213	759	21		-282.30	-18%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
William Buick	81-363	22.3	-68.69
Adam Kirby	63-213	29.6	+33.96
Mickael Barzalona	40-193	20.7	-34.10
Silvestre de Sousa	24-99	24.2	+25.08
Shane Gray	18-57	31.6	-7.90
Martin Lane	18-147	12.2	-53.01
Phillip Makin	14-40	35.0	+2.21
Kevin Stott	13-62	21.0	-20.26
James Doyle	10-73	13.7	-33.50
Cam Hardie	5-23	21.7	-3.59
James McDonald	4-16	25.0	+7.20
Ryan Moore	4-16	25.0	-7.90

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	17-49	34.7	+1.93
February	12-50	24.0	-18.98
March	19-43	44.2	+4.80
April	24-97	24.7	-9.90
May	23-134	17.2	-52.90
June	23-155	14.8	-35.90
July	25-159	15.7	-42.19
August	53-275	19.3	-50.25
September	47-264	17.8	-88.40
October	29-168	17.3	+3.82
November	25-77	32.5	+4.61
December	18-60	30.0	+1.06

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	18-187	9.6	-72.63
Non-hcp 3yo	22-111	19.8	-37.36
Non-hcp 4yo+	3-16	18.7	+4.00
Hcp 3yo	9-51	17.6	-25.97
Hcp 4yo+	5-27	18.5	-7.00

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	66-126	52.4	+16.78
Non-hcp 3yo	35-88	39.8	-17.03
Non-hcp 4yo+	8-26	30.8	-4.50
Hcp 2yo	15-41	36.6	-1.25
Hcp 3yo	45-135	33.3	-27.56
Hcp 4yo+	12-36	33.3	-4.23

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Kempton (AW)	58-227	25.6	28-111	6-37	1-3	5-19	17-46	1-11	+14.28
Wolverhampton (AW)	48-161	29.8	8-45	13-43	0-2	4-15	17-44	6-12	-40.96
Lingfield (AW)	44-141	31.2	5-28	14-45	7-15	2-8	11-25	5-20	+13.58
Newmarket	22-99	22.2	8-39	4-22	2-10	2-6	5-16	1-6	+36.94
Newmarket (July)	22-127	17.3	12-55	1-15	0-4	1-9	5-34	3-10	-25.73
Doncaster	14-75	18.7	6-28	1-8	0-7	1-4	4-20	2-8	-3.31
Chelmsford (AW)	12-54	22.2	1-8	3-9	2-4	1-8	4-20	1-5	-22.20
Pontefract	9-26	34.6	2-7	1-5	0-1	1-5	4-7	1-1	+0.31
Goodwood	8-50	16.0	2-16	1-6	2-8	1-3	2-14	0-3	+0.33
Windsor	7-31	22.6	0-2	3-10	0-2	0-1	3-12	1-4	-9.68
Sandown	7-41	17.1	4-13	0-7	0-5	1-2	2-13	0-1	-2.8
Haydock	7-58	12.1	4-32	1-6	0-4	0-0	2-13	0-3	-32.56
Ascot	7-68	10.3	2-11	1-12	0-9	1-2	2-23	1-11	-23.80
Leicester	6-42	14.3	5-21	0-4	0-1	0-5	1-10	0-1	-27.33
Redcar	5-22	22.7	3-12	0-3	0-1	0-0	2-5	0-1	-8.80
York	5-28	17.9	1-3	0-3	1-6	1-4	2-11	0-1	-0.13
Newbury	5-41	12.2	2-7	0-7	0-6	0-0	3-18	0-3	-9.25
Chester	3-14	21.4	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-2	2-5	0-2	-0.80
Beverley	3-15	20.0	1-11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	0-0	-5.76
Brighton	3-19	15.8	2-12	1-4	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	-4.44
Thirsk	3-19	15.8	2-10	0-4	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	-11.53
Lingfield	3-22	13.6	3-15	0-4	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	-11.14
Salisbury	3-24	12.5	0-9	0-3	0-2	1-2	1-6	1-2	-14.75
Nottingham	3-40	7.5	2-16	1-9	0-2	0-3	0-8	0-2	-31.13
Epsom	2-14	14.3	1-4	0-5	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	-2.00
Yarmouth	2-19	10.5	1-11	1-2	0-0	0-2	0-3	0-1	-16.50
Catterick	1-3	33.3	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+1.00
Southwell (AW)	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	-1.00
Ffos Las	1-8	12.5	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	-6.00
Bath	1-16	6.2	0-3	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-7	0-1	-13.13
Chepstow	0-1	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Ayr	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-2.00
Carlisle	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Warwick	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Hamilton	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Ripon	0-6	0.0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	-6.00
Newcastle	0-9	0.0	0-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-9.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 359 Total winning prize-money £3,185,266

**STAR QUALITY**

**Emotionless**  
3c Shamardal - Unbridled Elaine  
Godolphin  
117-  
RPR 117 OR 117  
I was delighted with the way he came through his gallop at Newmarket and I feel he's definitely developed both mentally and physically over the winter. I'm really happy with where he's at, and all roads point to the Guineas now. We just have to keep him ticking over between now and the race but we're thrilled with the way he's going.

## STABLE TOUR MARCO BOTTI

# Domestic Group 1 the dream for savvy operator

**T**HANKS mainly to the all-weather exploits of stable stalwart Grendisar, Marco Botti is off to his usual flying start. Now, though, Newmarket's second-most-famous Italian trainer faces the task of keeping up the good work into the summer after numbers dipped a bit last year.

Yet while a 2015 total of 54 winners in Britain was well down on the previous two years, domestic prize-money once again topped the million mark. "We did have fewer winners in England and we didn't have a Group winner but it wasn't a desperate season when you look at the prize-money," says Botti.

Moreover, the Group-race bogey has already been laid this year by Grendisar's victory in the Coral Winter Derby. The turf-hating six-year-old won't be seen again until the autumn, with Dundalk's Diamond Stakes a likely target. Hence his absence from this stable tour.

Few stables are as internationally savvy as Prestige Place, which has already had winners over the winter in Qatar and Dubai, where stable star Euro Charline's haul was nearly £850,000 for two second places. "We've a lot of international owners and we've always done well in America and Dubai, but it would be amazing to win a Group 1 in England," says the trainer.

The extremities of the Flat turf season have traditionally been the optimum time to catch Botti, as witnessed by a 24 per cent strike-rate last April. October is usually even better, with double figures for each of the last three seasons.

Nicholas Godfrey

## STABLE PROFILE

► **Yard** Prestige Place

► **Where** Newmarket

► **Started training** 2006

► **Finest hour** Excelebration winning Prix du Moulin de Longchamp

► **Horses in yard** 100

► **Assistant trainer** Karen Parris

► **Barn leaders** Alberto Baragiola, Mario Gussago, Alvaro Soto-Loring

► **Secretary** Aimee Righton (racing), Nicki Rutter (accounts)

► **Jockeys** The best available

► **Apprentice** Daniel Muscatt

► **Website** [marcobotti.co.uk](http://marcobotti.co.uk)

### Winners in Britain

2015	54
2014	80
2013	89
2012	52

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£157.23
2014	-£123.78
2013	-£89.90
2012	-£105.30

### Prize-money 2015

£1,095,611

## OLDER HORSES

### Azraff

Four-year-old gelding  
Paco Boy (sire) - Gee Kel (dam)  
Owner: Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar

Form figures: 7464-02  
Racing Post Rating 103; Official rating 95

Effective over 1m to 1m2f. Last year we started in a Kempton conditions race and finished second so he went up quite a few pounds and because he is consistent the handicapper is unlikely to drop him. He hated the ground when it was testing at Doncaster on his return but he ran well at Chelmsford in the Spring Cup, where the mile might even have been a bit sharp for him. Royal Ascot could be the main target.

### Brandybend

4f Galileo - Elusive Wave  
A J Suited Partnership  
15834-2

RPR 104 OR 99  
Nice, well-bred filly. Placed at Newmarket last year to get some black type, and I was pleased with her first run this year to finish second at Saint-Cloud. She should come on for that and there's a Listed race for older fillies at Ayr on May 18 over 1m2f. She should keep improving and might even stay a little bit further.

### Crazy Chic

5g Exceed And Excel - Martines  
Scuderia Vittadini Srl  
1955-21

RPR 102 (AW) 86 OR 97  
Solid older horse. Been quite consistent through the winter on the AW so his rating's gone



CHRIS BOURCHIER

**Marco Botti: already on the Group-race scoresheet this year courtesy of Grendisar**

up to 97; I still think he'd run well on turf as well but he doesn't want the ground too quick.

### Dylan Mouth

5h Dylan Thomas - Cottonmouth  
Scuderia Effevi SRL  
117121-  
RPR 116 OR 116

A gorgeous horse, he was right at the top in Italy where he won the Italian Derby as a three-year-old and then Group 1s. He came to us in December, originally with the idea of running in Dubai but I

just thought he needed a little more time to acclimatise and I'm really pleased with the way he is coming along now. He's working well but the problem is that he has to carry a penalty for his Group 1 wins so I'm not sure where we'll start him off - possibilities are the Brigadier Gerard, Coronation Cup or perhaps the Gran Premio di Milano. Both times he came over to Ascot for my brother Stefano he was too gassy, too free, and he just needs to settle a little. Doesn't seem to have any ground preference - he's won on fast ground and good to soft so he's quite adaptable. The owner would like him to run in the Melbourne Cup - he has the rating to guarantee a start so that could be a long-term target.

## STAR QUALITY

### Euro Charline

5m Myboycharlie - Eurolink  
Artemis  
Team Valor  
4245-22  
RPR 115 OR 113

No doubt she's the best filly I've trained so far - she is so tough, as tough as the colts, and she really deserves to win another Group 1. Our main target will probably be the Breeders' Cup later in the season so we'll work back from that with a nice break in the summer. Last year was frustrating as nothing really went right for her - she didn't go in the stalls at Royal Ascot and then she was a bit unlucky in the Falmouth and ended up running on soft ground in America when she went back to the Beverly D, which she won in 2014. But I was very pleased with her in Dubai - she ran well in the Balanchine and then a huge race in the Dubai Turf where she was just second to the Japanese horse [Real Steel]. She's come back in great form and she's entered in the Lockinge, although she doesn't want the ground too soft. After that there's a Grade 1 for her at Belmont [Just A Game] on the Belmont Stakes card on June 11.



### Kyllachy Queen

4f Kyllachy - Queen Sensazione  
Scuderia Blueberry SRL  
71242-1  
RPR 102 OR 102

Dual Listed winner in Italy who did well to win the Snowdrop Stakes at Kempton two weeks ago - she hit a little bit of a flat spot but then picked up and finished strongly beating a nice filly [Volunteer Point] who had first run. The plan is to go for the Dahlia Stakes over 1m1f and then there's a race at Belmont in June [Grade 2 New York Stakes]. I think she'll

## STABLE STAT

In the last five seasons Marco Botti is 19-88 in nurseries, but this improves to 13-51 (26%) with handicap debutants over 1m or shorter (+£26.17 to £1 level stakes).

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like the tight tracks in America and she's got a good turn of foot. She handled a bit of cut in Italy but she's a good mover so I don't think ground is any issue.

**Naadirr**

5g Oasis Dream - Beach Bunny  
 Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum  
 425-420  
 RPR 114 OR 109  
 Things didn't fall his way in Dubai - he ran well first time over 5f as really he's a 6f horse, and then he was unlucky to get beaten in a 6f handicap. We had an option for World Cup night so he ended up running over 5f [Al Quoz Sprint] but they were too quick for him there; it was very fast and he was taken off his feet. He's just having a short break now to freshen him up. Maybe we'll start in a Listed race as he doesn't carry any penalties. Wants fast ground.

**Sound Of Freedom**

4f Duke Of Marmalade - Paint In Green  
 Scuderia Effevi SRL  
 12632-6  
 RPR 107  
 Her form in Italy was quite good - she was second in the Italian Derby, ran well in the Prix de Diane and a Group 1 in October - but I was disappointed with her run the other day at Chelmsford. I don't think it was my best decision to run her over 1m6f when she was switching to AW - she didn't really enjoy it. She jumped out and was a bit keen; everything went against her so we'll put a line through that. I'm sure she's capable of better things and I have a Listed race at Nottingham in mind over 1m2f at the beginning of June.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

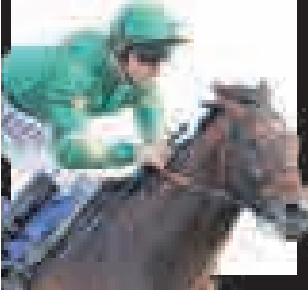
**Aljazzi**

f Shamardal - Nouriya  
 Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar  
 1-4  
 RPR 87  
 Plenty of class and ability but has taken time to come to hand - her coat isn't shiny yet and I'm sure she'll improve with a bit of sun on her back. She ran a good race at Chelmsford because it didn't really pan out for her as she was carried wide a little bit. She wants a step up in trip, definitely wants a mile. We'll see how she trains in the next week or so and I'll need to sit down with the owner, but the English Guineas might just come too soon for her and the French Guineas just gives us a little more time. But we're

**DARK HORSE**

**Mr Khalid**

c Pour Moi - Island Dreams  
 Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar  
 31-  
 RPR 86 OR 85  
 Looking forward to seeing him back in action. Likes a bit of cut and won a backend maiden easily on testing ground. Laidback character who doesn't do that much at home but he's done tremendously well over the winter and developed into a nice three-year-old. Rated 85, he was entered at Sandown [today] but we decided to wait another week or so. He might run at the Guineas meeting. He stays well and I think he should progress - he's quite an exciting horse and we've given him some fancy entries. He'd need to improve but he's still unexposed.



not ruling out Newmarket because her race hasn't taken a lot out of her. She'll get 1m2f later.

**Dhahmaan**

c Kodiak - Heroine Chic  
 HH Sheikh Nader Mohamed Al Khalifa  
 1121-  
 RPR 102 OR 102  
 Won three out of four last year including a Listed race at Doncaster and could be an exciting sprinter. Training well and has done really well over the winter. Looks a much stronger horse now and is so genuine. He will start in the Pavilion Stakes at Ascot next Wednesday. The Commonwealth Cup would be an idea but I'd be worried about fast ground.

**Dream Mover**

c Dream Ahead - Maramba  
 Team Valor  
 410-21  
 RPR 87 (AW) 80 OR 86  
 Came from the breeze-ups last year and we thought he'd be a

black-type horse after he won his second start at Nottingham but he was disappointing in the Acomb Stakes. The jockey said he made a noise that day so he's had a wind op and we ran him on the AW just to see how he's taken the surgery and he won at Wolverhampton. It was a tight finish but I thought he won well and the form is working out. He's a nice mover and I hope there's more to come from him. I have a race in mind for him at Doncaster next week.

**Knife Edge**

c Zoffany - Attalea  
 Magnier/Tabor/Smith  
 14-32  
 RPR 103 (AW) 92 OR 100  
 Ran a good race in the Greenham under unusual conditions at Chelmsford - he was only just beaten and the winner [Tasleet] is quite a good horse. There aren't many options so early in the season so we entered him there but obviously we weren't expecting the race to be switched to AW, but it was welcome for us because he's quite a big horse and I'm not sure he would have handled very testing ground at Newbury. He'd improved since his Kempton run and Ryan Moore said he wants an extra furlong so we're on target for the German Guineas - we've done well there in the past. Our Guineas would be too much but he's capable.

**Misty Lord**

c Lilbourne Lad - Misty Light  
 Fabfive  
 1  
 RPR 71 (AW)  
 Quite a good-looking horse who won his only race at Wolverhampton in January but came back sore behind. He probably pulled a muscle so we had to give him time but he's now back in full exercise and looks an interesting horse who starts on a good mark. Although he's out of a Galileo mare he's quite a leggy horse and looks a miler to me.

**Rasasee**

c Rip Van Winkle - Gleaming Silver  
 Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum  
 3-33  
 RPR 74  
 Had some niggling problems last year but has got over them with time and now looks fully matured. Time will tell but I thought the form of the Chelmsford maiden in which he finished third at the weekend might turn out to be quite good. He wants further as well, needs a step up to 1m4f with maybe a little give in the ground. If he starts with a reasonable mark he should find his races; there's a bit more to come.

**Semra**

f Candy Ride - Smara  
 Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum  
 212  
 RPR 76 (AW) OR 75  
 Well-bred filly who won an early-season maiden and then was probably a bit unlucky to get beaten at Chelmsford. So far she's only run on the AW and as she's by an American sire she handles the surface well but I can't see why she

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**James Hill**

**Kyllachy Queen**

Marco Botti has done well with his recruits from the continent, with the likes of Tac De Boistron, Seismos and De Rigueur landing nice prizes, and he could have another money-spinner on his hands with Kyllachy Queen. A dual Listed winner in Italy, she has shown up well in two starts for Botti on the all-weather, including winning at Kempton last time. She's clearly got a turn of foot and it'll be interesting to see how she gets on against the top fillies at home and abroad.

wouldn't handle the turf as well, although she probably wouldn't want soft ground. Quite a strong filly, she's open to improvement and probably wants 7f/1m.

**Wild Hacked**

c Lemon Drop Kid - Dance Pass  
 Khalid Bin Ali A Khalifa  
 23-  
 RPR 82  
 First time out last year at Doncaster he got beaten by a Gosden horse [Royal Artillery] and they finished well clear of the third. Then we took him to Kempton because we thought it was an easy option and he got beaten, though not by much; I think he's better on the grass anyway. Should have a bright future - and should get a bit more than a mile in the end.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

We've got four or five who should be ready in the next couple of weeks - we never really push them to run before the beginning of May. Obviously it would be nice to see if one of them is good enough for Royal Ascot.

**Al Hamdany** (Kodiak - Easy Times) is quite forward, showing ability and has the speed to run over 5f. We like him - he's coming to hand nicely and has a great attitude.

**Driver's Girl** (Candy Ride - Sharbat) is working well, showing speed and looks like a two-year-old who is ready to go, but with her American pedigree I don't think she'll like the soft ground.

**Dutch Quality** (Dutch Art - Miss Quality) has done a couple of nice bits of work.

He's exciting but although he's showing speed, his Pour Moi half-brother won over 1m2f last week at Leicester so he might want a bit further than 5f/6f.

**Magical Forest** (Casamento - Hurry Home Hyde) is a filly who is coming to hand and definitely has speed.

One for later on is **Mabrook** (Dubawi - Mahbooba), a gorgeous horse with a great temperament. He's showing plenty of ability and could be exciting but it will probably be midsummer before we run him. We like him a lot.

**MONDAY**  
**Roger Varian**  
 with the latest on his top team



**STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	778	102	110	122	444	13		-96.76	-32%
Non-hcp 3yo	722	104	104	103	411	14		-138.58	-19%
Non-hcp 4yo+	326	57	54	43	172	18		-75.24	-23%
Hcp 2yo	118	23	17	17	61	20		+1.67	+1%
Hcp 3yo	890	126	127	108	529	14		-50.69	-6%
Hcp 4yo+	614	65	83	71	395	11		-160.25	-26%
Totals	3,448	477	495	464	2,012	14		-519.85	-15%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Martin Harley	85-481	17.7	-92.72
Adam Kirby	79-409	19.3	-61.50
Andrea Atzeni	67-468	14.3	-34.83
Luke Morris	19-162	11.7	-72.39
J F Egan	15-95	15.8	+53.90
Daniel Muscutt	15-118	12.7	-26.48
Jimmy Quinn	12-94	12.8	-36.00
Marc Monaghan	12-154	7.8	-71.45
Seb Sanders	11-64	17.2	+10.77
Neil Callan	11-78	14.1	+8.00
Silvestre de Sousa	9-37	24.3	+8.25
Darryll Holland	9-42	21.4	+17.33

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	41-171	24.0	+46.19
February	34-178	19.1	-34.59
March	30-193	15.5	-49.98
April	48-329	14.6	-75.63
May	25-373	6.7	-189.32
June	41-374	11.0	-69.18
July	46-328	14.0	-70.97
August	43-347	12.4	-77.17
September	38-345	11.0	-4.55
October	60-350	17.1	+53.64
November	35-243	14.4	-21.13
December	36-217	16.6	-27.16

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	21-261	8.0	-57.85
Non-hcp 3yo	44-247	17.8	+57.45
Non-hcp 4yo+	16-66	24.2	-6.83
Hcp 3yo	21-99	21.2	+17.74
Hcp 4yo+	6-104	5.8	-72.84

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	31-103	30.1	-25.71
Non-hcp 3yo	45-106	42.5	-3.19
Non-hcp 4yo+	23-52	44.2	+1.52
Hcp 2yo	7-26	26.9	-7.83
Hcp 3yo	37-149	24.8	-37.06
Hcp 4yo+	24-115	20.9	-34.58

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	122-642	19.0	24-163	35-150	7-34	8-38	30-150	18-107	+20.20
Kempton (AW)	88-593	14.8	17-152	18-99	12-55	6-26	20-171	15-90	-23.69
Lingfield (AW)	52-393	13.2	8-63	12-91	13-55	0-11	11-91	8-82	-82.79
Yarmouth	23-153	15.0	8-40	4-26	0-3	0-4	11-61	0-19	-17.63
Doncaster	20-162	12.3	6-34	4-32	2-17	0-1	6-46	2-32	-37.46
Chelmsford (AW)	18-137	13.1	5-29	2-24	4-12	1-7	3-35	3-30	-23.43
Nottingham	15-109	13.8	4-38	2-26	1-4	2-6	6-31	0-4	-15.73
Ascot	14-110	12.7	2-9	2-20	5-28	0-1	1-23	4-29	+8.75
Newmarket (July)	12-135	8.9	2-37	1-21	0-9	3-5	4-34	2-29	-36.72
Windsor	11-74	14.9	0-7	1-14	2-8	1-2	7-26	0-17	-31.85
Southwell (AW)	10-52	19.2	1-11	4-13	1-2	1-2	3-12	0-12	-10.81
Haydock	9-87	10.3	1-20	1-17	0-10	0-0	1-24	6-16	-19.60
Newmarket	8-122	6.6	4-31	1-33	0-11	0-2	3-23	0-22	-62.50
Lingfield	7-48	14.6	3-19	1-11	0-5	0-1	2-11	1-1	+2.75
Sandown	7-58	12.1	1-11	1-11	1-7	0-0	3-18	1-11	+13.57
Leicester	7-68	10.3	0-21	1-14	0-3	0-3	5-22	1-5	-28.35
Newbury	7-78	9.0	3-12	1-30	2-12	0-0	1-10	0-14	-37.75
Chester	6-47	12.8	1-5	1-4	3-9	0-0	0-8	1-21	-10.55
York	6-55	10.9	1-6	2-9	2-10	0-0	0-15	1-15	-22.00
Redcar	5-37	13.5	2-9	1-11	0-1	0-0	2-13	0-3	-18.38
Pontefract	5-39	12.8	2-7	1-8	1-4	0-1	1-10	0-9	-18.50
Beverley	4-14	28.6	1-5	1-3	0-1	0-0	2-5	0-0	+40.50
Newcastle	4-37	10.8	1-7	1-10	0-1	1-3	1-3	0-13	-23.50
Goodwood	4-41	9.8	1-6	1-8	0-12	0-2	1-8	1-5	-7.63
Thirsk	3-17	17.6	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-7	1-5	+0.00
Salisbury	3-33	9.1	0-5	2-11	0-5	0-2	1-10	0-0	-20.25
Ripon	2-13	15.4	0-1	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-5	-9.00
Epsom	2-27	7.4	1-8	0-4	1-3	0-0	0-5	0-7	-6.00
Catterick	1-2	50.0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+1.50
Bath	1-15	6.7	1-4	0-7	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	-8.00
Hamilton	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Carlisle	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Musselburgh	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	-3.00
Ayr	0-4	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	-4.00
Brighton	0-10	0.0	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-5	0-2	-10.00
Warwick	0-19	0.0	0-5	0-6	0-3	0-0	0-3	0-2	-19.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 589. Total winning prize-money £3,704,487.06

**Knife Edge: Greenham runner-up heading for the German Guineas**



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## STABLE TOUR ROGER VARIAN

IT'S not just spring that puts a spring in the step of Roger Varian, it's the prospects for the rest of the year too. The youthful master of historic Kremlin House has already exceeded every prize-money parameter of his brief career through the Sheema Classic success of stable star Postponed, and April's not yet out. Varian, a calm, understated fellow, is more than happy to let his horses do the talking for him.

"We have a good balance of horses this season – we've got some very solid older horses, some improving, unexposed three-year-olds, and plenty of nice ones yet to come out. I think we'll get stronger as the year goes on."

Postponed may be the flagship but there is a flotilla of potential top-graders in his wake, including the Royal Ascot-bound Intilaaq ("a very smart horse") and Belardo ("the ability is still there"). All the spots are covered, from sprinters Double Up and Maljaa to Gold Cup prospect Steve Rogers, and those who follow the yard will know to look at maidens and high-end handicaps for the meat and potatoes and Group 1s and 2s for the champagne and caviar. Varian reached a century for the first time last year and has the wherewithal to set new standards on all fronts during this campaign.

"The team has worked hard all winter," he says. "While people say that you're only as good as your horses, you're also only as good as your team, and we've got a great team here. There's a lot to be optimistic about – exciting times."

Steve Dennis

## OLDER HORSES

## Battersea

Five-year-old horse Galileo (sire) - Gino's Spirits (dam)  
Owner: HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah  
Form figures: 0/882-14  
Racing Post Rating: 106; Official rating: 98

A good horse but it just didn't happen for him last season – it was a wet summer and he loves fast ground, that's the key to him, so hopefully the weather will go his way this time. At the moment he's a 1m4f handicapper but I think given ideal conditions he could be a Pattern horse in time – he's a half-brother to Grade 1

# Strong charge on all fronts led by Postponed

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Kremlin House Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Newmarket
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2011
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** "Winning my first Classic with Kingston Hill in the 2014 St Leger and also Postponed's victory in the Dubai Sheema Classic"
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 199
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Will Johnson
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Andrea Atzeni, Harry Bentley, Jack Mitchell, Cameron Noble (apprentice), David Egan (apprentice)
- ▶▶ **Website** varianstable.com

## Winners in Britain

2015	100
2014	78
2013	89
2012	72

## Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£21.60
2014	-£80.70
2013	+£19.63
2012	-£55.48

## Prize-money 2015

£1,541,465

winner Gitano Hernando – and considering that he's run twice and won twice at Ascot, the Duke of Edinburgh Handicap is probably the right race for him in the first half of the year.

## Belardo

4c Lope De Vega - Danaskaya  
Godolphin & Prince AA Faisal  
7832-14  
RPR 119 OR 117

Didn't have the year we'd hoped for as a three-year-old, up and down in trip and always on the go, but he finished off the campaign very strongly and managed to salvage things a little. His form behind Solow at Ascot was as good as when he won the Dewhurst, so we saw that the ability was still

there. I think you'd simply have to put a line through his Sandown run last Friday – it was a disappointing result, but I think he ran with great credit in making up so much ground through the second half of the race on soft going. The plan is still the Lockinge Stakes, and after that I'd hope he can stay at the top level all year – Queen Anne, Sussex, Marois, Moulin, all those big races at a mile.

## Double Up

5g Exceed And Excel - My Love  
Thomas  
AD Spence & MB Spence  
113125-  
RPR 111 OR 107

Was a really impressive, really progressive horse last

season. He went up 29lb and I hope he's still on the upgrade because I see him as a Group-class sprinter. He'll start off in a Listed race over 5f at Haydock next month and I've put him in the King's Stand Stakes, and although he has a little bit to do to put himself in contention for that, I do think he could campaign at the top level over 5f if things go his way this season. He could go back over 6f later on too.

## Intilaaq

4c Dynaformer - Torrestrella  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
3/1011-8

RPR 122 OR 117

Down the field in the Dubai Turf on his reappearance but he ran quite well. I wasn't that disappointed with him because he'd only had five runs before that and was still a bit babyish; the race might have caught him out a bit. I won't judge him on that and he's a very smart horse who'll be at his best on fast ground over 1m2f, and it's not beyond the realms of possibility that he'll stay 1m4f. He'll go for the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown next month and then hopefully on to Royal Ascot for the Prince of Wales's Stakes.

## Lady Of Dubai

4f Dubawi - Lady Of Everest  
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum  
2/13604-  
RPR 111 OR 109

Has done very well over the



Roger Varian: has a range of talent from sprinters Double Up and Maljaa to middle-distance star Postponed

## DARK HORSE

## UAE Prince

3c Sea The Stars - By Request  
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum  
-3

One of three very nice three-year-old colts alongside Choreographer and New World Power, I like them all. Was working well before Leicester and the experience in what I think was quite a decent maiden will have done him good. He'll improve, is highly promising and I'll find another maiden to continue his education.

winter and through the spring and looks a picture, I'm very happy with her. She was third in the Oaks last year but 1m2f on a sound surface is probably ideal for her and she'll start off at York in the Group 2 Middleton Stakes. She wouldn't want over-racing – she'll need a bit of time between her races – and although there are a lot of nice older fillies in training this year I see her staying against her own sex, not taking on colts.

## Maljaa

4g Paco Boy - Kerry's Dream  
Hamdan Al Maktoum  
221112-  
RPR 112 OR 107

There's only a shallow programme for 5f horses in the first half of the year, so he's not ready to go just yet. I might well put him in the Dash at Epsom but the hope is that he'll evolve into a Group-class sprinter this season. He wants a fast 5f – Epsom, Goodwood, maybe something like the King George Stakes at the Glorious meeting would suit him,

## STABLE STAT

Roger Varian's 3yos are worth following at Windsor in June, July and August – in the last three seasons the trainer is 10/26 (39%) with his 3yos during these months, for a £1 level-stake profit of £14.47

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**STAR QUALITY**

**Postponed**

5h Dubawi - Ever Rigg  
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

3311-11  
RPR 125 OR 121

A very good horse and I was delighted with how he performed in his two races in Dubai. He has come out of the Sheema Classic very well and will now go for the Coronation Cup on Derby day, with the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes as his main midsummer target. He might go straight to Ascot from Epsom, although Andrea [Atzeni] thinks it might be worth giving him a try at 1m2f and I think he could handle it, especially on fast ground. Maybe the Eclipse, then, but I'll wait and see. Obviously the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is an option at the end of the year, but soft ground doesn't suit him and the last two Arcs have been run on quite quick ground, so we could be due a heavy-ground Arc and that wouldn't be his cup of tea.

because I don't see him as a 6f horse. The dream would be the Prix de l'Abbaye; he'll go on any ground.

**Mount Logan**

5h New Approach - Vistaria  
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

0/84312-  
RPR 114 OR 110

Has been training well this spring and did well for Luca Cumani last year, but off a mark of 110 he might find things tough in the big handicaps, so I think he'll go down the Listed route to see if he can be competitive at that level. There's the Buckhounds Stakes over 1m4f at Ascot next month, and if he wins it or runs well I might think about the Hardwicke Stakes at the royal meeting. He wouldn't want soft ground.

**Realtra**

4f Dark Angel - Devious Diva  
Yasushi Kubota

350115-  
RPR 111 OR 109

A nice filly who I thought was unlucky in the Sun Chariot last season - she didn't get a clear run and I thought she was third-best on the day. I see Group 1 potential in her, she goes on any ground and a mile is probably as far as she wants to go. She'll likely start off in the Group 2 Duke of Cambridge Stakes at Royal Ascot and I'll see where that takes her.

**Spangled**

4f Starspangledbanner - Zykina  
Cheveley Park Stud

71147-  
RPR 101 OR 97

A very big filly, has been working very well at home and is sure to improve on what she showed last season, when she turned in a strong performance at Newmarket before missing the break and missing her chance at York. There's a fillies' handicap for her at Ascot

next month but I really hope she can make the jump to Pattern company, I see her as a potential stakes filly over 7f or a mile.

**Steps**

8g Verglas - Killinallan  
Michael Hill

001180-  
RPR 118 OR 113

Has been around for a long time but keeps producing the goods - last year he won the Portland and his first Group 3 race within a week. He'll have a similar campaign this season, Group races and big sprint handicaps, and might kick off in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket. He often needs his first outing and that might set him up nicely for the Temple Stakes at Haydock - he does need cut in the ground to give his best.

**Steve Rogers**

5g Montjeu - Three Owls  
Nurlan Bizakov

51319-1  
RPR 98 OR 94

I love this horse. He's a real stable favourite, he's tough, he's genuine and he's improving nicely. He was a trainer's dream last year, won five times but never by very far. I know he's five but he's still lightly raced, has a progressive profile and will go next for the Chester Cup, where we'll keep our fingers crossed about the draw. I've got the Gold Cup on my mind for him - of course he has a little way to go to justify his entry but I have every faith he'll develop into a proper Cup horse this season.

**White Lake**

4g Pivotal - White Palace  
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

14/735-6  
RPR 105 OR 103

Has been working very well and had quite a lofty reputation last year, but he isn't the most straightforward horse, there's a slight edge to his character, so if I can steer his energies in the right direction, find the key to his brain, I might be able to unlock quite a decent racehorse. He didn't run to my expectations at Leicester, although it wasn't disastrous, not a bad run, he had no room to quicken when he was ready. We're still learning about this talented individual. He might go back over a mile.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Aljulalah**

f Exchange Rate - Ruler's Charm  
Salem Rashid

19-  
RPR 89 OR -

Has been working well this spring - if it hadn't been for a slight setback over the winter she'd have been ready for a Guineas trial, but instead I'll send her to York for the Listed Michael Seely conditions race next month. She'll certainly stay a mile, wants fast ground and could be a very good filly - I've put her in the Coronation Stakes as well.

**Choreographer**

c Sea The Stars - Evensong  
China Horse Club

Unraced

I'm looking forward to seeing him on a racecourse - he starts

off in a 1m2f maiden at Windsor [this evening] and he is potentially a very nice colt.

**Dawn Of Hope**

f Mastercraftsman - Sweet Firebird  
Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar

316-  
RPR 86 OR 90

I do like this filly. She's in the Oaks but she ran a bit free in the Fillies' Mile on her final start last season and I don't want to send her over 1m2f first time up as she might over-race. She'll run in a conditions race over a mile at Ascot on Wednesday and then, if all goes well, I'll find an Oaks trial for her. She'll stay 1m4f but certainly doesn't lack for pace.

**Ennaadd**

c King's Best - Zayn Zen  
Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

421-11  
RPR 105 OR 106

A very nice horse who is progressing well, an impressive individual who has the potential to stay 1m4f, although his only forward entry is in the St James's Palace Stakes. Fast ground will be quite important to him and he'll step up in grade now, he'll go for the Listed Heron Stakes over a mile at Sandown next month.

**Fourth Way**

f Ifrraj - Spiritual Air  
Qatar Racing Limited

213-8  
RPR 94 OR 93

Didn't run a bad race in the Nell Gwyn despite finishing down the field, but she needs a mile at least - Oisín [Murphy] thinks she'll stay 1m2f - and she should have plenty to offer off a mark of 93. I'm thinking about the Sandringham Handicap at Royal Ascot and she could go straight there.

**Haalick**

c Roderic O'Connor - Lucky Pipit  
Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

126-13  
RPR 103 OR 101

Was unlucky at Lingfield on Good Friday - was short of room, and I think he can certainly be competitive off his mark. I think he'll be seen to best effect off a fast pace so he can use his turn of foot - he'll stay a mile but he's not short of pace - and there's a valuable three-year-old handicap at Goodwood next month that might suit him. The Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot is a possibility.

**Mutawaaly**

c Cape Cross - Sana Abel  
Hamdan Al Maktoum

1-5  
RPR 85 OR 85

A nice colt out of a half-sister to Eswarah who was found out a bit by the soft ground at the Craven meeting - he wants top of the ground and



**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Ben Hutton**

**Spangled**

It was a bit disappointing that Spangled could not do better at York then Newmarket on her last couple of starts as a three-year-old, but she remains lightly raced and this sizeable filly can come into her own this season. She showed plenty of promise when making a winning handicap debut at Newmarket in July - form that has worked out really well - and she can follow the likes of Ambivalent and Talmada in being another filly from the stable who improves from three to four.

I'll be disappointed if he doesn't show himself to be a progressive sort when he gets the right conditions. He'll stay in handicaps in the short term and then hopefully move out of them, maybe he'll be ready to step up around Royal Ascot time. I like him.

**New World Power**

c Deep Impact - Listen  
Qatar Racing Limited

Unraced

Impeccably bred, out of a Group 1 winner and brother to a Grade 2 winner in Japan, and I like him. He's still in the Derby and will be out in a couple of weeks' time, starting off over 1m2f.

**Nezwaah**

f Dubawi - Ferdoos  
Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

11  
RPR 86 OR 83

Has been working very well and won well in both starts on the all-weather - I like her. She's a relaxed type and is ready for something a bit better now - her dam stayed 1m4f very well and I'll run her in an Oaks trial in the next few weeks.

**Sharja Queen**

f Pivotal - Dubai Queen  
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

21-  
RPR 80 OR -

Will be our 1,000 Guineas runner - I didn't think the sharp 7f at Chelmsford would be her bag, so I took her out of the Fred Darling, but she won't be out of place in the Classic. Her dam's a half-sister to Dubawi and she's a nice filly, will stay the stiff mile at Newmarket and has the potential to get 1m2f, and although she won on heavy ground at Ffos Las she doesn't need it like that, she'll go on most ground.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

A few names to keep an eye out for over the coming weeks:

**Asaas** (c Distorted Humor-Affectionately), **Horroob** (c Showcasing-Funny Enough), **Jumira Prince** (c Exceed And Excel-Aoife Alainn), **Playing Trix** (f War Front-Time Control, so a half-sister to Group 1 winner Cursory Glance) and **Tundra** (f Bated Breath-Tanouma).

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2011-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	459	75	79	60	245	16		-123.79	-27%
Non-hcp 3yo	548	120	78	76	274	22		+13.54	+2%
Non-hcp 4yo+	192	36	25	25	106	19		-16.75	-9%
Hcp 2yo	46	8	6	6	26	17		+2.66	+6%
Hcp 3yo	572	126	98	77	271	22		+71.82	+13%
Hcp 4yo+	266	43	36	39	148	16		-45.65	-17%
Totals	2,083	408	322	283	1,070	20		-98.17	-5%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Andrea Atzeni	104-520	20.0	-14.38
Neil Callan	56-342	16.4	+14.47
Jack Mitchell	38-178	21.3	+20.48
Paul Hanagan	36-154	23.4	-17.01
Frederik Tylicki	21-128	16.4	-37.01
Dane O'Neill	19-98	19.4	+8.89
Graham Lee	15-62	24.2	-4.88
William Buick	14-61	23.0	-12.52
Jamie Spencer	11-42	26.2	+1.08
Ryan Moore	9-28	32.1	+7.50
Jim Crowley	9-36	25.0	-0.92
James Doyle	7-27	25.9	-1.14

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	21-187	11.2	-86.29
Non-hcp 3yo	38-208	18.3	-4.50
Non-hcp 4yo+	13-51	25.5	-14.51
Hcp 3yo	14-66	21.2	+4.91
Hcp 4yo+	12-58	20.7	-7.45

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	39-129	30.2	5-28	15-40	3-5	2-4	9-38	5-14	+37.94
Haydock	32-120	26.7	7-24	8-27	5-18	0-2	10-38	2-11	+30.31
Doncaster	29-115	25.2	4-26	9-35	5-9	0-2	7-18	4-25	+57.40
Kempton (AW)	29-183	15.8	9-59	8-40	2-8	2-13	5-40	3-23	-48.90
Lingfield (AW)	26-142	18.3	4-32	7-49	2-11	1-1	9-31	3-18	-35.18
Windsor	22-82	26.8	2-12	8-30	2-5	0-0	9-26	1-9	+17.90
Yarmouth	18-67	26.9	6-24	1-7	1-3	0-2	9-22	1-9	-0.85
Newmarket	16-135	11.9	6-50	5-43	2-10	0-0	2-21	1-11	-32.84
Nottingham	14-74	18.9	1-21	4-22	0-3	0-1	4-18	5-9	-1.67
Newbury	14-87	16.1	5-21	6-33	1-13	0-2	2-10	0-8	+45.58
Ascot	14-99	14.1	3-15	1-20	4-24	0-0	4-18	2-22	+20.99
Chelmsford (AW)	13-46	28.3	0-1	5-16	0-0	1-3	5-14	2-12	+7.86
Sandown	12-80	15.0	3-14	3-14	0-12	0-0	5-36	1-4	-42.07
Salisbury	11-49	22.4	2-11	1-12	0-3	1-1	7-19	0-3	+0.23
Leicester	11-61	18.0	1-23	5-13	1-5	0-1	3-16	1-3	-0.51
Lingfield	10-34	29.4	1-6	5-11	0-1	0-0	3-13	1-3	+8.51
Newmarket (July)	10-97	10.3	1-24	2-13	2-11	0-2	3-38	2-9	-46.84
Epsom	9-42	21.4	0-3	2-8	1-3	0-1	4-18	2-9	+1.50
Chester	9-43	20.9	1-3	3-11	0-2	0-0	4-19	1-8	+3.91
Beverley	7-28	25.0	4-8	2-8	0-2	0-0	1-8	0-2	+3.00
Brighton	7-32	21.9	1-7	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-18	1-6	+10.65
Southwell (AW)	6-23	26.1	1-2	3-9	0-0	0-0	2-8	0-4	-10.15
York	6-57	10.5	2-10	0-7	2-15	0-2	0-10	2-13	-15.77
Bath	5-16	31.2	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-8	0-1	+3.22
Thirsk	5-21	23.8	0-2	4-11	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-3	-3.88
Folkestone	4-12	33.3	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	3-9	0-1	+2.04
Newcastle	4-15	26.7	2-5	2-5	0-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	-1.47
Ripon	4-24	16.7	0-5	2-8	0-0	0-1	2-8	0-2	-14.41
Goodwood	4-65	6.2	2-7	0-15	1-13	0-1	1-18	0-11	-50.88
Redcar	3-12	25.0	1-3	1-4	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	-0.80
Warwick	3-18	16.7	1-3	0-8	0-2	0-0	2-5	0-0	-7.38
Catterick	2-5	40.0	0-0	2-4	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-0.30
Musshelburgh	2-6	33.3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-4	1-1	+2.00
Hamilton	2-7	28.6	0-0	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3	+1.40
Chepstow	2-16	12.5	0-3	2-7	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-3	-11.95
Carlisle	1-5	20.0	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-2.75
Ayr	1-5	20.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3	-3.09
Ffos Las	1-7	14.3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-5	0-1	-5.50
Pontefract	1-24	4.2	0-1	0-11	0-4	0-0	1-8	0-0	-15.50

Number of horses racing for the stable 392 Total winning prize-money £4,251,062

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## STABLE TOUR RALPH BECKETT

# Verse to fore in another strong team of fillies

**S**UCCESS breeds success, and the most successful season of Ralph Beckett's training career brought an exciting benefit in the shape of some blue-blooded youngsters from Khalid Abdullah.

For any trainer, such news must be like unwrapping a particularly welcome Christmas present – and when one considers Beckett can also rely on a sizeable contingent from Qatar Racing plus longstanding relationships with several owner-breeders, there is every reason to expect the popular trainer can hit even greater heights.

Beckett now has his biggest-ever string at his Kimpton base, headed as usual by the sort of middle-distance fillies with which he has largely established himself. St Leger winner Simple Verse remains the obvious star of the show but it seems as if he is almost running out of Oaks trials for the younger generation.

What is more, he has hit the ground running with 16 winners already and a new stable jockey in Irish star Fran Berry. If the appointment came out of left field, then it makes more sense the more you think about it as the jockey's sympathetic style should suit the typical Beckett type of horse.

For punters, this is a stable to keep a close eye on: for instance, Beckett likes the all-weather and has a solid strike-rate at all five British tracks and level-stakes profits at four of them. Older handicappers over the last five years (before 2015-16) have

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Kimpton Down Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Kimpton, Andover, Hants
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2000
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** Investec Oaks one-two in 2013 with Talent and Secret Gesture
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 135
- ▶▶ **Head man** Adam Kite
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Stephen Thorne
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lads** Gary Plasted, Richard Arnold, Lindsey Metcalfe
- ▶▶ **Head lads** Vinny Wragg, Dan Bonner, Amber Mitchell
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Fran Berry, Patrick O'Donnell (apprentice)
- ▶▶ **Website** [rbeckett.com](http://rbeckett.com)



### Winners in Britain

2015	80
2014	80
2013	73
2012	64

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£47.07
2014	+£1.97
2013	+£6.61
2012	-£53.17

### Prize-money 2015

£1,559,241

produced a profit of +66.48 at 19 per cent (45-237), while a 21 per cent strike-rate in Group races is admirable indeed – and profitable for bettors (+36.50).

**Nicholas Godfrey**

## OLDER HORSES

### Air Pilot

Seven-year-old gelding Zamindar (sire) - Countess Sybil (dam)  
Owner Lady Cobham  
Form figures 1/3135-2  
Racing Post Rating 117; official rating 115

I was delighted with his return in the Earl of Sefton – he ran close to his best and was beaten by a proper horse [Mahsoob] and he'll come on for the run. He's in all sorts of races – Ireland, France, Germany, races like the Ganay

and the Tattersalls Gold Cup – and he's capable of winning a Group 1 somewhere if he gets his conditions. Possibly in Germany, where I fancied him at Munich last year when he got upset in the stalls and injured himself. I was quite hard on him really as he ran in the Prix Dollar after that and just needed the run, ran out of gas in the last 100 yards, then came back a fortnight later and was fifth in the Champion Stakes. Much depends on how the first half of the season goes: if he could win another Group



Ralph Beckett with St Leger winner Simple Verse, who could start her season at Newmarket

3 or a Group 2 you'd be more inclined to be brave with him. He's a lovely horse and a tough customer, but he's always been better with give.

### Argus

4c Rip Van Winkle - Steel Princess  
Qatar Racing Limited  
51161-

RPR 96 OR 92

He's talented but just a bit fragile – he's always had problems with his feet, which have hampered his career and don't make life easy now, but he's a decent horse when we get him right. He won a decent handicap at Doncaster but he scoped badly before the November Handicap and I had to scratch him. I haven't got any immediate plans but would imagine something like the Duke of Edinburgh at Royal Ascot would be on his agenda. He's got it in him to be a stakes horse but he's got to put it all together. His action doesn't suggest he needs soft ground but his feet do.

### Magic Circle

4g Makfi - Minkova  
Mr and Mrs David Aykroyd  
6/14111-

RPR 91 OR 86

A progressive type with

plenty of ability. He was very immature as a two-year-old but we weren't surprised that once he started doing it he could put a sequence together over a trip. The draw beat him at Nottingham or he might have gone through the year unbeaten. Hopefully he's still on the right side of the handicapper and I can see him turning into a Cesarewitch horse. He won't have any problem staying but you're always thinking about the ground – I've always ducked fast ground with him on purpose but it can become less of an issue as they get older.

### Master Of Irony

4g Makfi - Mother Of Pearl  
Qatar Racing Limited & Partner  
1/216-06

RPR 87 OR 85

He has loads of ability but saw too much daylight in the Spring Mile at Doncaster and we can put a line through that. Like his half-brother Captain Cat, he needs things to go his way a little bit and headgear should make a difference to him in the long run but he didn't enjoy Ripon's undulations on Saturday. I think he needs a step up to

1m2f as well – he might be one for the John Smith's Cup if he improves enough.

### Moonrise Landing

5m Dalakhani - Celtic Slipper  
PD Savill  
04111-1

RPR 107 AW 94 turf OR 103

Once we started dropping her in, it all started to click and I thought she did well to win the All-Weather Marathon on Good Friday at Lingfield as the way the race was run was stacked against her. She didn't have a lot of time to get out and make her run and she managed to pull it off. Although she's won on soft, I've always thought faster ground was more in her favour as she's a good-moving filly. There's more in the tank and she could run in the Chester Cup. She hasn't got any black type yet, so that has to be part of the plan. I think she'd be a good traveller as she's very straightforward.

### Niceofyoutotellme

7g Hernando - Swain's Gold  
R Roberts  
866780-

RPR 114 OR 103

He's an old boy now but he's not got that many miles on the

## STABLE STAT

In the last three seasons Ralph Beckett is 11-22 (50%) with his 3yo runners at Chepstow (+£11.84 to £1 level stakes). This improves to figures of 1121131 in non-handicap races.

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**Simple Verse**

4f Duke Of Marmalade - Guantanamera  
 QRL/Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani/M Al Kubaisi  
 121111-  
 RPR 118 OR 116  
 She just kept on getting better last year and I've no doubt she retains her spark - I have no qualms about that at all. She had a serious gallop last week and worked well. I was pleased with her and I'm hoping she'll make the Jockey Club Stakes. We'll see how she is later this week and if she needs another week then we have the Aston Park Stakes as a back-up, which would still leave us three weeks for the Coronation Cup. I'm going to have to run her on faster ground at some point - we ducked it last year - but I'm still loath to really pull the trigger with that. I think she'll be fine going round Epsom. After that, races like the Hardwicke and the King George are possible but that's a busy first half of the year. Her owner would love me to get her up to the level of running in the Arc, which makes very good sense.

clock for a horse of his years. We'll probably run him in the Suffolk Stakes, the handicap he won two years ago at the Guineas meeting; the plan is to put up our claimer Patrick O'Donnell in those better handicaps to take 5lb off. He's not a straightforward ride and takes a bit of knowing. He wants fast ground and 1m2f.

**Pacify**

4g Paco Boy - Supereva  
 Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall  
 21452-2  
 RPR 106 OR 95  
 Ground and track come all alike to him - he's a pleasure to train. You can run him anywhere at any time, and perhaps he's been unlucky not to win more. His run at Epsom last week was probably equal to his best - and I felt he needed the run as he's a big horse, so I was delighted. He'll

**DARK HORSE**

**Andastra**

3f Kamsin - Arpista  
 HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani  
 1-  
 RPR 85 OR -  
 She was very professional in winning her only race last year at Nottingham. We have high aspirations for her and she's likely to go for the Lingfield Oaks Trial - she's a probable stayer and a very well-balanced filly. Everything about her says she's smart but she just had a slightly tougher winter than we'd have liked - she had a little issue that held us up, so the extra week or so for Lingfield would suit and it's a trial we favour.

go for a 1m2f handicap at the Dante meeting now - he's run well at York before. I'd love to get him to the Wolferton at Royal Ascot.

**She Is No Lady**

4f Lope De Vega - Capestar  
 D & J Newell  
 321165-  
 RPR 94 OR 87  
 She won twice last year and is likely to improve this year because she was a big, weak filly at two and three. She'll never be a robust type but is really only filling her frame now and I can see her going up in grade to becoming a stakes filly over 1m4f. She needs give.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Carntop**

c Dansili - Milford Sound  
 Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall  
 31-  
 RPR 93 OR -  
 He's from a late-developing family who all got better with age, so he did well to win at two. He's an athletic horse with a good mind who is doing everything we've asked him to do. We put him in the Derby in April and he's a probable for the Lingfield Derby Trial. He definitely wants a trip.

**Chicadoro**

f Paco Boy - Going For Gold  
 James Ortega Bloodstock Ltd  
 521-  
 RPR 81 OR 84  
 Like a lot by her sire, she's a professional, hardy sort of filly. Her work has been good this spring and she's likely to run in the Pretty Polly. I think 1m2f will be right up her street now but I have my doubts she'd get any further - not many by Paco Boy get that far, but she is out of a staying Baratheas mare.

**Diamonds Pour Moi**

f Pour Moi - Diamond Light  
 Pearl Bloodstock Ltd  
 1-  
 RPR 77 OR -  
 She won her only start against the odds to overcome a wide draw - she bounced out and made all. You wouldn't have thought with her pedigree that Polytrack would be her favourite surface and I think she'll want a bit of dig in the ground. She's a handy filly and more than likely she'll run in the Cheshire Oaks. We like her - she's got an Oaks entry.

**Girling**

f Rock Of Gibraltar - Gravitation  
 Gillian, Lady Howard de Walden  
 2-  
 RPR 75 OR -  
 With that pedigree it was a surprise to us all she had the speed to finish second over 7f at two but we ran her there because she'd been showing up well at home. She's taken a little longer than we'd like to come to hand this spring but she's a nice filly and everything about her says she'll get 1m4f well. I hope she'll progress as the season continues. She's likely to run in a maiden this week.

**Hereawi**

f Dubawi - Look Here  
 JH Richmond-Watson  
 25-15  
 RPR 75 OR 76  
 She's not very big, but like her

mother she's all heart and I was delighted with her win at the Lincoln meeting, where she was very professional and handled the ground well. She disappointed at Leicester on Saturday but I'm hopeful something will come to light to explain it.

**Little Avon**

f Makfi - Bahamamia  
 Qatar Racing Limited  
 1-  
 RPR 70 OR 72  
 She won her only start at Leicester last year. I hoped I might get her ready for the German Guineas because she's definitely better with juice in the ground. She's just taken a little longer than I'd like this spring but we've still got a bit of time. She's a nice filly; she's done a bit of growing this spring and she's not short of boot.

**Mountain Bell**

f Mount Nelson - Shenir  
 Qatar Racing Limited  
 2-1  
 RPR 91 OR 95  
 Obviously we were very pleased with her at Windsor and she's now likely to run in the Musidora or perhaps the Newbury trial. The form book says she needs juice in the ground but she's a good-moving filly, so I'm not entirely convinced about that. It also says she's a smart filly, so it doesn't matter what I think.

**Pure Art**

f Dutch Art - Pure Song  
 R Barnett  
 1-  
 RPR 79 AW OR -  
 She won very well at Lingfield - it wasn't a surprise on what she'd been showing at home but her pedigree suggests 7f is her minimum. I thought she was quite professional, and although all the first three were newcomers, I think it'll prove to have been a hot little maiden. She was always just feeling the pinch as a two-year-old, so we sent her home and that may have been the making of her. All spring she'd been showing that a maiden was well within her capabilities. I hope to get her up to stakes class before long - the Michael Seely could be an option for her at York.

**Rosenborg Rider**

g Kodiak - Miss Sundance  
 Wing Kwong Ng  
 31  
 RPR 77 OR -  
 He was impressive on his second start at Kempton over 6f. He's a late May foal and, despite being by Kodiak, he's only a shell of a horse, so I have hopes for him mid-term. He'll end up getting a mile eventually as there's plenty of stamina on the bottom side of his pedigree. He's had a small issue since his win but he's got ability and we like him very much.

**Secret Sense**

f Shamardal - Shastye  
 Newsells Park Stud  
 822-1  
 RPR 80 AW 74 turf OR 77  
 She did it really well at Chelmsford: it didn't really suit her to make her own running but she won anyway. She's an enormous filly, totally unlike her sister [Secret Gesture],

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Pietro Innocenzi**  
  
**Mountain Bell**  
 Beckett has long had the Midas touch with fillies and this three-year-old looks another potential star for the yard. Although it is never wise to get carried away with wide-margin maiden successes on testing ground, she could be called the winner a long way out when bolting up by ten lengths at Windsor recently. She has achieved more than stablemate Simple Verse had at this stage last season and we all know what glory she went on to.

so she's a long-term project. I'm probably going to take the softly-softly route rather than throwing her in at the deep end and she could run in a 1m2f fillies' handicap at Salisbury during the Dante meeting.

**September Stars**

f Sea The Stars - Altesse Imperiale  
 Andrew Rosen & Edward W Easton  
 3-2  
 RPR 78 OR -  
 First time out you could see all the way down the back and round the top bend she was pitching in the ground, and she went on three out and just paddled the last half-furlong and got caught. But we still think she's a nice filly and I'll find a 1m2f maiden for her.

**Shadad**

g Zamindar - Tender Morn  
 HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani  
 6-  
 RPR 69 AW OR -  
 I like him and he's got a nice pedigree but he's been very backward and had just one start last year in a Kempton maiden; now he's been gelded the penny is beginning to drop. He's a nice horse and he worked well last week with a decent yardstick. He'll start over 7f.

**Sightline**

f Rock Of Gibraltar - Look So  
 JH Richmond-Watson  
 4-1  
 RPR 77 OR 78  
 A bit of a 'sleeper', I think. She won at Beverley the other day and got a rating of 78 but we trained all her family and they all got better with racing. As that was only her second start, in time she could develop into a decent filly. She's likely to go handicapping first but I'm hopeful she'll progress.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

We've got some really nice pedigrees among our two-year-olds but most of them won't be seen until the second half of the year. We'll probably have five or six individuals out before Ascot and among the more forward ones are **Dr Julius No** (c Dick Turpin - Royal Assent), who ran at Windsor [last night], **Dandy Roll** (c Dandy Man - Soranna) and **Tropical Rock** (f Fastnet Rock - Tropical Treat).

**MONDAY**  
 Kevin Ryan  
 with the  
 lowdown  
 on his team  


**STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	E1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	1,030	161	155	132	582	16		+197.73	+19%
Non-hcp 3yo	770	150	101	88	431	20		+146.33	+19%
Non-hcp 4yo+	169	25	14	27	103	15		-50.09	-30%
Hcp 2yo	225	29	39	30	127	13		-54.48	-24%
Hcp 3yo	1,162	170	138	126	728	15		-119.90	-10%
Hcp 4yo+	507	75	55	36	341	15		-21.15	-4%
Totals	3,863	610	502	439	2,312	16		+98.44	+3%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	E1 level stake
Jim Crowley	217-1173	18.5	+38.82
Seb Sanders	84-506	16.6	+150.50
Richard Kingscote	56-327	17.1	+58.48
James Doyle	19-160	11.9	+45.74
George Baker	18-167	10.8	-75.79
Martin Lane	16-96	16.7	-7.08
Harry Bentley	15-93	16.1	-4.40
Andrea Atzeni	14-50	28.0	+30.50
Graham Gibbons	14-52	26.9	+9.37
Silvestre de Sousa	13-59	22.0	-9.07
Patrick O'Donnell	13-79	16.5	+11.97
Pat Dobbs	13-80	16.2	-15.85

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	E1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	45-394	11.4	+43.95
Non-hcp 3yo	48-277	17.3	+32.06
Non-hcp 4yo+	7-49	14.3	-7.93
Hcp 3yo	17-108	15.7	+0.30
Hcp 4yo+	18-95	18.9	+7.05

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	E1 level stake
Kempton (AW)	100-512	19.5	40-169	19-84	5-19	3-37	22-142	11-61	+78.43
Lingfield (AW)	54-296	18.2	15-75	14-96	3-18	5-21	9-48	8-38	-13.21
Windsor	44-264	16.7	11-77	8-43	1-7	3-14	15-92	6-31	+15.12
Salisbury	41-302	13.6	13-117	5-62	1-9	1-4	16-88	5-22	-47.98
Wolverhampton (AW)	38-199	19.1	10-48	6-35	3-7	3-25	13-62	3-22	-1.03
Chepstow	34-124	27.4	7-34	10-26	1-3	0-2	11-44	5-15	+62.15
Newbury	25-212	11.8	2-62	10-54	2-6	0-9	7-61	4-20	+99.99
Nottingham	23-139	16.5	9-46	6-19	2-3	0-9	4-51	2-11	-23.48
Newmarket	22-166	13.3	7-46	3-31	1-9	0-11	4-40	7-29	+154.73
Newmarket (July)	21-149	14.1	2-34	4-19	2-5	0-8	8-63	5-20	-44.48
Leicester	18-103	17.5	4-28	5-19	0-0	3-7	6-42	0-7	+32.70
Epsom	17-79	21.5	2-10	6-20	0-4	2-3	5-27	2-15	+38.43
Lingfield	17-82	20.7	3-23	9-31	0-3	1-5	4-17	0-3	+22.39
Bath	16-131	12.2	4-41	2-26	0-2	1-7	5-39	4-16	-22.93
Doncaster	15-125	12.0	2-26	4-26	0-7	0-15	7-32	2-19	-21.24
Southwell (AW)	14-62	22.6	4-10	3-13	0-8	0-2	4-14	3-15	+6.07
Warwick	13-77	16.9	3-20	4-18	0-3	1-4	3-20	2-12	-4.13
Goodwood	12-157	7.6	6-37	2-25	0-10	0-6	4-44	0-35	-19.00
Sandown	11-112	9.8	2-28	3-14	0-6	0-3	6-49	0-12	-7.50
Pontefract	9-32	28.1	1-2	6-18	1-2	0-1	1-6	0-3	+4.47
Ffos Las	8-30	26.7	1-8	3-4	0-0	1-2	1-12	2-4	+13.58
Chelmsford (AW)	7-38	18.4	1-5	3-10	0-2	0-1	3-17	0-3	+21.75
Brighton	7-42	16.7	1-9	1-5	0-0	2-6	2-16	1-6	+19.01
Ascot	7-118	5.9	1-24	1-19	1-13	1-6	2-33	1-23	-66.25
Ripon	5-26	19.2	1-4	1-4	0-1	1-2	2-9	0-6	-13.34
Haydock	5-69	7.2	1-9	0-6	0-5	0-4	4-30	0-15	-43.25
York	5-81	6.2	1-12	1-13	1-9	1-3	1-27	0-17	-50.67
Thirsk	4-9	44.4	2-3	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	+7.25
Newcastle	3-8	37.5	1-1	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2	+5.37
Ayr	3-21	14.3	0-7	2-2	0-0	0-2	0-4	1-6	-4.83
Hamilton	2-5	40.0	0-0	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+0.00
Beverley	2-15	13.3	0-3	2-2	0-2	0-0	0-8	0-0	-7.42
Yarmouth	2-16	12.5	1-2	1-4	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-5	-12.07
Folkestone	2-19	10.5	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-6	1-6	-12.00
Chester	2-27	7.4	1-2	0-5	0-3	0-2	1-9	0-6	-18.67
Southwell	1-1	100.0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+1.50
Carlisle	1-3	33.3	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Wetherby	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Musselburgh	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Catterick	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Redcar	0-5	0.0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	-5.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 617 Total winning prize-money £5,105,589

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## STABLE TOUR KEVIN RYAN

ONE way or another, 2016 will mark the end of an era in the Kevin Ryan yard as this will be the last year his stable star The Grey Gatsby will be on the track.

Ryan admits it will be difficult to say goodbye to the greatest horse he has trained in 18 years at Hambleton Lodge, but he is already looking forward to training The Grey Gatsby's progeny – and that tells of a wider trend in the yard.

Ryan has traditionally been viewed as trainer of sprinters and two-year-olds. Those types still hold sway in the stable, but the trainer is gradually beginning to diversify, so more middle-distance horses could soon be seen breaking through from Hambleton in the near future.

That new philosophy is reflected in the statistics. In recent years, the yard's strike-rate with two-year-olds has dropped slightly, with the difference being made up by later-maturing three-year-olds.

Ryan makes no secret of his affinity for York, where many of his big winners have come – he can lay claim to a Dante, two Duke of Yorks, three Gimcracks and a couple of valuable sales races on the Knavesmire.

For punters, it is Ryan's two-year-olds at York who require closest attention. Their 16 per cent strike-rate in recent years is an enviable one and the majority of his best horses make their debuts there.

**Keith Melrose**

## OLDER HORSES

**Al Khan**

Seven-year-old gelding  
Elnadim (sire) - Popolo (dam)  
Owner: JCG Chua  
Form figures: 86-6008  
Racing Post Rating: 96; Official rating: 87

He ran a couple of solid races last year but didn't go so well on the all-weather. The handicapper has given him some leeway and I hope he'll be up to winning off that mark in less competitive races than the Thirsk Hunt Cup, in which he ran on Saturday. We gave him a nice long break before that to get him ready for the turf.

# Gatsby legacy to live on after change in focus

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Hambleton Lodge
- ▶▶ **Where** Hambleton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire
- ▶▶ **Started training** 1998
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** Winning the Dante and French Derby with The Grey Gatsby
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 121
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainers** Adam Ryan and Joe Gorman
- ▶▶ **Head men** Steve Howarth and Ray White
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Shane Gray, Graham Lee, Jamie Spencer, Keagan Latham, Tom Eaves
- ▶▶ **Website** [kevinryanracing.com](http://kevinryanracing.com)

## Winners in Britain

2015	73
2014	78
2013	94
2012	95

## Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£57.57
2014	-£170.76
2013	-£97.72
2012	+£15.01

## Prize-money 2015

£1,251,617

**Bogart**

7g Bahamian Bounty - Lauren Louise  
Angie Bailey  
683800-  
RPR 100 OR 88

Since we brought him back in this year he's moved better than he has since he was a two-year-old. He's in great form and we're really happy with him. He likes top-of-the-ground, so it's frustrating that having got him so well we're having to wait for the ground to come for him. He has an entry at Doncaster at the weekend and then we'll look to get him to York.

**Brando**

4g Pivotal - Argent Du Bois  
Angie Bailey  
22151-1  
RPR 105 OR 97

He's gone up 9lb for winning at Newmarket and I can't complain because he was very impressive. He's always had huge potential but it's just taken a while for it to come out. He ran well enough last year but Newmarket was just him showing us the horse we've always thought he could be. He was going on strongly at the finish and 5f and 6f should come alike to him. He's very exciting.

## STABLE STAT

In the last five seasons Kevin Ryan has a 29% strike-rate in three-year-old races at Hamilton (nine winners from 31 runners) for a £1 level-stakes profit of £13.62.

▶▶ *Stable Stat* is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at [raceform.co.uk](http://raceform.co.uk)

## STAR QUALITY

**The Grey Gatsby**

5h Mastercraftsman - Marie Vision  
F Gillespie  
242236-  
RPR 126 OR 122

He's wintered well and starting to come to hand now. I hope he's going to start off at the Curragh, but if the ground isn't there for him then he'll go straight to Royal Ascot.

He'll have two entries there, the Prince of Wales's and the Hardwicke. He won't have any problem with 1m4f. He'll be busy after Ascot and it would be really nice to get him to the Arc, especially with it being at Chantilly this year, but the problem will be getting the ground for him in October. I'd like to take him to the Breeders' Cup, a sharp 1m4f on firmer ground should be ideal for him.



JOHN GROSSICK

**Comino**

5g Tagula - Malta  
Exors of the late DW Barker  
81971-0  
RPR 89 OR 83

He ran an ordinary enough race on his first run back, but he tends to do that and he also tends to come right at the same time every year. He loves it at Thirsk, loves it at Catterick. His record elsewhere is terrible, really, but it isn't because he can't travel – it's just one of those things. One thing I would say is that he likes going round a bend, he never seems to run a race on a straight course.

**Count Montecristo**

4g Siyouni - Blackberry Pie  
Middleham Park Racing XLVI  
822221-  
RPR 87 OR 81

It took a while to get his head in front, but he's the sort of horse who will keep improving as he gets older. It can make a big difference when a horse learns how to win and we're hoping he can go on to better

**Kevin Ryan has an affinity with York, where he can boast an excellent strike-rate with his two-year-olds**

things. We'll look to start him over a mile and take it from there.

**Cyril**

4g Rail Link - Nurse Gladys  
Guy Reed Racing  
24767-0  
RPR 90 OR 79

He found life tough after winning a couple early on last year. He didn't run much of a race on his first start back at Thirsk but that should bring him on and hopefully he'll be up to winning a couple of races again this year. He's down to just a couple of pounds higher than when he last won and that's probably about where he is now. He'll have no problem getting 1m4f, which gives us more options.

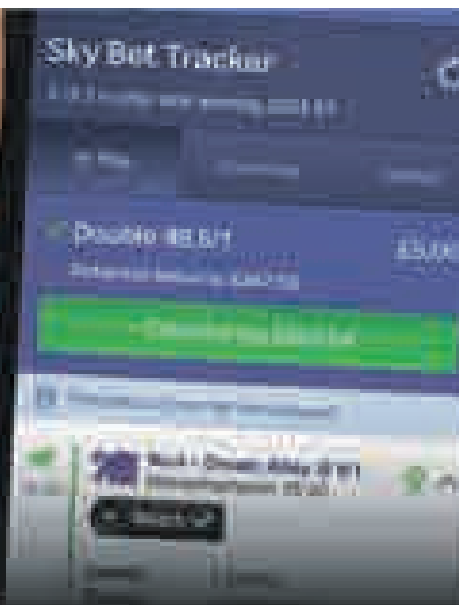
**Distant Past**

5g Pastoral Pursuits - Faraway Lass  
M Wynne  
427606-  
RPR 100 OR 90

He's a big, late-maturing horse. He's much stronger again this year and you'd expect

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more improvement from him as the year goes on. He ran well pretty much all the way through last season and he went up plenty in the weights, which he was entitled to. He likes top of the ground and that's probably why he tailed off just a little towards the end, but his mark's come down a bit for that. It's also the reason we haven't had him out yet.

**Erik The Red**  
4g Kendargent - Norwegian Princess  
F Gillespie  
23111-2  
RPR 100 OR 93  
He's really grown up since the second half of last year, mentally and physically. He's gone up 2lb for his reappearance at Haydock, which should help him get into the best handicaps and I'm really looking forward to running him in those. He's been running mostly around a mile but we'll go back up to a mile and a quarter now. We're also going to give him an entry in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot. You have to stay the trip well there, especially on the straight course. He's a strong traveller and they tend to be suited by big-field handicaps.

**Goken**  
4c Kendargent - Gooseley Chope  
Guy Pariente  
1801-30  
RPR 111 OR 108  
It was always the plan to go straight to the Good Friday meeting after he won at Lingfield on his first start for us, but he was a bit fresh there - he anticipated the start and didn't really see it out. He's a lovely horse to train and has loads of potential, while obviously he was pretty good before we got him. He didn't do what was expected in the Palace House, but he'll be in all the big sprints and we'll enter him in the King's Stand and Diamond Jubilee at Royal Ascot. Before then, we are thinking about the Duke Of York Stakes at the Dante meeting.

**Kelinni**  
8g Refuse To Bend - Orinoco  
Amplitudo Partnership  
5317-41  
RPR 113 OR 110  
He's just a legend and doesn't know how to run a bad race. He wasn't bought to run over 7f, but we've brought him back in trip gradually and it's been the making of him. He'd have the speed to win over 6f - Shane Gray told me after Thirsk that he felt like he was just cantering. We'll stick to 7f with him for the time being and if that's the case his season plans itself, working back from the Prix de la Foret. He's eight, but I wouldn't be worried about making hay with him. He's so low mileage. You barely need to train him, just breeze him up before he runs and he's ready to go. He's just the most wonderful horse to deal with.

**Lexington Abbey**  
5g Sleeping Indian - Silverine  
Middleham Park Racing XIX  
01200-1  
RPR 103 OR 95  
He loves Nottingham for some reason. There's a race there for him again this month. He's rated 95 now and if he gets any higher we might have trouble finding races there,

**DARK HORSE**

**Flaming Spear**  
4g Lope De Vega - Elshamms  
Tony Bloom  
1/905-2  
RPR 99 OR 99  
He was gelded over the winter and ran a very pleasing race at Newmarket, he just got a little tired in the end. He seems to like cut in the ground and I just have it in the back of my mind that maybe we could drop him back to 6f. We might go to York with him, he won his maiden there. He's very low mileage and I think gelding him has probably been the making of him. It's relaxed him and hopefully he can now go on to do what we've expected of him for a long while.

but he'll be entered in the big sprint handicaps too. He wouldn't want the ground too quick, which might lead us to give him more of an autumn campaign.

**Mount Tahan**  
4g Lope De Vega - Sorpresa  
TA Rahman  
21003-5  
RPR 91 OR 85  
He's a big horse and one we've always thought a lot of. We're hoping he can progress through the year and go on to better things. We've started him off over 7f this year, but we'll be trying him over a mile soon enough. His pedigree is all that way - he's by Lope De Vega and is a half-brother to Sahpresa.

**Mukaynis**  
5g Tamayuz - Wild Ways  
Quinn & Co  
30041-2  
RPR 95 OR 90  
He had a lot of racing last year, but had a nice, long break before running a great race at Kempton last month. We'll run him at at Chester. He showed a lot of speed at Kempton and he's looking stronger this year, so hopefully he can land one of these decent sprint handicaps.

**Piazon**  
5g Striking Ambition - Colonel's Daughter  
F Gillespie  
33050-0  
RPR 91 OR 82  
He was very slow to come in his coat last year but once he got going he ran well without winning. I ran him at Ripon recently because he likes cut in the ground and I thought he'd run well, but in hindsight I think it was just too deep for him that day. We'll just put a line through that and try to find him the right sort of race.

**Teruntum Star**  
4g Dutch Art - Seralia  
TA Rahman  
7100-18  
RPR 106 OR 101  
He's always shown lots of potential and on his good days he's very good, but he was a little in-and-out last year. He's

been gelded over the winter to try to make him that bit more consistent and hopefully he can run more races like he did at Newmarket during the Craven meeting. He loves there being plenty of juice in the ground, so maybe it wasn't ideal for him at the Guineas meeting.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Ashadihan**  
f Kyllachy - Miss Delila  
TA Rahman  
129-  
RPR 102 OR 104  
She's a lovely filly to train, she has a great temperament. After she was second in the Albany Stakes we ran her in the Lowther, but it was soft ground and she could barely walk on it. That's why she missed the Nell Gwyn too, which is a shame as it might have given us an idea about her getting a mile. She has plenty of speed but she's very relaxed, you can put her anywhere in a race and she'll switch off for you.

**Dutch Mist**  
f Dutch Art - Solstice  
The Springfield Partnership  
86565-8  
RPR 91 OR 87  
I was pleased with her comeback run. She'll be better for that and the idea is to get her some black type this year. She's done well over the winter and has pleased us in everything she's done, so hopefully it's onwards and upwards from here. I think she'll be kept to 6f or 7f.

**Heir To A Throne**  
g Siyouni - Boaka  
STS Racing Limited  
522-2  
RPR 79 OR 83  
He ran well again at Doncaster and we're hoping he'll improve on that as he's come on over the winter. He bumped into a winner who looks quite smart and hopefully there won't be too many more like her around. He shouldn't be long in getting off the mark.

**Laughton**  
c Acclamation - Peach Pearl  
Angie Bailey  
4551-  
RPR 71 OR 71  
He was a weak, raw horse last year but managed to win at Musselburgh in September. He's done particularly well over the winter, physically he's really come on from two to three. He's on a mark of 71 and hopefully he can go on to prove better than that. He runs today.

**Mohab**  
c Sir Percy - Princess Aurora  
Khalid Mishref  
3153-4  
RPR 97 OR 98  
He was a bit free-going last year and immature, but he switched off lovely at

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Paul Kealy**  
**Top Of The Bank**  
Top Of The Bank was clearly an underachiever last year, but a gelding operation might have made the difference even if he is still a bit of a monkey. He certainly looked like winning with a lot more in hand than he eventually did when off the mark last week. It's doubtful he'll go up for that and he can win races of his current mark of 80.

Newmarket and just didn't like the ground. He's done well over the winter, so we're hoping he'll improve when the ground comes for him and we'd be hoping there are some nice races in him. He'll get a mile and I could see him getting 1m2f.

**Taking Libertys**  
g Makfi - Liberty Chery  
Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXVIII  
11665-5  
RPR 88 OR 85  
He got a little bogged down in the ground at Ripon the other week, but he ran well for a long way and just got tired. He ran some very solid races last year and being off 85 now opens up a few options, so hopefully we can work from there.

**Top Of The Bank**  
g Piccolo - America Lontana  
J Hanson  
32204-1  
RPR 79 OR 80  
We've always held him in high regard and it was unbelievable he couldn't break his maiden last year. He might well have been finishing behind horses that he'll prove better than. He did it nicely at Thirsk last week, he was just idling in front, and we're hoping he's on the upgrade now.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

WE'VE run only a handful but **Dream Of Dreams**, who finished second at Newmarket, is one who we've been excited about all through the winter. He's a lovely, big horse, and I wouldn't have expected him to be out so soon but he just has so much natural ability it made sense to let him do it on the racecourse rather than at home.

**Perfect Madge** ran really nicely at Newmarket and Jamie Spencer gave her a nice, quiet ride, which is always important. Two-year-olds need to have a good experience, especially first time. She took it all well and hopefully she'll keep improving.

We've a few nice ones yet to race. We've a Casamento filly who we really like, while there's also a full-sister to Goken in the yard. **Tagur** is another we are looking forward to. He's from a nice family and takes it all well at home. He's ready for a run in the near future.

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2006-15**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	1,882	249	234	232	1,167	13		-200.09	-11%
Non-hcp 3yo	706	97	96	86	427	14		-213.33	-30%
Non-hcp 4yo+	649	108	115	79	347	17		-194.14	-30%
Hcp 2yo	491	56	52	49	334	11		-56.72	-12%
Hcp 3yo	1,747	223	194	178	1,152	13		-220.49	-13%
Hcp 4yo+	2,601	267	249	241	1,844	10		-550.08	-21%
Totals	8,076	1,000	940	865	5,271	12		-1434.85	-18%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Neil Callan	220-1501	14.7	-203.94
Phillip Makin	124-867	14.3	-141.37
Jamie Spencer	87-527	16.5	-42.80
Amy Ryan	81-669	12.1	-107.84
Paul Mulrennan	53-366	14.5	+56.16
Shane Gray	43-328	13.1	-23.58
Graham Lee	34-259	13.1	-56.75
Paul Hanagan	26-145	17.9	-14.73
Julie Burke	24-194	12.4	-30.81
Tom Eaves	23-221	10.4	-49.22
Franny Norton	20-151	13.2	+31.86
Kevin Stott	18-136	13.2	-39.65

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	60-530	11.3	-141.40
Non-hcp 3yo	32-218	14.7	-60.15
Non-hcp 4yo+	17-83	20.5	-10.21
Hcp 3yo	18-173	10.4	-67.72
Hcp 4yo+	35-316	11.1	-12.35

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	134-948	14.1	19-146	14-114	22-123	5-68	35-200	39-297	-213.13
Southwell (AW)	100-609	16.4	13-84	19-91	15-71	3-24	20-122	30-217	-142.40
Hamilton	61-292	20.9	12-65	13-35	7-29	3-21	13-69	13-73	+27.90
Lingfield (AW)	61-363	16.8	7-32	8-53	15-63	1-13	8-61	22-141	-82.29
Thirsk	48-410	11.7	9-94	7-34	1-14	3-13	9-93	19-162	-60.24
Beverley	47-334	14.1	16-101	3-26	3-18	1-12	11-88	13-89	+17.84
Haydock	42-377	11.1	13-115	2-25	2-28	3-34	11-75	11-100	+41.56
Ripon	39-327	11.9	15-91	4-26	2-11	1-11	6-75	11-113	-88.55
Kempton (AW)	38-269	14.1	5-38	1-8	6-36	2-27	10-73	14-87	-57.98
York	38-441	8.6	22-137	1-20	4-36	2-26	5-63	4-159	-124.20
Catterick	37-247	15.0	11-58	4-22	4-20	5-29	6-63	7-55	-31.80
Ayr	35-361	9.7	11-92	0-9	1-8	8-28	3-70	12-154	-109.46
Musselburgh	34-269	12.6	9-59	3-10	4-25	3-14	7-65	8-96	-87.60
Newcastle	33-253	13.0	8-74	2-14	2-9	1-11	12-69	8-76	-65.73
Chester	30-198	15.2	6-33	0-5	5-17	4-14	8-45	7-74	-5.88
Pontefract	27-220	12.3	9-69	3-24	0-3	2-15	9-50	4-59	+4.12
Redcar	26-288	9.0	12-104	5-34	1-15	3-29	3-58	2-48	-115.19
Leicester	25-171	14.6	12-59	3-24	1-4	1-13	7-43	1-28	+13.61
Carlisle	24-138	17.4	10-54	0-2	1-3	1-6	6-30	6-43	+87.50
Doncaster	20-391	5.1	3-90	1-24	3-28	1-24	7-75	5-150	-138.62
Nottingham	17-163	10.4	6-59	1-12	3-9	2-16	3-51	2-16	-57.28
Newmarket (July)	14-125	11.2	3-25	0-8	0-6	1-5	6-45	4-36	+28.33
Ascot	14-199	7.0	5-49	0-17	0-14	0-2	2-21	7-96	-5.50
Newmarket	10-139	7.2	2-35	0-22	2-19	0-6	1-20	5-37	-48.25
Chelmsford (AW)	9-61	14.8	1-3	0-5	1-8	0-5	2-19	5-21	-5.14
Epsom	8-74	10.8	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-16	2-51	-28.63
Yarmouth	6-41	14.6	2-11	1-5	1-3	0-3	0-11	2-8	-16.48
Windsor	4-36	11.1	1-11	0-2	1-4	0-5	0-8	2-6	-12.40
Warwick	4-44	9.1	1-14	0-4	0-1	0-4	3-14	0-7	+5.00
Goodwood	4-119	3.4	0-17	0-7	1-9	0-8	2-20	1-58	-92.00
Southwell	3-14	21.4	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-5	+2.50
Wetherby	2-8	25.0	1-2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	+30.00
Bath	2-10	20.0	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-1	-3.00
Newbury	2-76	2.6	1-34	0-7	0-10	0-1	0-10	1-14	-49.50
Newcastle (AW)	1-1	100.0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+3.50
Lingfield	1-8	12.5	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-3	-3.50
Brighton	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Chepstow	0-6	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	-6.00
Salisbury	0-7	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-3	-7.00
Sandown	0-38	0.0	0-9	0-7	0-2	0-0	0-14	0-6	-38.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 853 Total winning prize-money £6,992,239.89

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## STABLE TOUR SAEED BIN SUROOR

IT MAY be 12 years since Saeed Bin Suroor won the last of his four British trainers' titles, but he showed he is still a force to be reckoned with when topping 100 winners at a strike-rate of 27 per cent in 2015.

It was the second time in three years the 47-year-old had passed that milestone and it came off the back of his seventh win in the Dubai World Cup with Prince Bishop last March.

Although there are no such marquee horses at Godolphin Stables in 2016, Bin Suroor is hoping to join counterpart Charlie Appleby in a bid to return Sheikh Mohammed's organisation to racing's top table.

Bin Suroor's senior team this year are headed by older horses Racing History and Beautiful Romance.

Reflecting on 2015, Bin Suroor said: "I was very happy with the three-year-olds last year, particularly the progress many of them made from maidens to Group races, and hopefully some of them can develop further at four. More than anything, I was very pleased how Beautiful Romance and Racing History ran on Qipco Champions Day at Ascot in October and I hope they can go on to become Group 1 performers this year."

Along with his senior team and many promising three-year-olds, Bin Suroor has more two-year-olds than usual around his base at the former Stanley House and is hoping a few shape up early in time to have a crack at Royal Ascot.

He added: "I'm pleased with the two-year-olds and many of them are very well bred. I know many of their families very well as I also trained their mothers."

David Milnes

## OLDER HORSES

## Always Smile

Four-year-old filly Cape Cross (sire) - Eastern Joy (dam)

Owner: Godolphin

Form figures: 1/112-  
Racing Post Rating 105  
Official rating 106

She's already shown a good level of ability and likes to come late in her races. She may

# Bidding to help Godolphin back to top of tree

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Godolphin Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Newmarket, Suffolk
- ▶▶ **Started training** 1993
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** Winning the Dubai World Cup seven times, most notably with Dubai Millennium, as well as landing ten British Classics.
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 170
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Tony Howarth
- ▶▶ **Senior head lads** Chris Burns, Tony Garth
- ▶▶ **Jockey** James Doyle
- ▶▶ **Website** Godolphin.com

## Winners in Britain

2015	105
2014	93
2013	106
2012	85
<b>Profit/loss to £1 stake</b>	
2015	+£0.83
2014	-£25.73
2013	-£54.19
2012	-£42.99
<b>Prize-money 2015</b>	
£1,725,293	

have got there a bit soon when beaten in the Sandringham at Royal Ascot last year, when her immaturity may have showed. Possible targets include the Hambleton at the Dante meeting at York or the Group 3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom.

## Basem

5h Pivotal - Gonbarda  
Godolphin  
6/11334-  
RPR 113 OR 110.

He's a consistent type who has shown a preference for a soft surface. Like his brother Farhh, he's adaptable at a mile or ten furlongs and I'd like to target some big handicaps or Listed races with him this year

depending on the ground. He's wintered well and is not far off a run.

## Beautiful Romance

4f New Approach - Mazuna  
Godolphin  
1/36153-  
RPR 114 OR 112

She's a lovely filly who has done well through the winter and remains unexposed. She's probably at her best with some cut in the ground as she showed when finishing third in the Group 1 British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes at Ascot in October. Possible starting points for her are the Group 2 Middleton Stakes at York or the Group 2 Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud.

## Best Of Times

4c Dubawi - Nabati  
Godolphin  
611/12-  
RPR 111 OR 105

He's lightly raced and was a good winner of a Listed race at Newmarket on 1,000 Guineas day last year. He's had a break since his last run and I don't think we've seen the best of him yet. He needs plenty of work to get fit and ideally we would like to get him to a race like the Wolferton at Royal Ascot.

## Carry On Deryck

4g Halling - Mullein  
Godolphin  
57134-1  
RPR 105 OR 106

He had a good time in Dubai, where he won his only race over a mile on turf in February. That form was boosted when third-placed Secret Brief went on to win the Lincoln and we hope to take him to Royal Ascot. He's having a break just now but is another who could take aim at the Wolferton.

## Elite Army

5g Authorized - White Rose  
Godolphin  
1/311/7-  
RPR 109 OR 104

He's lightly raced and unexposed but had a setback after running at Newbury last year. He has potential and I'm hopeful he can recapture his form of 2014 when he won at Royal Ascot. He's been gelded



## STAR QUALITY

## Racing History

4c Pivotal - Gonbarda  
Godolphin  
0/1114-  
RPR 118 OR 117

I was very happy with his performance when he finished a close fourth in the Group 1 Champion Stakes. Like his brother Farhh, he has a liking for soft ground. He's wintered well and his short-term options include the Group 1 Prince of Wales's Stakes or Group 2 Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot.

and is back in full work now and he'll run in the Buckhound Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

## Future Empire

4g New Approach-Fann  
Godolphin  
263220-  
RPR 106 OR 100

He contested some nice staying handicaps last year and could be campaigned over middle distances this season but he's unlikely to be seen until June.

## Hold Tight

4g Exceed And Excel - Kangra Valley  
Godolphin  
12-1  
RPR 102 OR 96

He's had only three races and has shown a good level of ability. He can build on that and his immediate target is the Victoria Cup at Ascot. His performance there will tell us

## STABLE STAT

Saeed Bin Suroor was the man to follow at Windsor last season, with nine winners from 16 runners for a £1 level-stakes profit of £15.42. Harry Bentley has a strike-rate of 26% when riding for the stable

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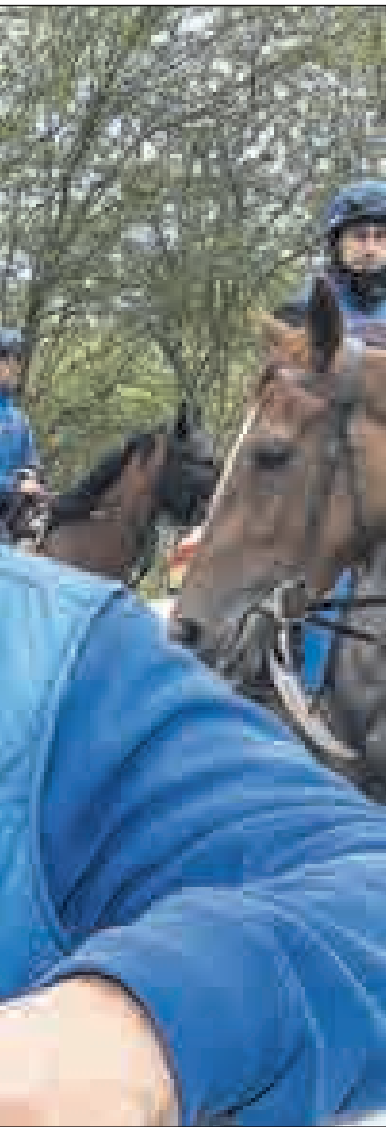
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**Saeed Bin Suroor: looking forward to the season with a talented bunch of horses, especially the older ones**

**DARK HORSE**

**Great Order**

c Distorted Humor - Michita  
Godolphin  
4-  
RPR 82 OR-

He ran an encouraging race on his debut last year. He was very big and leggy but always looked a long-term prospect. He carries lots of condition and I'd hope to get him on the track later this month, when a mile maiden would be a good starting point.

Dubai, where she built on her early potential in Britain last year. She's having a break now and we hope to get her back in the summer with an eye on races like the Grade 1 Beverly D Stakes at Arlington.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Clear Water**

f Hard Spun - Storm Lily  
Godolphin  
4  
RPR 76 OR-

Didn't run as a two-year-old and ran well when fourth in a 7f maiden at the Newmarket Craven meeting on ground that was too soft for her. She travelled well but didn't pick up and it would be no surprise to see her leave that form behind on a better surface.

**Ebtihaal**

c Teofilo - Dance Troupe  
Godolphin  
411-5  
RPR 96 OR 93

He was a progressive type last year and could step up to ten furlongs later in the year. He seems to act on any surface.

**First Victory**

f Teofilo - Eastern Joy  
Godolphin  
11-64  
RPR 105 OR 102

She has performed creditably on both of her starts this season but didn't stay in the Pretty Polly on Sunday. I plan to bring her back in trip but there are no specific plans at this stage.

**Good Run**

c Iffraaj - Tadawul  
Godolphin  
211  
RPR 93 OR 91

He's a lightly raced colt who showed last year he is adaptable to both turf and the all-weather surfaces. He seems to have progressed well from two to three and could be well handicapped.

**Prize Money**

c Authorized - Dresden Doll  
Godolphin  
1-2  
RPR 93 OR 95

He's a lightly raced type who won his sole start as a juvenile at Newmarket last year in good style. He ran well when second

at Newmarket on Sunday and I think in time giving 8lb to the winner may look to be a difficult task. A 1m2f Listed event at Newmarket two weeks may be a good option.

**Huge Future**

3c Shamardal - Time Honoured  
Godolphin  
Unraced  
RPR- OR-

He's one of our nicer unraced prospects and is pleasing us in his home work - he should be out in the next few weeks. He's very well bred and is coming along. Hopefully, he'll improve as the year goes on.

**Next Stage**

c Dubawi - Dash To The Front  
Godolphin  
1  
RPR 79 OR-

Won nicely on debut over a mile at Lingfield and has potential. He starts the season on a decent handicap mark and will look for something for him in late May as he's been slow coming to hand this spring.

**Promising Run**

f Hard Spun - Aviacion  
Godolphin  
3117-22  
RPR 110 OR 107

She's having a break after running on dirt in Dubai, which clearly didn't suit. I'm hopeful she can return to her two-year-old form in the Listed Height Of Fashion Stakes at Goodwood.

**Quality Time**

f Exceed And Excel - Crinoline  
Godolphin  
1-3  
RPR 94 OR 92

She won well on her debut on the all-weather and built on that when third at Kempton. She'll stay at a mile for now and have a crack at the turf.

**Race Day**

g Dubawi - Nadia  
Godolphin  
3111-42  
RPR 102 OR 98

A tough horse who won three races on the all-weather last year. At the moment I consider a mile to his best trip but I would consider dropping him to 7f. There is a race for him at Chester.

**Silent Attack**

c Dream Ahead - Chanterelle  
Godolphin  
7-  
RPR 67 OR-

A nice colt who was very green on his only start as a two-year-old and could be one of the more promising unexposed types. We'll find a 7f-1m maiden for him.

**Steady Pace**

c Dark Angel - Cool Kitten  
Godolphin  
2353-14  
RPR 111 OR 112

He's tough and genuine but I'm still not convinced

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Stuart Riley**

**Next Stage**  
If there is a Group 1 horse lurking under the radar it is probably Best Of Times, who picked up a season-ending injury when still second to Storm The Stars in the Cocked Hat, but he is sure to be highly tried so a safer entry in your Horse Tracker is Next Stage. He all but won on the bridge on debut at Lingfield at the backend of last season and has not been harshly treated. He will start the season on a mark some way shy of his actual ability and looks the type to rack up wins this season.

about his best trip because he shows plenty of speed at home. His options include the Commonwealth Cup or Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot.

**Strong Challenge**

c Exceed And Excel - Miss Brief  
Godolphin  
218-  
RPR 93 OR 95

He looked progressive until disappointing in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood last summer. He can be a bit aggressive in his races and had no cover that day. There is a handicap back at Goodwood on May 21 that could be a good starting point for him.

**Very Talented**

c Invincible Spirit - Crystal House  
Godolphin  
321-6  
RPR 95 OR 98

He was progressive last year and I have high hopes for him this season. He's recovered well from his comeback in the Craven Stakes, in which the soft ground didn't suit. It will be no surprise if he heads to the Group 3 Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot.

**Winning Story**

c New Approach - Tanzania  
Godolphin  
1  
RPR 93 OR 95

He's a horse I've always liked and he showed plenty of potential when winning on his debut at the Newmarket Craven meeting. The plan now is to take him to a Derby trial at either Chester or Lingfield later this month to see if he has the class for Epsom. He handled ease at Newmarket but we expect him to improve on better ground.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

**Reach High** (Distorted Humor - Silent Moment) is a speedy type who made an encouraging debut when second at Doncaster and hopefully can progress through the season. **Kananee** (c Exceed And Excel - Zoowraa) is a quick type and was my first two-year-old winner for the year when successful in a 5f all-weather maiden on the 26th of April. **Dubai Thunder** (Dubawi - Gonbarda) is a brother to Farhh and could be one for 7f races later in the season.

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2006-15**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	1,006	279	177	135	415	28		-16.36	-2%
Non-hcp 3yo	880	222	186	125	347	25		-67.60	-8%
Non-hcp 4yo+	829	149	142	105	433	18		-202.80	-24%
Hcp 2yo	91	30	12	9	40	33		+24.71	+27%
Hcp 3yo	684	140	105	75	364	21		-64.19	-9%
Hcp 4yo+	458	72	40	42	304	16		+0.18	+0%
Totals	3,948	892	662	491	1,903	23		-326.06	-8%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Frankie Dettori	273-1097	24.9	-173.44
Ted Durcan	122-478	25.5	+42.81
Silvestre de Sousa	92-424	21.7	-31.62
James Doyle	67-251	26.7	+2.26
Kerrin McEvoy	41-160	25.6	+7.45
Mickael Barzalona	38-195	19.5	-14.66
Kieren Fallon	24-128	18.7	-23.22
William Buick	22-88	25.0	+6.74
Harry Bentley	19-79	24.1	+25.52
Kevin Stott	18-55	32.7	+16.45
Frederik Tyllicki	18-68	26.5	+4.69
Ahmed Ajtebi	18-99	18.2	+36.47

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	102-442	23.1	-8.92
Non-hcp 3yo	90-346	26.0	-9.15
Non-hcp 4yo+	32-142	22.5	-25.27
Hcp 3yo	25-93	26.9	+9.17
Hcp 4yo+	25-79	31.6	+59.37

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	4-11	36.4	-0.46
February	1-3	33.3	-1.78
March	1-10	10.0	-6.50
April	22-110	20.0	-20.79
May	60-352	17.0	-83.13
June	89-497	17.9	-104.78
July	140-595	23.5	-75.22
August	143-658	21.7	-87.83
September	169-698	24.2	+81.99
October	190-748	25.4	-11.09
November	66-241	27.4	-9.07
December	7-25	28.0	-7.40

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	167-369	45.3	+14.47
Non-hcp 3yo	123-323	38.1	-49.73
Non-hcp 4yo+	80-243	32.9	-46.56
Hcp 2yo	22-51	43.1	+17.46
Hcp 3yo	89-278	32.0	-10.60
Hcp 4yo+	29-102	28.4	-5.32

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Kempton (AW)	115-384	29.9	43-125	20-73	10-40	6-16	27-98	9-32	+67.10
Lingfield (AW)	72-197	36.5	29-67	19-55	6-22	3-5	11-38	4-10	+56.67
Newmarket (July)	61-260	23.5	24-90	12-36	10-55	2-4	9-48	4-27	-18.50
Wolverhampton (AW)	60-179	33.5	20-65	19-46	0-2	6-10	12-44	3-12	+2.62
Newmarket	56-345	16.2	17-92	13-88	11-81	1-4	11-54	3-26	-37.43
Nottingham	43-129	33.3	14-42	17-45	5-17	0-2	6-19	1-4	+14.85
Newbury	38-165	23.0	11-33	7-41	15-68	0-0	4-16	1-7	+43.59
Windsor	37-123	30.1	3-18	14-40	9-30	1-1	7-22	3-12	+22.72
Doncaster	37-195	19.0	13-40	7-38	6-35	3-10	5-32	3-40	-47.53
York	34-217	15.7	6-19	1-24	13-72	0-2	1-23	13-77	-43.06
Goodwood	31-226	13.7	7-31	6-36	12-87	1-5	3-35	2-32	-100.32
Ascot	28-261	10.7	6-35	7-37	4-92	2-3	4-35	5-59	-37.77
Sandown	27-154	17.5	6-25	4-31	5-42	0-0	8-36	4-20	-42.39
Leicester	26-78	33.3	8-31	10-27	6-6	0-1	2-12	0-1	+11.31
Pontefract	20-78	25.6	4-14	8-23	5-14	1-5	0-15	2-7	-7.35
Salisbury	19-84	22.6	2-18	4-21	5-18	1-1	5-21	2-5	-10.33
Epsom	17-77	22.1	5-15	3-22	6-20	0-3	1-9	2-8	-18.65
Chelmsford (AW)	16-59	27.1	4-11	4-17	1-9	0-0	2-14	5-8	-4.46
Yarmouth	16-85	18.8	9-45	3-13	2-9	0-3	2-8	0-7	-29.68
Haydock	16-108	14.8	7-23	2-9	3-39	0-1	3-17	1-19	-41.28
Redcar	13-58	22.4	6-23	6-16	0-9	0-0	0-4	1-6	-17.67
Thirsk	12-35	34.3	2-8	5-13	2-4	0-0	2-8	1-2	-2.43
Southwell (AW)	12-36	33.3	7-14	3-10	0-1	1-3	1-8	0-0	+4.95
Brighton	11-29	37.9	5-15	4-8	0-0	0-1	2-5	0-0	+27.48
Bath	11-36	30.6	4-15	4-13	0-2	0-0	3-5	0-1	-3.63
Lingfield	10-46	21.7	2-15	6-22	1-5	1-2	0-1	0-1	-18.78
Newcastle	9-52	17.3	5-20	2-14	1-6	0-1	0-4	1-7	-8.53
Warwick	7-35	20.0	3-13	0-7	4-10	0-1	0-4	0-0	+0.25
Chester	7-60	11.7	1-6	1-10	2-19	0-3	3-11	0-11	-31.71
Folkestone	6-26	23.1	3-10	2-9	0-0	0-0	1-7	0-0	-15.36
Ripon	6-30	20.0	1-7	3-12	0-0	1-1	1-6	0-4	-3.53
Beverley	5-19	26.3	1-5	3-6	0-0	0-0	1-8	0-0	-7.10
Hamilton	4-19	21.1	0-0	1-6	2-6	0-0	0-4	1-3	-4.77
Ayr	4-21	19.0	0-4	1-2	2-7	0-0	1-3	0-5	-9.63
Musselburgh	3-12	25.0	1-4	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-5	0-1	-2.17
Southwell	2-7	28.6	0-0	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	+4.50
Catterick	1-5	20.0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	+0.00
Wetherby	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Carlisle	0-2	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Ffos Las	0-3	0.0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-3.00
Chepstow	0-11	0.0	0-4	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	-11.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 963 Total winning prize-money £11,569,594.87

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## STABLE TOUR DAVID SIMCOCK

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**A**SK David Simcock what he is aiming to get out of his team and his answer is simple: longevity. He is a past master at nurturing horses to their peak and his older horses will once again be the main flagbearers for one of the most consistent yards in Newmarket.

In recent years the exploits of Sheikhzayedroad and Breton Rock have highlighted his skill perfectly and the two senior citizens, aged seven and six respectively, are set for another busy campaign in Group races.

But this season will not only be about veterans, as some of last year's progressive three-year-olds join the senior ranks with the promise that the best is still to come.

Carnachy and Bateel – first and second in a Listed race at Goodwood on Saturday – fit that mould, while there are high hopes that the year-old The Corsican will have some big days at home and abroad.

Throw in a generous handful of unexposed three-year-olds, including Classic hope Algameer, and 45 two-year-olds, and there is every reason to believe Simcock can pass £1 million in prize-money for the third consecutive year.

**Lewis Porteous**

## OLDER HORSES

### Balios

Four-year-old colt Shamardal - Elle Galante  
Owner: Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd  
Form figures: 1/2156-4  
Racing Post Rating: 115; Official rating 113  
Winning the King Edward VII

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Trillium Place Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Newmarket, Suffolk
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2004
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** "Any Group 1 is special but Dream Ahead coming back from two defeats to win the July Cup as a three-year-old probably tops it"
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 100
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Tom Clover
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Jamie Spencer, Tom Eaves, Jim Crowley, Fergus Sweeney, George Buckell and Sophie Killoran
- ▶▶ **Website** [davidsimcock.co.uk](http://davidsimcock.co.uk)

### Winners in Britain

2015	63
2014	78
2013	84
2012	68

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£22.70
2014	+£11.59
2013	+£15.39
2012	-£159.74

### Prize-money 2015

£1,132,602

Stakes at Royal Ascot last year was great for the yard and great for the owners but it's a race that seems to take a lot out of a horse and although I was slightly disappointed with his run in the Grand Prix de Paris on his next start, it probably wasn't as bad as first thought. He went to Dubai this year and was beaten nine lengths by Postponed. I was a little disappointed he was beaten that far and if you'd have halved that distance I'd have been delighted. He might have a run before but it could well be that he comes back for Royal Ascot, where he'll go for the Prince of Wales's or the Hardwicke. He's got a bit of

spark and perhaps would be easier to ride over ten furlongs but he's stoutly bred and probably 12 furlongs is what he wants. He won't go on soft and needs top of the ground.

### Bateel

4f Dubawi - Attractive Crown  
Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd  
111-2  
RPR 107 OR 97  
She shows very little at home and is not an impressive looker but the one thing she does is gallop and doesn't stop. Jamie Spencer rode to instructions on Saturday and there's a long season ahead, so I think that run sets us off nicely and she's going to be good. She handles soft and sees out a mile and a



CHRIS BOURCHIER

**David Simcock has the ability to bring horses to a peak and has several interesting prospects**

half very well. She's done well over the winter and looks a damn sight better than at any stage last year. She'll be an improver and is quite exciting for the year. She'll get the same entries as Carnachy but we'll try to keep them apart. The fact she stays and handles soft ground means there will be opportunities along the way.

### Breton Rock

6g Bahamian Bounty - Anna's Rock  
John Cook  
73332-3  
RPR 116 OR 113  
A model of consistency anywhere at seven furlongs and a mile. The deciding factor is that he has to have soft ground. The only mistake we made last year was running him too soon after he'd run so well in the Lockinge and he ran flat, but after that he was very consistent and unlucky not to win. It was a promising return at Sandown and we'll consider the Lockinge. The John of Gaunt is another option later in the month and if it's soft ground we'll take all the opportunities we can.

Races like the Hungerford will be on the agenda again later in the season.

### Can't Change It

5g Verglas - All Tied Up  
Fitri Hay  
485871-  
RPR 93 OR 87  
He's an unlucky horse and should have won at Glorious Goodwood last year, so it was nice to get a win on the board at Lingfield on his last run in a soft race. He usually needs a run or two to put him ready and we'll be looking to go back to Goodwood. He looks bigger and stronger this year and he'll probably improve again. He likes some cut in the ground and his style of running means he needs everything to drop right but it would be lovely to think he could win one of those big handicaps this year and he has a few options this weekend.

### Captain Morley

5g Hernando - Oval Office  
Isabel Peter-Hoblyn  
4/2561-6  
RPR 102 OR 99  
A lovely horse to have around and we'll probably keep him to top-end handicaps. A mile and a half with a little bit of cut in the ground are his perfect conditions and he should be ready to run in mid-May.

### Carnachy

4f Mastercraftsman - Market Day  
St Albans Bloodstock Limited  
2211-1  
RPR 105 OR 95  
A big, fine-looking filly who has done very well from three to four. She was strong at the end when winning the Daisy Warwick at Goodwood on Saturday from Bateel. They're both progressive with similar profiles and we look forward to her running again. She handles soft ground very well and races like the Pinnacle, Lancashire Oaks and Pretty Polly in Ireland will be considered.

### Curbyourenthusiasm

5g Mastercraftsman - Mohican Princess  
M Caine & J Barnett  
6/11201-  
RPR 107 OR 101  
The one blip last year was with cut in the ground and he was very progressive. He's a big, galloping horse and needs fast ground. We're going to go down the two-mile route and we're hoping that's where that bit of improvement is going to come from. He was impressive in the Mallard, showing a good turn of foot, and if he stays two miles that turn of foot is going to come in very handy. We've probably got to jump another 6lb or 7lb to get into that Cup league but it's a possibility.

### Doctor Sardonicus

5g Medicean - Never A Doubt  
Charles Wentworth  
54/1331-  
RPR 84 OR 92  
A bull of a horse who has got

## STABLE STAT

Since Chelmsford reopened at the start of 2015, David Simcock has a 22% strike-rate for a profit of £19.58 to £1 stakes. This improves to 13 winners from 41 runners (32%) in handicaps, for a profit of £40.47

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**STAR QUALITY**

**The Corsican**

5h Galileo - Walklikeanegyptian  
Fitri Hay  
4216-75  
RPR 118 OR 115

He's very talented. Things don't always go right for him and he probably should have won the Glorious Stakes last year, while in the Champion Stakes it was very soft ground and we probably rode him a bit too handy. We got him to Meydan for the Dubai Turf but I'm not sure he was in peak form. He got shuffled back but was only beaten a length for third place. I was a bit disappointed with his fifth in the Ganay on Sunday. It was an open Group 1 but he lacked a bit of zip and probably wasn't quite there yet. I think you'll see him in Britain for the first part of the season and in the second half he'll do some travelling. He'll probably go to the States and we'll look at races like the Sword Dancer and Arlington Million. In Europe it would have to fall perfectly for him at Group 1 level but abroad there could be an opportunity. He gets 12 furlongs on fast ground but ten is perhaps his optimum.

faster with age. Fast ground is important to him, which is why he ran on the all-weather last year during those wet spells. I see no reason why he won't be as effective on turf and hopefully he'll start off in a five-furlong handicap at York next week. He's got loads of speed.

**Glan Y Gors**

4g High Chaparral - Trading Places  
Julia Annable  
6476-22  
RPR 95 OR 88

I think he threw two races away this winter. He's very talented at home but it's just about eking it out. Two miles on soft ground could bring out the best in him.

**Glory Awaits**

6g Choisir - Sandbox Two  
John Cook  
809-905  
RPR 115 OR 105

He ran respectably for us at Meydan and he ran very well in blinkers on his last start. He's not hiding anything and we'll do very similar to what Kevin Ryan has done with him over the past three years and hopefully one will fall for him. He'll be best on top of the ground and we'll keep him to seven furlongs and a mile.

**Lightning Spear**

5h Pivotal - Atlantic Destiny  
Qatar Racing Limited  
112430-  
RPR 116 OR 115

A lovely acquisition for the yard and, on what we've seen so far, pretty talented. He'll be campaigned in the majority of the top mile races and the Queen Anne will be the first big target. As a starting point

we'll look at the Royal Windsor Stakes on Monday. He's showing up well and could be very good.

**Oracolo**

4g Cape Cross - Illuminise  
Ali Saeed  
1/5117-4  
RPR 96 OR 91

He injured himself at Newmarket last year and has taken a bit of time to come to himself. We weren't quite sure where we were with him going into Wolverhampton last week but Sophie Killoran gave him a lovely ride. I look at him as a horse who can progress and I'd like to think there's a big handicap in him this summer.

**Red Cardinal**

4g Montjeu - Notable  
Walters Plant Hire Ltd  
22-1  
RPR 82 OR -

It wouldn't have been his ideal track and I was delighted with his win at Bath last week. He'll get further than a mile and a half and when he steps up in trip I think he's going to be a lot of fun. He's not going to be starting off on a low mark but I see him as a potentially decent stayer.

**Sheikhzayedroad**

7g Dubawi - Royal Secrets  
Mohammed Jaber  
8633-18  
RPR 115 OR 111

He's a genuine Group 2/Group 3 horse and very comfortable in that company. We're going down a staying route with him this year and will stretch him as far as we can. We'll look at the Ascot Gold Cup and see how he fares. Down the line we've got the Arlington St Leger pencilled in and probably a couple of trips back to Canada at the end of the year. He's very consistent and if he stays two miles we're hoping it might eke out a bit of improvement.

**The Cashel Man**

4g High Chaparral - Hadarama  
Fitri Hay  
0/11216-  
RPR 93 OR 88

He was highly progressive last year and you can put his last run down to the ground and the fact it was the end of a long season. He's a proper two-miler who likes top of the ground. Those fast-ground two-mile handicaps in the summer should suit him - I don't think you can go far enough with him - and the Ascot Stakes is a likely target.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Adalene**

f Makfi - Marine Bleue  
Qatar Racing Limited  
8

She's much better than she showed at Sandown on her first run, when she got too far back for whatever reason, and you can put a line through it. She's a middle-distance filly and I think she'll be very progressive through the year.

**Algometer**

c Archipenko - Albanova  
Kirsten Rausing  
41-2  
RPR 109 OR 109

He's lazy at home and we

**DARK HORSE**

**Chinoiseries**

3f Archipenko - Robe  
Chinoise  
Kirsten Rausing  
15-  
RPR 89 OR -

She's a full-sister to Madame Chiang but couldn't be more different. She's not a lot to look at whereas Madame Chiang was big and rangy. The thing she can do is gallop and on soft ground. We'll put her in the Listed trials in May and try to pick the one where conditions suit her. The further she goes the better and there's more to come.

went into the Classic Trial at Sandown not really knowing where we were with him, so I was delighted when he was second. Under pressure he gave and gave and I'd like to think my horses improve for the run. He stays very well and there's no doubt he appreciates some cut in the ground. I'd say Epsom is doubtful as I can't believe it's a track that will suit him. We'll look for another race towards the end of May and I'd like to think we'll have a bash at the Irish Derby with him. He's scopey and can only get better.

**Dragon Mall**

g Blame - Petition The Lady  
Mohammed Jaber  
5215-  
RPR 87 OR 93

He's very talented at home and I've always held him in high regard. He didn't appreciate cut in the ground in the Autumn Stakes as he's a top-of-the-ground horse. He's a miler but I'm not sure where we'll go yet, we'll test the waters on turf.

**Goldmember**

c New Approach - Sister Act  
Qatar Racing Limited  
8-9  
RPR 72 OR -

He's done all his work with Algometer, so we were disappointed with his comeback at Newmarket. He came back healthy and happy but we know he's better than that and I like him. He's laid-back and hard to get fit and I think he'll improve as the year continues. We'll look for another maiden in a couple of weeks.

**High Hopes**

f Zamindar - Dixielake  
Major MG Wyatt  
2-4  
RPR 84 OR -

She ran very well on her first start and just got tired in the last furlong on her comeback. She'll come on plenty for that and I think she'll be very live next time. She's got loads of size and scope.

**Red Rannah**

c Teofilo - Red Top  
Fitri Hay  
0231-4  
RPR 84 OR 86

He's had one run for us since he came over from Ireland and we've given him a wind operation since. If we can get his wind right there's plenty of ability.

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Graham Dench**

**Lightning Spear**

I've always had a soft spot for him and it will be interesting to see what David Simcock can make of him. Although he's a five-year-old, he has raced only eight times, winning his first four, initially for Ralph Beckett and latterly for Olly Stevens. Having started off like a miler going places last year the ground went against him, but granted a dry summer he can at last be a force in the highest grade, both here and quite possibly in North America - an option that was toyed with last year.

**Turning The Table**

f Mastercraftsman - Duchess Dee  
Doreen Tabor  
13-7  
RPR 81 OR 82

It was a big mistake to drop her back to seven furlongs as a two-year-old but we were short of options. I was really disappointed with her run in the Pretty Polly at the weekend and she's much better than that. I'll probably revert to a handicap at York at the end of May next.

**Veena**

f Elusive City - Kensita  
Chola Dynasty  
61-7  
RPR 84 OR 85

She has loads of size and probably had no right to win a maiden at two but the fact she did shows there's a fair amount of talent. We were tilting at windmills in the Fred Darling but she probably wasn't ready for a race like that. We'll go back to 6f and 7f handicaps and I'd like to think she can be competitive off her mark.

**West Coast Flyer**

c Cape Cross - La Felicita  
Ali Saeed  
51  
RPR 73 OR -

He's big and doesn't know how to race yet but he's taken his training really well in the last three weeks. We'll start him off on turf in a 1m4f handicap at York next week but I think he'll stay two miles. He wouldn't want it too soft but should be steadily progressive as the year goes on.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

We have a team of 45 and most are bred to go middle distances, which suits us fine. We'll probably have our first runners this month. **Mystic Dawn** (f Oasis Dream - Frivolity) is likely to be the first filly to run. She's got plenty of pace. The first colt runner over six furlongs might be the unnamed Dream Ahead - Malladore, who goes well and is very professional. Another unnamed colt (Blame - She Has Aptitude) is forward and has a great attitude. Of the rest, **Captor** (c Frankel - Hasten) is a scopey individual and very natural. **Dalavida** (f Kendargent - Dalawysa) shows up well, while an unnamed filly (Deep Impact - Musical Way) has a great action and a future.

**ON MONDAY**  
**David O'Meara**  
**discusses his**  
**strong team**  
**in our next**  
**Stable Tour**

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2006-15**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	619	72	74	78	395	12		-247.90	-40%
Non-hcp 3yo	636	101	88	97	350	16		-109.91	-17%
Non-hcp 4yo+	311	48	51	46	166	15		-20.12	-6%
Hcp 2yo	68	10	7	11	40	15		+14.08	+21%
Hcp 3yo	848	127	123	112	486	15		-71.28	-8%
Hcp 4yo+	1,134	159	155	141	679	14		-112.74	-10%
<b>Returns</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>-547.87</b>	<b>-15%</b>

\*Return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Jamie Spencer	78-381	20.5	-40.21
Martin Lane	78-616	12.7	-113.73
Jim Crowley	47-207	22.7	+48.30
Richard Mullen	25-188	13.3	-11.43
Fergus Sweeney	19-135	14.1	-3.61
William Buick	16-106	15.1	-5.24
Andrea Atzeni	13-74	17.6	-9.08
George Buckell	10-59	16.9	-12.75
Chris Catin	10-72	13.9	+22.74
Martin Dwyer	10-89	11.2	-33.25
Silvestre de Sousa	8-30	26.7	+18.62
Martin Harley	8-34	23.5	+14.75

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	17-224	7.6	-53.92
Non-hcp 3yo	34-226	15.0	-26.75
Non-hcp 4yo+	11-59	18.6	+34.70
Hcp 3yo	5-65	7.7	-37.50
Hcp 4yo+	24-157	15.3	+21.41

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Lingfield (AW)	72-403	17.9	5-43	28-115	9-44	0-2	14-86	16-113	23.22
Wolverhampton (AW)	66-453	14.6	6-77	21-110	6-32	1-8	12-94	20-132	-102.64
Kempton (AW)	57-452	12.6	8-95	3-60	7-32	4-16	12-108	23-141	-91.78
Brighton	29-99	29.3	8-23	2-12	2-2	1-2	12-42	4-18	+19.39
Yarmouth	20-140	14.3	3-33	3-24	1-2	0-2	6-34	7-45	+32.55
Chelmsford (AW)	18-97	18.6	1-14	1-25	0-2	0-1	5-12	11-43	+4.2
Newmarket (July)	18-174	10.3	3-41	2-12	2-13	1-5	5-53	5-50	-5.93
Goodwood	16-176	9.1	2-23	0-17	2-29	0-4	7-43	5-60	-69.84
Epsom	14-72	19.4	3-10	0-14	2-10	0-1	3-12	6-25	+4.17
Doncaster	14-95	14.7	1-20	0-9	0-8	0-2	5-15	8-41	+11.12
Windsor	13-99	13.1	2-15	2-22	2-7	0-2	0-21	7-32	15.44
Chepstow	12-52	23.1	4-10	1-7	0-2	0-1	2-17	5-15	-4.07
Salisbury	12-54	22.2	3-12	4-13	0-2	0-0	4-16	1-11	+26.73
Ffos Las	12-56	21.4	2-12	1-6	0-0	0-0	5-18	4-20	+3.66
Haydock	12-110	10.9	1-11	3-11	2-19	0-1	4-32	2-36	-58.03
Southwell (AW)	11-43	25.6	2-2	3-12	0-4	1-1	2-10	3-14	+11.12
Ascot	11-137	8.0	1-12	3-14	0-22	0-3	5-34	2-52	+3.00
Newmarket	11-165	6.7	2-45	0-34	1-10	1-6	3-26	4-44	-94.80
Lingfield	9-52	17.3	2-10	3-14	0-3	0-1	1-11	3-13	-11.25
Newbury	9-69	13.0	1-15	1-10	2-12	0-1	1-13	4-18	-25.00
York	9-87	10.3	0-3	1-7	2-10	0-0	0-13	6-54	+32.75
Hamilton	7-17	41.2	0-1	5-7	1-2	0-0	1-4	0-3	-1.14
Warwick	7-26	26.9	2-6	2-7	1-2	0-1	2-7	0-3	+25.75
Bath	7-44	15.9	1-8	1-10	2-3	0-1	1-14	2-8	-13.63
Leicester	7-61	11.5	0-12	2-14	1-6	0-2	3-13	1-14	-27.50
Chester	7-113	6.2	2-7	1-5	0-7	0-0	1-30	3-64	-58.25
Thirsk	5-16	31.2	1-3	1-1	2-2	0-0	1-6	0-4	-3.47
Redcar	5-23	21.7	1-7	2-6	0-3	0-0	1-3	1-4	-6.16
Newcastle	5-40	12.5	0-6	1-10	0-2	0-0	3-9	1-13	-17.30
Catterick	4-12	33.3	0-0	2-3	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-5	+3.71
Nottingham	4-39	10.3	1-15	1-5	0-3	0-1	2-14	0-1	-14.50
Musselburgh	3-6	50.0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	+1.74
Pontefract	2-14	14.3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-4	1-4	+3.50
Ripon	2-18	11.1	2-5	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-2	0-5	-11.00
Sandown	2-51	3.9	0-8	0-7	0-7	0-1	1-13	1-15	-45.25
Beverley	1-14	7.1	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	0-3	-11.00
Carlisle	0-3	0.0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Ayr	0-6	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	-6.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 493 Total winning prize-money £4,185,903.82

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## STABLE TOUR DAVID O'MEARA

OVER the winter David O'Meara's winner-churning factory relocated to new premises in North Yorkshire, where extensive building work on the site of a derelict farm started in November.

The process of settling the horses in is well under way. However, in addition to new gallops, which the trainer is getting to know, O'Meara says the biggest challenge is that many of his horses came in later from their winter break than usual.

"We'd normally have them back on January 1 but we didn't get plenty of them until mid-February until the stables were built," he says. "Some who came in earlier have run fine but the others probably won't be fully fit until the middle of May."

O'Meara is renowned for eking significant improvement out of new arrivals. There are plenty for him to exploit in handicaps – although the stable is increasingly represented in Pattern races.

He is strong in the mile division, with Amazing Maria and Mondialiste, both Group 1 winners last year, back in harness. Throw in a plethora of high-grade handicappers and O'Meara seems certain to anoint his new set-up in style.

He also has a sizeable juvenile string for the first time; the stable's first two juvenile runners were winners.

"We don't want to change tack," he says. "We'd like to maintain what we've done with the older horses and add a string of two-year-olds to them."

Historically, the stable is at its most productive over the summer when the ground is quickest. The prolonged wet spring, coupled with the late arrival of so many horses, saw O'Meara's winner haul drop in April, but May has started with a flourish.

## Julian Muscat

## OLDER HORSES

## Alfred Hutchinson

Eight-year-old gelding Monsieur Bond (sire) - Chez Cherie (dam)

Owner: RC Bond

Form figures: 44206-5

Racing Post Rating 105;

Official Rating 100

He put in a good effort on his comeback run at Haydock,

# New base but old methods stay the same

## STABLE PROFILE

▶▶Yard Helmsley Horse Racing

▶▶Where Upper Helmsley, North Yorkshire

▶▶Started training 2010

▶▶Finest hour "We've won five Group 1s and any of those would qualify"

▶▶Horses in yard 130

▶▶Assistant trainer Jason Kelly

▶▶Head lads Aaron Bateman and Colin Bolger

▶▶Jockeys Danny Tudhope

▶▶Website davidomeara.co.uk

## Winners in Britain

2015 ..... 122

2014 ..... 112

2013 ..... 136

2012 ..... 69

## Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015 ..... -176.30

2014 ..... -102.16

2013 ..... -121.29

2012 ..... -34.43

## Prize-money 2015

£1,580,833

## Birdman

6g Danehill Dancer - Gilded Vanity Ebor Racing Club IV

5308-40

RPR 111 OR 105

He was nearly brought down after a very unlucky passage at Haydock last time. He seems best at a mile and, given his owners, I dare say we'll be going to York. After that he'll take his chance in the good mile handicaps.

## Chancery

8g Street Cry - Follow That Dream Hollowdean

5016-24

RPR 105 OR 101

I think this one is probably slightly better over 1m2f than further. He tends to be fairly versatile ground-wise. He's paid his way but he's an eight and on a career-high mark.

which was his first run for us. I think he'll come on quite a bit for that and we're looking at running him in a handicap at York on Thursday. He has quite a high rating but we're happy with him.

## Alphabetical Order

8g Alfiora - Lady Turk Great Northern Partnership

8-44111

RPR 84 OR 83

He hasn't been with us long [since December] but he's done well this year, winning three times for us on turf. There's a staying race for him at York, and he could tackle some of the staying races at the big festivals. He's won over 2m4f over hurdles, although he's shown plenty of acceleration in his races for us.

## STABLE STAT

David O'Meara is 28-123 (23%) in Ripon handicaps in the last three seasons (+£30.59 to £1 stake), improving to 19-53 (36%) when Danny Tudhope rides (+£36.59)

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## Custom Cut

7g Notnowcato - Polished Gem Frank Gillespie & Pat Breslin

120-348

RPR 120 OR 116

He was disappointing at Leopardstown [yesterday] but his problem is he has to carry a penalty everywhere he runs. He's a genuine Group 2 horse but he's having to give weight to progressive types, such as Mahsoob at Newmarket last month. He wasn't penalised when he won a Group 2 at Leopardstown in September and I'm sure he'll win again when we can find him the right slot.

## Dutch Artist

4g Dutch Art - Baltic Princess ND Crummac & D Lumley

6/1

RPR 83 OR -

He came to us in late October and we were delighted to see him win nicely at Catterick on Tuesday when he'd been off the track since his two-year-old debut. He's one who could probably progress into a nice horse. He'll have no problem staying a mile and he coped fine with a bit of cut at Catterick, although it's too early to say whether those are his optimum conditions.

## King To Be

4g Myboycharlie - Becuille Nick Bradley Racing 12

15200-7

RPR 99 OR 89

He ran well enough in the



## STAR QUALITY

## Amazing Maria

5m Mastercraftsman - Messias Da Silva

Sir Robert Ogden

31117-3

RPR 118 OR 117

I was pleased with her comeback run in the Dahlia Stakes over 1m1f at Newmarket, although she's at her best over a mile on quick ground. We're obviously hoping she can add to the two Group 1 races she won for us last year. We'll look at the Lockinge for her now and, if not, she'll head to Royal Ascot where she has a choice between the Queen Anne and the Windsor Forest.

Thirsk Hunt Cup last month but he wants fast ground. He's effective over 7f and a mile, and he likes races where he can be held up. I think he could have a good season.

## Loaves And Fishes

4f Oasis Dream - Miracle Seeker Nick Bradley Racing 15

84480-4

RPR 93 OR 88

We were pleased enough with her first run for us, which she needed. She was highly tried last year and as result she's on a fairly hefty mark. She'll be campaigned in races between a mile and 1m2f, and I'd be delighted to sneak a bit of black type for her.

## Lord Of The Land

5h Shamardal - Lady Vettori George Turner

7511-05

RPR 104 OR 102

He got stuck in the mud in the Lincoln but I was much happier with his good run at Haydock after that. He was unlucky not to be close – he met traffic two or three times and never really

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LOUISE POLLARD



**David O'Meara on the gallops at his new base in North Yorkshire**

**Mondialiste**

6h Galileo - Occupandiste  
Geoff & Sandra Turnbull  
011120-  
RPR 118 OR 118

It was a major highlight for us when he won the Grade 1 Woodbine Mile in September. He cost quite a bit of money [€190,000 in 2014 as a horse in training] and is very well bred, so we're delighted he's done so well. He's back with us now, having had a break, and we may start him off in the Lockinge. If not, he has an entry in the Prix d'Isphahan which is something we'll look at. I don't believe that trip [an extended 1m1f] will be an issue as I think he'll get 1m2f. We'll probably explore that as the season goes on. He's best with a bit of cut in the ground.

**Move In Time**

8g Monsieur Bond - Tibesti  
A Turton, J Blackburn & R Bond  
915-570  
RPR 115 OR 109

It seems like France brings out the best in him - and Longchamp in particular, although the track is closed this year. We'll probably freshen him up for the King's Stand at Royal Ascot, although I'm keeping an eye on King George V Stakes at Goodwood, where he ran well last year. Otherwise, he's always done better towards the backend of the season, so we'll campaign him with that in mind.

**Rex Imperator**

7g Royal Applause - Elidore  
George Turner  
341081-  
RPR 116 OR 90

He's back with us, having won a couple of races last year, and he's looking well. He was a very talented horse who's had his problems. He likes to be held up and delivered late, and fast ground is important to him.

**Signore Piccolo**

5g Piccolo - Piccolo Cativo  
Lancashire Lads Partnership  
061408-  
RPR 93 OR 84

He's done well but he's now racing off quite a high mark, so he's going to have to improve again to be competitive. It's hard to say whether he has that in him. It's only guesswork at this point in the year.

**So Beloved**

6g Dansili - Valencia  
Sprint Thoroughbred Racing  
71243-1  
RPR 116 OR 113

He had a great season last year and made the best possible start at Haydock on Saturday, where he won well. He has an awful lot of ability and anything between 7f and a mile suits him. He seems versatile ground-wise.

**Suedois**

5g Le Havre - Cup Cake  
George Turner  
32818-2  
RPR 112 OR 110

We bought him in France towards the end of last season and he started off with a good first run for us in the Cammidge Trophy. We'd like to run him next in the Duke

of York Stakes on Wednesday and hopefully he'll be able to hold his own in races of that class through the year. We're still learning about him. He's got some decent form in France and we think he's pretty versatile as regards the ground.

**Terhaal**

4g Raven's Pass - Silk Trail  
J Blackburn & A Turton  
1/833-2  
RPR 85 OR 78

He ran well first time last month but bumped into a decent one of Richard Fahey's. I'm expecting him to come on a lot for that. He likes soft ground and will stay a mile well. There are possibilities with him.

**That Is The Spirit**

5g Invincible Spirit - Fraulein  
F Gillespie  
0/01660-  
RPR 110 OR 103

He had a very good first season and won a Listed race last May but ended up going downhill from there. He's since had his soft palate fired so hopefully we'll see him return to form.

**Ustinov**

4g Exceed And Excel - Tamzin  
P Good  
973119-  
RPR 85 OR 85

He came to us last year and won a couple for us. He likes fast ground and is one who could progress well through the year. He's showing plenty of ability at home.

**Watchable**

6g Pivotal - Irresistible  
P Bamford  
54400-3  
RPR 115 OR 109

He has a lot of ability. I still don't think we've seen the best of him and I was happy enough with his comeback run at Haydock on Saturday. He showed what he could do when fourth in the Group 1 Prix Maurice de Gheest last season. He's very versatile with the ground. I'm hoping he'll make an impact this season.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Areen**

c Kodiak - Falcolnry  
Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsbah  
626368-  
RPR 106 OR 106

He's a fast horse who ran well at Royal Ascot last year when touched off by Washington DC in the Windsor Castle Stakes. He could start off in the Westow Stakes at York on Thursday. He's in the Commonwealth Cup but I'm still unsure whether 6f would suit him.

**Alsivinder**

c Footstepsinthesand - Notting Hill  
F Gillespie  
3  
RPR 66 OR -

I was a bit disappointed when he was beaten at Thirsk on



**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
Richard Austen

**Ustinov**

The O'Meara horse who always catches my eye is So Beloved, so strongly can he travel on the bridle, and he will pop up in front at some stage in a Group race. Further down the ladder there is more scope for improvement in Ustinov, who starts this season with a handicap mark of 85. Having been moved to O'Meara in late summer, Ustinov notched a quick double from four starts for his new stable. There was plenty to like about the style of both wins and he will surely win more handicaps.

his debut last month - he was a bit too gassy early and didn't finish off his race. His homework before that had been very good and I still have a lot of faith in him. We'll take in another maiden with him next.

**Cape Love**

c Cape Blanco - Matroshka  
Crone Stud Farm Ltd  
215-4  
RPR 79 OR 78

I was happy enough with his comeback run last month at Ripon but he needs better ground. He'll stay 1m2f and might get a bit further in time. He's a capable handicapper in the making.

**Flyboy**

c Zoffany - In Dubai  
George Murray  
3-23  
RPR 78 OR 79

He's run well in all his starts. He was quite green at Doncaster on his first run back but he's another who could do with some decent ground. Everything he's encountered this year has been very soft, and that hasn't been by choice.

**Tawayna**

f Invincible Spirit - Bratislava  
Clipper Logistics  
041-  
RPR 70 OR 70

She's a very well-bred filly who's new to us this year having come from William Haggas. She's quite a keen-going sort who I suspect will be better suited to 6f than five, but we're hoping to teach her to settle and give herself a chance. She has ability but we'll see how she progresses.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

I've got 35 two-year-olds this year, which is a lot more than we've ever had. Our first two runners, **Coolfitch** (f Roderic O'Connor - Farbenspiel) and **Hoyamy** (f Dark Angel - Viola D'Amour), both won. Coolfitch might run at York in the Listed fillies' race, and I think Hoyamy is very promising, although I don't have anything in mind for her just now.

Of the ones yet to be named, there's a lovely filly (Dandy Man - My Funny Valentine) we like, and some nicer ones for the backend are (c Teofilo - Twice The Ease), (c Lope De Vega - Kate The Great) and (c Nathaniel - Impressive).

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2010-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	321	32	42	40	207	10		-139.95	-4.4%
Non-hcp 3yo	243	35	36	36	136	14		-71.62	-2.9%
Non-hcp 4yo+	375	66	45	67	197	18		-14.48	-4%
Hcp 2yo	117	10	21	15	71	9		-50.00	-4.3%
Hcp 3yo	763	107	98	99	459	14		-166.73	-2.2%
Hcp 4yo+	2,101	278	198	221	1,404	13		-202.42	-1.0%
Totals	3,920	528	440	478	2,474	14		-645.20	-1.6%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Danny Tudhope	262-1598	16.4	-144.79
Silvestre de Sousa	47-258	18.2	+20.50
David Nolan	44-291	15.1	+12.04
Sam James	41-383	10.7	-92.80
Josh Doyle	19-207	9.2	-75.00
Graham Gibbons	16-112	14.3	-24.87
Phillip Makin	8-58	13.8	-3.77
Shelley Birkett	5-43	11.6	+38.00
Kieren Fallon	5-45	11.1	-15.83
Tom Eaves	5-47	10.6	-26.82
Robert Winston	4-18	22.2	+8.25
Joe Fanning	4-19	21.1	-8.86

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	25-103	24.3	-10.28
February	7-75	9.3	-42.08
March	19-120	15.8	-37.98
April	54-341	15.8	-4.09
May	72-491	14.7	-65.10
June	79-539	14.7	-47.93
July	79-561	14.1	-145.95
August	87-570	15.3	-14.84
September	49-466	10.5	-68.32
October	23-365	6.3	-191.97
November	16-152	10.5	-22.18
December	18-137	13.1	+5.60

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	6-81	7.4	-33.13
Non-hcp 3yo	10-66	15.2	-18.26
Non-hcp 4yo+	14-72	19.4	-10.42
Hcp 3yo	9-65	13.8	-9.18
Hcp 4yo+	30-254	11.8	-33.66

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	11-40	27.5	-14.45
Non-hcp 3yo	14-49	28.6	-18.59
Non-hcp 4yo+	22-69	31.9	-13.48
Hcp 2yo	2-18	11.1	-12.00
Hcp 3yo	48-141	34.0	+10.70
Hcp 4yo+	102-370	27.6	-1.61

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Ripon	49-265	18.5	5-33	2-22	0-6	1-6	10-41	31-157	+26.02
Wolverhampton (AW)	44-361	12.2	1-28	6-40	9-41	0-15	7-85	21-152	-120.40
Redcar	43-247	17.4	7-42	0-13	2-19	1-8	12-68	21-97	+10.64
York	42-350	12.0	0-10	2-10	4-21	1-13	8-49	27-247	-26.75
Southwell (AW)	36-249	14.5	2-17	5-31	9-32	0-9	5-35	15-125	-76.65
Beverley	35-201	17.4	1-34	4-12	1-12	0-5	10-60	19-78	-0.95
Catterick	34-228	14.9	3-23	3-11	4-16	0-11	8-54	16-113	-38.57
Thirsk	31-226	13.7	5-23	0-14	1-14	1-3	5-45	19-127	-8.48
Ayr	27-147	18.4	0-9	0-1	1-2	1-3	4-25	21-107	+4.90
Haydock	25-192	13.0	0-6	1-2	6-30	0-4	3-26	15-124	-17.00
Doncaster	25-267	9.4	1-14	2-10	3-35	0-3	2-26	17-179	-75.72
Newcastle	23-181	12.7	4-16	2-17	0-11	3-9	9-50	5-78	-48.27
Musselburgh	22-142	15.5	1-22	0-3	2-6	0-7	8-37	11-67	-41.24
Hamilton	16-88	18.2	0-9	4-16	3-5	1-3	2-19	6-36	-19.41
Pontefract	13-136	9.6	0-10	0-5	3-11	0-2	1-23	9-85	-32.76
Carlisle	11-86	12.8	1-9	1-1	1-4	1-5	2-24	5-43	-21.63
Leicester	9-41	22.0	0-1	1-2	0-3	0-1	3-13	5-21	-0.45
Ascot	6-101	5.9	0-4	0-3	2-16	0-0	1-9	3-69	-2.00
Sandown	5-25	20.0	0-1	0-5	4-10	0-0	1-5	0-4	-1.25
Newmarket (July)	4-29	13.8	0-1	0-1	2-5	0-1	1-5	1-16	-5.38
Lingfield (AW)	4-29	13.8	0-0	1-3	0-7	0-1	2-9	1-9	-10.95
Kempton (AW)	4-45	8.9	1-1	0-4	1-10	0-1	1-15	1-14	+8.00
Nottingham	4-55	7.3	0-1	0-1	0-5	0-3	1-18	3-27	-28.25
Chester	4-59	6.8	0-4	0-0	1-6	0-1	0-6	3-42	-27.50
Newmarket	3-61	4.9	0-1	0-5	3-22	0-0	0-2	0-31	-34.00
Wetherby	2-8	25.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	2-4	+5.50
Epsom	2-19	10.5	0-0	1-2	1-6	0-0	0-3	0-8	-13.15
Chelmsford (AW)	2-30	6.7	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-4	1-21	-18.00
Lingfield	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	+5.00
Windsor	1-5	20.0	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-1	+4.00
Goodwood	1-26	3.8	0-0	0-2	1-7	0-1	0-2	0-14	-22.50
Yarmouth	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Salisbury	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Warwick	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	-3.00
Newbury	0-12	0.0	0-0	0-3	0-6	0-0	0-0	0-3	-12.00

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**HENRY CANDY**

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**DARK HORSE**

**Out Do**

7g Exceed And Excel - Ludynosa  
Evan M Sutherland  
112410-  
RPR 114 OR 109

Could start off in the Temple Stakes, and after that he might have a shot at the King's Stand. Since we dropped him down in trip to 5f he improved very quickly. We now know that's definitely his trip; he has loads of pace and likes to be held up and delivered late.

got into top gear. We're looking at a Listed handicap at York this week. We're still learning about him but it looks like he'll be just as effective at 7f as a mile.

**Louis The Pious**

8g Holy Roman Emperor - Whole Grain  
F Gillespie  
35/4700-  
RPR 114 OR 104

He likes big fields so we'll target him again at some of the big heritage handicaps. He's fairly versatile as regards ground but I'm not yet sure where we'll start him off. He seems equally effective between 6f and 7f.

**Madame Butterfly**

4f Rip Van Winkle - Messias Da Silva  
Sir Robert Ogden  
22-2  
RPR 82 OR 75

A half-sister to Amazing Maria, she has finished second in all three runs and is still learning. She'd probably appreciate a galloping mile and looks likely to progress through the season. She starts on turf at Musselburgh today and I'll be disappointed if she doesn't win her races.



## STABLE TOUR HENRY CANDY

**A**NY punter looking to find an edge by discovering new angles at Kingstone Warren will soon find they're barking up the wrong tree. They may reap the benefit of Henry Candy's tried-and-tested methods, which will hopefully deliver a season to compare with 2015 – when Group successes for Limato, Twilight Son and La Rioja crowned a memorable year – but there will not be a precocious two-year-old in sight.

"I'll be doing exactly as I've always done and let them tell me when they want to go racing rather than me telling them," explains Candy. "I'm afraid I don't really do 'new', but in my own pessimistic way I'm very optimistic about the year ahead."

He says: "Limato's season will hinge on his run in the Lockinge on Saturday, when we'll find out if he's a sprinter pure and simple or a miler; Twilight Son will stand at Cheveley Park if he doesn't blot his copybook this season, so it will be Group 1 sprints for him all the way after a prep run at York this week; and La Rioja and Bounce have big years ahead of them."

**Peter Thomas**

## OLDER HORSES

**Chain Of Daisies**

Four-year-old filly  
Rail Link (sire) - Puya (dam)  
Owner: Girsonfield Ltd  
Form: 411141-  
Racing Post Rating 107  
Official Rating 103  
She was big last year and enormous now, but she's coping with it well, looks fantastic and could improve through the year. She's quite a hard filly to place though, having won at Listed level last season, and I wouldn't be surprised if the Middleton at York ended up being too hot for her, so we may go for the Brigadier Gerard at the end of the month at Sandown, which is a track that will suit her front-running style. If she could get placed in a Group race, that would be fantastic.

**Dinkum Diamond**

8h Aussie Rules - Moving Diamonds  
Eight Star Syndicate  
6015-04  
RPR 112; OR 103

# Habitual pessimist optimistic about his classy squad

## STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Kingston Warren
- ▶▶ **Where** Near Wantage, Oxfordshire
- ▶▶ **Started training** 1973
- ▶▶ **Finest hour** From Master Willie's Eclipse and Time Charter's King George to Twilight Son's Sprint Cup
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 65
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** David Pinder
- ▶▶ **Head lad** Steven Simpson
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Dane O'Neill, Fergus Sweeney, Cathy Gannon
- ▶▶ **Apprentices** Jenny Powell
- ▶▶ **Website** Can you repeat the question?



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2014	38
2013	29
2012	32
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2014	-£44.36
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2012	+£19.88
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Still a full horse and still enjoying life and work as much as ever, he showed he remains in fine order by finishing fourth in the Victoria Cup on Saturday, just running out of petrol in the last 100 yards. I think 7f at Ascot is far enough for him and he may be better suited to 6f there or an easy 7f at Goodwood. The Wokingham would be an obvious target and we'll avoid very soft ground with him.

**Harold Lloyd**

4g Cape Cross - Silent Act  
Mrs and Mrs R Scott  
0/331-8  
RPR 83 OR 79

He was working well before his seasonal debut at Windsor last week and I was surprised he didn't win, but Fergus Sweeney

said it was entirely down to the ground, which was rapidly drying and a little bit rough. He won well at Sandown last year over 1m2f – a track that suits him as he's a big, long-striding horse – and I think we'll have some fun with him in handicaps this year. He's got a little bit more coat to shift, so I wouldn't be in any hurry for his next run, but I'm looking forward to it.

**Iconic**

4f Kodiak - Christa Maria  
First Of Many and Turner  
319428-  
RPR 87 OR 83

A long-striding, front-running filly who definitely wants top of the ground. She's just not sparking at the moment, so I haven't made any plans for her

## STAR QUALITY

**Limato**

4g Tagula - Come April  
Paul Jacobs  
1/12212-  
RPR 121 OR 119

He seems to be as good as ever, working nicely and very happy with himself, and if the ground at Newbury is not on the soft side we'll go for the Lockinge on Saturday and find out if he stays a mile. Judging on the way he ran his last two races last year over 7f, you'd think he'd get the extra distance, and his pedigree says the same – the only thing is, he's working like a very quick horse at the moment and we've entered him in the Diamond Jubilee and the July Cup, just to keep our options open. He has his moods, so if he settles well he'll get the trip but if he suddenly decides he wants to be a 6f horse again, we're in trouble.



yet, but she's one we like a lot and she could give her owners a bit of sport in mile fillies' handicaps at Class 2 level or thereabouts.

**Perestroika**

4f Sir Percy - Lekka Ding  
Henry Candy  
71312-4  
RPR 90 OR 88

A big foal who has always been waiting for a four-year-old career. She's now grown into her frame and was very game in finishing fourth at Ascot on Saturday, just getting weary in the closing stages. I was highly delighted with that and it sets her up nicely for some of the 1m2f and 1m4f races in the new BHA fillies' series. She's a long-striding beast who hates going downhill and will continue to improve with experience, but hopefully she'll reward our patience.

**Son Of Africa**

4g Equiano - Generously Gifted  
One Too Many Partners  
6/4170-0  
RPR 101 OR 97

It was a mistake to run him in the Abernant at Newmarket last time when he hadn't come in his coat, and he ran too free and ended up out the back. He's come on a lot for that and will run in a 5f handicap at York on Thursday. He won over 6f in 2014 and over a stiff 5f

at Newmarket last year but he wants to get on with it so much that I think the minimum trip on a quick track on good, fast ground will suit him ideally.

**Spring Fling**

5m Assertive - Twilight Mistress  
Six Too Many and T A Frost  
212/46-7  
RPR 91 OR 84

A big long girl who's been quite difficult to train, but she ran a very good race at Doncaster at the back of last season, showing a lot of speed on ground that was too soft for her, and we're just hoping we can get a bit of black type for her in the next three months, because she's been to visit Sepoy and we hope she's in foal. We'll try a Listed fillies' race at Haydock at the end of the month, looking for anything other than extreme ground.

**Twilight Son**

4c Kyllachy - Twilight Mistress  
Godfrey Wilson and Cheveley Park Stud  
11/1112-  
RPR 120 OR 117

He'll go for the Group 2 Duke of York Stakes [tomorrow] but he'll carry a Group 1 penalty for last year's Sprint Cup win at Haydock, so he may have his work cut out. He's put on a huge amount of weight and grown a lot over the winter, finally turning into the finished article, and ideally we could have done with another week before York, but we're hoping he'll run a decent race that will bring him on a lot. Having won a Group 1 already, and being three-parts owned by Cheveley

## STABLE STAT

James Doyle is a notable jockey booking for Henry Candy – in the last five seasons the pair have a combined strike-rate of 47% (nine wins from 19 runners) for a £1 level-stake profit of £23.14

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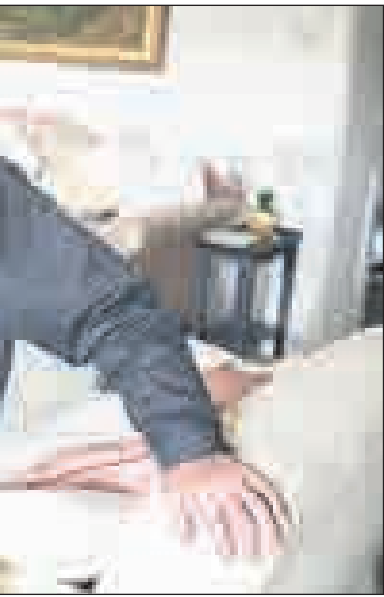
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**Henry Candy: "I let the horses tell me when they want to go racing"**

**Jaunty Joh**

f Zoffany - Don't Care  
G Buck and Henry Candy  
Unraced-  
RPR - OR -

A very nice-looking filly who has had plenty of problems, but she seems okay now and is two weeks off running. She works very enthusiastically and we like her as a decent 6f or 7f performer with a little bit of cut in the ground.

**La Rioja**

f Hellvelyn - Talampaya  
Qatar Racing Ltd  
211-  
RPR 111 OR 110

The harder I tried to get her ready this spring, the more backward she became, so we backed off her for a while and she looks great now. She'll probably go to Haydock for the Sandy Lane on May 28 and if she does all right there she could go to Ascot for the Commonwealth Cup, but she does need a bit of cut in the ground, so she may have to do a bit of travelling to France. She's done well physically and we'll give her a chance to be good.

**Mediciman**

c Medicean - Quintrell  
One Too Many, N Agran and M Silver  
353-  
RPR 78 OR 78

A big horse with good form in decent maidens last year. We're hoping he'll get better as he gets stronger, with a mile probably far enough for him at this stage, and we'll try either a maiden at Newmarket in the middle of this month or a handicap at Sandown. He moves very well, loves top of the ground and looks a classy sort.

**Nicarra**

f Kodiak - Nassma  
Mrs Patricia J Burns  
4-6  
RPR 68

Looked as though she might be quite sharp last year, but she definitely wants a mile now. She's a lazy worker who I thought would need the run over the extended mile at Nottingham last Friday, and I thought Cathy Gannon might have a job getting her in the race, but she jumped out and went like a five-furlong horse, which shows how much I know. She stayed on well considering how hard she pulled. She's got a nice attitude, and with that run under her belt I think she could show she's better than average. We'll drop her back a furlong next time in an ordinary maiden to teach her to settle.

**Noble Peace**

g Kyllachy - Peace Concluded  
One Too Many and Candy  
52324-1  
RPR 85 OR 84

Won an ordinary 7f maiden at Lingfield last month, having looked a couple of times over 6f last year as though he'd want the longer trip - but that was almost certainly weakness, because he spent the entire year growing. He's now 16.2 hands or more and has strengthened up, so now that

he's been gelded and got his head in front he should show up well at Haydock later in the month. He's certainly retained his enthusiasm.

**Poole Belle**

f Canford Cliffs - Anbella  
Sir Edmund Loder  
Unraced-  
RPR - OR -

Fractured a joint last year and has a few screws in it, but she's holding up well this year and will hopefully go to a 7f fillies' maiden at Newmarket on Thursday. She seems very professional but most of mine need their first run, although I still think she'll go well.

**Showing Off**

g Notnowcato - Walk On Water  
Bloomsbury Stud  
7-1  
RPR 79 OR 79

Won nicely at Goodwood at the end of last month and learned plenty, coping with the inevitable bumping and going through a gap when it came. He's just a frame at the moment but has a wonderful attitude and loves his racing. He'll get better as he strengthens up and will be even nicer next year. He probably won't ever need to go beyond 7f, with good to firm ground looking ideal.

**Squiggley**

f Sir Percy - Oat Cuisine  
Mrs G Rowland-Clark  
4-  
RPR 57

Ran quite a nice race in a hot fillies' maiden at Salisbury last year, and I was probably trying to do a bit too much with her early on this year, as some of her work had got us quite excited, but she's gone on the backward side now and we're taking a bit of a breather. She's not that big but is eager to please, has a fantastic stride on her and could be pretty good.

**Teresar**

f Dandy Man - High Chart  
Potensis Bloodstock Ltd  
315-  
RPR 87 OR 90

A very fast filly, 5f pure and simple, who will hopefully go for a handicap at York on Friday, although she still has just a little bit of winter coat on her quarters. She won a Kempton maiden quite easily last autumn before finishing fifth in the Cornwallis, and although a rating of 90 is high enough, she didn't really like good to soft at Newmarket and will do better on top of the ground.

**Time To Exceed**

f Exceed And Excel - In Your Time  
Hunscombe Stud  
Unraced-  
RPR - OR -

She's been working with Poole Belle and they seem much of a muckness, so we'll get an idea of their level at York before this one goes to Newbury for a 7f maiden on Friday. She was



**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Bruce Jackson**

**Mediciman**

A maiden who raced three times at two, Mediciman can exploit his current handicap mark. He caught the eye on his debut at Salisbury (the form of that race working out well enough), and was still green next time when beaten less than five lengths into fifth by Folkswood, who now has an official rating of 97 after his win at the Guineas meeting. Softer ground was against him on his final start, but that form is still solid enough, and Mediciman can land a 0-80 handicap or a maiden.

weak last year and suffered badly with 'speedy cuts' (knocking the inside of her hock with the opposite foot), so we had to stop and give her several months off because it kept getting infected. Now she's strengthened up she doesn't do it any more and although she's still a bit weak, she's quick and ready for a run.

**Vibrant Chords**

g Poet's Voice - Lovely Thought  
Paul Jacobs  
2132-3  
RPR 91 OR 88

Not very big but very strong and a pure sprinter who ran really well to finish third at the Craven meeting on ground a little softer than ideal. He was a bit buzzy last season but seems to have settled down now and I'm pleased with him. He'll probably go for a handicap at Newmarket on Saturday. I like his attitude and he should win again.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

We have about 25 two-year-olds, although we haven't done anything serious with them yet. The following have been showing up well at the moment.

**Eula Varner** (f Showcasing - Tremelo Pointe) is a big, strong filly who looks more like a colt, with a great action and a great attitude. Because of her size she won't appear until the second half of next month.

**King Of Nepal** (c Sepoy - Empress Anna) is an imposing colt who might take a bit of time but goes nicely, while **Queen Of Time** (f Harbour Watch - Black Belt Shopper) is a half-sister to Bounce with a similar action but bigger and scopier and seems to be comfortable in her work. She'll be out in the latter part of next month.

**Rebecca Rocks** (f Exceed And Excel - Rebecca Rolfe) is growing now and a little bit up behind, but is very professional and could be out at the end of the month.

**Sun Angel** (f Sir Prancealot - Fuerta Ventura) found everything very easy when Dane O'Neill rode her the other morning. She's a big, strong girl with a good attitude and could be the first of our two-year-olds to appear.

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	377	51	44	45	237	14		-33.65	-9%
Non-hcp 3yo	394	61	56	52	225	16		-4.67	-1%
Non-hcp 4yo+	121	14	12	11	84	12		-7.64	-6%
Hcp 2yo	46	7	8	8	23	15		-7.43	-16%
Hcp 3yo	588	74	65	66	383	13		-125.87	-21%
Hcp 4yo+	672	67	77	80	448	10		-224.13	-33%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>-403.39</b>	<b>-18%</b>

\*Return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Dane O'Neill	140-1029	13.6	-97.56
Fergus Sweeney	50-458	10.9	-141.97
James Doyle	9-19	47.4	+23.14
Cathy Gannon	7-81	8.6	-20.83
Jimmy Fortune	4-8	50.0	+33.83
Ryan Moore	4-10	40.0	+1.32
Harry Bentley	4-26	15.4	-2.30
Oisín Murphy	3-9	33.3	+9.25
Pat Cosgrave	3-15	20.0	+6.50
Andrea Atzeni	2-4	50.0	+7.00
William Buick	2-9	22.2	-0.50
Jenny Powell	2-22	9.1	-6.00

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	1-3	33.3	+5.00
February	0-1	0.0	-1.00
March	2-3	66.7	+44.00
April	20-151	13.2	-53.42
May	36-286	12.6	-88.59
June	39-328	11.9	-79.81
July	49-346	14.2	-35.20
August	49-400	12.2	-88.34
September	45-346	13.0	+0.50
October	29-268	10.8	-58.95
November	2-53	3.8	-38.50
December	2-13	15.4	-9.08

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	8-154	5.2	-79.75
Non-hcp 3yo	18-143	12.6	+53.19
Non-hcp 4yo+	6-36	16.7	+18.61
Hcp 3yo	9-47	19.1	-11.72
Hcp 4yo+	5-109	4.6	-81.75

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	19-43	44.2	+4.15
Non-hcp 3yo	25-52	48.1	+8.97
Non-hcp 4yo+	4-23	17.4	-11.39
Hcp 2yo	2-7	28.6	-1.43
Hcp 3yo	31-126	24.6	-11.03
Hcp 4yo+	23-111	20.7	-15.13

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Windsor	24-209	11.5	5-38	5-51	1-10	2-7	7-49	4-54	-59.07
Kempton (AW)	19-160	11.9	6-25	2-31	1-5	0-5	4-42	6-52	-50.60
Sandown	18-105	17.1	3-19	1-7	0-3	0-2	12-45	2-29	-14.02
Salisbury	18-153	11.8	6-41	5-46	1-3	0-0	4-37	2-26	-32.82
Newmarket (July)	17-111	15.3	1-12	3-14	0-5	0-2	3-27	10-51	+17.50
Leicester	17-125	13.6	1-26	3-19	1-3	0-3	6-39	6-35	+5.05
Bath	14-99	14.1	5-11	1-13	1-5	0-2	3-37	4-31	-26.00
Newbury	14-127	11.0	6-35	3-28	1-5	0-1	3-31	1-27	+26.12
Goodwood	14-161	8.7	3-22	2-16	0-7	1-2	2-51	6-63	-67.63
Newmarket	13-100	13.0	0-30	5-19	0-6	0-1	7-23	1-21	+6.04
Lingfield	10-48	20.8	2-8	5-16	0-2	0-0	2-8	1-14	-9.85
Doncaster	9-67	13.4	2-11	1-9	1-7	1-3	2-11	2-26	-6.25
Lingfield (AW)	9-82	11.0	1-10	5-25	1-7	0-0	1-21	1-19	+0.75
Nottingham	9-92	9.8	1-19	3-18	1-5	1-2	2-20	1-28	-29.15
Pontefract	8-35	22.9	2-5	1-5	0-0	0-1	0-9	5-15	+0.25
Haydock	8-51	15.7	0-8	2-4	1-10	1-3	1-16	3-10	+9.75
Warwick	6-41	14.6	1-8	2-8	1-2	0-2	1-9	1-12	-19.06
Chepstow	6-70	8.6	1-15	3-9	1-6	0-0	1-19	0-21	-21.50
Brighton	5-37	13.5	0-1	1-4	0-0	0-0	3-19	1-13	-7.92
Wolverhampton (AW)	5-52	9.6	0-5	1-11	0-1	0-5	3-16	1-14	-25.33
York	4-24	16.7	2-5	0-1	0-5	0-1	2-7	0-5	+15.10
Yarmouth	4-27	14.8	0-2	1-6	0-2	0-1	1-5	2-11	-4.75
Ascot	4-73	5.5	1-5	1-10	0-10	0-0	0-11	2-37	-35.50
Thirsk	3-9	33.3	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-4	-1.33
Southwell (AW)	2-11	18.2	0-0	0-2	1-4	0-0	1-4	0-1	+0.25
Redcar	1-2	50.0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+0.20
Ripon	1-7	14.3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-5	-2.50
Ffos Las	1-9	11.1	0-0	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-3	-5.25
Beverley	1-9	11.1	0-3	1-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	-7.50
Epsom	1-25	4.0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-4	1-18	-22.13
Musselburgh	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Catterick	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Newcastle	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Chester	0-7	0.0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-3	-7.00
Ayr	0-10	0.0	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-5	-10.00
Chelmsford (AW)	0-12	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-4	0-5	-12.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 269 Total winning prize-money £2,244,135.39

**MICK CHANNON**  
More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

'What a star she's been, a dream of a filly for me'

**DARK HORSE**

**Bounce**  
3f Bahamian Bounty - Black Belt Shopper  
Landmark Racing Ltd  
51-  
RPR 89

I was contemplating running her in Listed company first time up, but on the evidence of her most recent work she's not quite ready and may be better off in a couple of handicaps to start with. She won her maiden well at Kempton and although she's a little bit fragile, she'll get stronger with age and we have high hopes of her, with black type the aim later in the year, on decent ground.

Park, I can't do anything other than run him in Group 1s after this, although he doesn't give you any confidence in his home work. On past performance and physical development, I'd be very positive about him in the top grade.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**African Friend**  
g Equiano - Fontanally Springs  
Henry Candy  
4  
RPR 40

Started odds-on at Bath on his debut, having worked with all the good horses here and shown himself to be very useful, but he was just going down with something at the time and ran moderately. Hopefully when we can get him right he'll win his maiden and progress to better things.

**Jack Nevison**  
g Dick Turpin - Creative Mind  
Henry Candy and Partners  
335-2  
RPR 77 OR 74

Has started favourite on his last three runs and been disappointing, but I still think he has ability. I ran him at Kempton last month with a proper winter coat on him, just because I thought the race conditions were so perfect, but he just got pipped, so I'll wait until he looks the way he should look before we try him again. He's a fast, robust horse who will be a decent handicapper when he's grown up, but his feet aren't the best and he'd like a bit of give in the ground.



## STABLE TOUR MICK CHANNON

**E**VEN if numbers have been down over the last couple of seasons, Mick Channon can generally be relied upon to produce the quantity. Fortunately, the popular West Ilsley trainer also retains the happy knack of often turning up a bit of quality as well – and on that basis the next couple of days at York could prove fairly significant.

After a good start to the season, Channon endured a few reverses – plus some rank bad luck – over the weekend. But now he is set to field potential stable stars Harlequeen, Czabo and Harrison – “as good as I’ve had since Youmzain,” in the trainer’s own words – at the Dante meeting.

“We’re going to put our toe in the water in the trials,” adds Channon. “Generally they’ve been running well and I’m excited about some of the three-year-olds. We lack a bit of quality overall but we’ve got some nice unfashionably bred horses who should stand us in good stead.”

Punters should note nice level-stake profits for the stable at Brighton, Chelmsford and Lingfield, while a figure of +£49.50 from a 13 per cent strike-rate at Newmarket’s July course suggests Channon’s runners there can be seriously overlooked.

Nicholas Godfrey

# York-bound trio out to build on yard’s solid start

## STABLE PROFILE

▶▶ **Yard** West Ilsley (5lb), Killian Hennessy (7lb)  
 ▶▶ **Where** West Berkshire  
 ▶▶ **Website** [mickchannon.tv](http://mickchannon.tv)

▶▶ **Started training** 1989

▶▶ **Finest hour** Samitar’s victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas in 2012

▶▶ **Horses in yard** 120

▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Michael Channon jnr and Keith Evans

▶▶ **Head grooms** Jonathan Dennis, Robert Storton; Paul Morkan (assistant), Steve Sweet (assistant)

▶▶ **Jockeys** None retained but mainly using Silvestre de Sousa, Charles Bishop, George Baker

▶▶ **Apprentices** Paddy Pilley

### Winners in Britain

2015	71
2014	81
2013	75
2012	109

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015	-£185.98
2014	-£100.65
2013	-£382.53
2012	-£282.27

### Prize-money 2015

£940,362

Windsor on Monday before it got abandoned.

### Elidor

6g Cape Cross - Honorine  
 Jon and Julia Aisbitt  
 03165-3

RPR 112 OR 106

Good horse on his day – he won at Royal Ascot for us as a three-year-old and a handicap at Newmarket off 100 last year. Has come to hand nicely again and ran a cracker at Chester in the Ormonde – he ran right up to his mark, so we’ll probably look for a Listed race for him now, though the Ebor is a long-term objective. He was third there a couple of years ago, then we ran him at Goodwood as a prep race last year but

he got struck into pulling up, which meant the season had basically gone because he wants decent ground.

### Divine

5m Dark Angel - Carallia  
 M Al-Qatami & KM Al-Mudhaf  
 03-2406

RPR 107 OR 100

High-class filly who won a Listed race last year and ran well in Dubai against some much-improved horses. She was very unfortunate in a Listed race at Nottingham on Saturday when she anticipated the start and head-butted the stalls. She got quite a nasty graze on her eye and Graham Lee said she spent the first two furlongs out the back

struggling to come to terms with it so she’s run a blinder to get beaten only three lengths. She’s a Listed winner and Group-placed; we’ll look for another Listed race now.

### Fingal’s Cave

4g Fast Company - Indiannie  
 Moon  
 The Motley Cru I  
 5-41513

RPR 85 OR 81

Had a problem with a sesamoid but he’s a nice horse, although he can be a bit keen. He won on the AW and at Brighton and he was really unlucky last week at Chester, but that’s the sort of thing that happens on a tight track like that. But I do feel he’s one who could win a couple of handicaps. Might go back to 6f.

### Gratzie

5m Three Valleys - La Gazzetta  
 David Hudd & Chris Wright  
 45897-6

RPR 103 OR 89

Got carried across the track by Kodi Bear at Windsor last year and that stopped her getting black type because she would definitely have been third but she got beaten a short head and finished fourth. She ran her race first time out in a fillies’ handicap at Ascot on Saturday and now she might go back to Epsom, where she’s won three times. We’ve got to try to nick a bit of black type with her.

### Lincoln

5g Clodovil - Gilt Linked  
 Billy Parish  
 0000-03

RPR 109 OR 95

Doesn’t have a great win



MATTHEW WEBB

**Mick Channon:** “We’ve got some nice unfashionably bred horses who should stand us in good stead”

### Mobsta

4c Bushranger - Sweet Nicole  
 Billy Parish  
 2418-19

RPR 111 OR 106

As a two-year-old he threw a splint, then he did again as a four-year-old but he’s always been a decent horse. Won the Cammidge really well but then I probably ran him back a bit too quickly at Newmarket. Loves soft ground, which is unusual for one of ours. I’ve got him in Greenlands Stakes in Ireland and a race at Baden-Baden.

### Moonraker

4c Starspangledbanner - Licence To Thrill  
 Chris Wright & Miss Emily Asprey  
 0/14650-

RPR 109 OR 101

Talented horse with plenty of ability. Things have got to go right for him but if they do he’s got the class to be a Group horse and he runs in today’s Duke of York. Jamie Spencer was brilliant on him when he won at Ascot last year – he’s that type of horse, you don’t want to hurry him because if you put him in the race too early he doesn’t finish it off.

## OLDER HORSES

### Bossy Guest

Four-year-old colt  
 Medicean (sire) - Ros The Boss (dam)  
 Owner: John Guest Racing  
 Form figures: 80-0097

Racing Post Rating: 114;

Official rating 106

People say he’s ungentle but he’s not – he’s just not the easiest horse to train because he’s got little soundness issues and he takes a bit of warming up. He’s a bit shuffly, doesn’t have the best feet. Been working well since he came back from Dubai, where it didn’t work out, and he ran quite well in the Earl of Sefton. Probably going to step him up to 1m2f at some stage; wants real good ground. At his best he’s a good horse – he was fourth in the Guineas and third in the Jersey – but it’s not easy to get him there and keep him there. Was due to run at

## STABLE STAT

Mick Channon has had five winners and four places from 17 runners in 4yo+ handicaps at Wolverhampton since the start of 2013, showing a profit of £8.71 to a £1 stake on the win part

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**Persun**

4f Sir Percy - Sunley Shines  
Mick Channon  
7/51199-  
RPR 87 OR 84  
Won her maiden at Newmarket last year before winning a handicap at Epsom off 80. She'll probably be going back to Epsom for that fillies' race at the Derby meeting. She wintered well after doing us proud last weekend.

**Shore Step**

6g Footstepsinthesand - Chatham Islands  
Jon and Julia Aisbitt  
72463-4  
RPR 99 OR 93  
Very honest and genuine, always runs his race and pays for that with the handicapper. Ran well again at Ascot on Friday and we've just got to hope he gets one off his mark.

**Volunteer Point**

4f Footstepsinthesand - Piffing Box 41  
-111248  
RPR 104 (AW) 100 OR 102  
What a star she's been, a dream of a filly for me. She's very good on the AW, winning three including the fillies' race on Good Friday, and she's done nothing wrong on grass. I thought our luck was in when they moved the Group 3 to the AW at Lingfield at the weekend but then our luck ran out when she got squeezed out. Ryan [Moore] said she would have been placed. I still think there's a Pattern race in her but you're on eggshells it might be one step too far. We might give her a month off now.

**STAR QUALITY**

**Harrison**

3c Sixties Icon - Excellent Day  
T P Radford  
51-3  
RPR 97 OR 93  
Still a big baby mentally but I think he's a very good horse, as good as I've had since Youmzain. He's going to run in the Dante - I know he's a decent horse but whether he's good enough yet, I don't know. Youmzain wasn't ready for the Derby and it took a while with him and this one is that type of horse, although he might even have shown us a bit more than Youmzain at this stage. It's a big shout but his form's in the book last year - when he won his maiden he beat Algometer, who was second to the Derby favourite at Sandown. I went for the handicap at Sandown but it was a good run as he was giving away weight. We're going to the Dante because I feel it's the right track for him. He's in the Derby and we're keen to have a go and we're trying to give him a Derby preparation, but he's only had three runs and he needs this run so it's a big ask. We think he's pretty good - actually, we know he's good, the question is how good right now. I certainly don't think we'll be outclassed.

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

**Czabo**

f Sixties Icon - Fiumicino  
Norman Court Stud  
81-1  
RPR 96 OR 95  
She's always pleased us but last year she went to Newmarket and sat in the stalls, got left ten lengths. Ran her back a week later at Newbury and she won but she pulled a muscle behind, but might have been a blessing in disguise as we had to give her time. I wanted to run her in Fred Darling but didn't want to go on the AW. She's well made with good conformation but she's not a pretty filly, she's raw-boned with big feet but she's a galloper. Has come out of Esher Cup well and she'll go for the Listed race on Friday at York. She's in the Irish Guineas and if she wins on Friday we'll think about that, or we can always fall back to options like the Sandringham at Royal Ascot.

**Epsom Icon**

f Sixties Icon - Hairpsray  
Epsom Stars Racing I  
9117-70  
RPR 97 OR 97  
I was chuffed with her run in the 1,000 Guineas - I know she was beaten 12 lengths but she travelled so well for a long way. I don't think she got the trip and they outstayed her. She's a high-class filly who won her Listed race last year at Newbury; she also won at Epsom, the owners come from Epsom, and I'd be tempted to drop her back in trip and have a look at something at the Derby meeting. She's better than people think.

**Harlequeen**

f Canford Cliffs - Aurelia  
Mrs S Brandt  
1-2  
RPR 93 OR 91  
High-class filly who has been working great. Won first time out at Goodwood last season and then ran a cracker in the sales race at Newmarket first time out this year. She's rated only 91 but she's in the Oaks and we'll find out if she's up to that in the Musidora today. She was very green at Newmarket and I just want to get her on a flat track. I think she's a very good filly and there's everything to play for with her.

**Kassia**

f Acclamation - Speedy Sonata  
Jon and Julia Aisbitt  
215601-  
RPR 87 OR 86  
Talented filly, nice sprinter. She's a bit highly strung and she got upset coming across the track at York last year - she did run but had got herself into a right mess. Then she went to Pontefract and won nicely. I might just throw her straight into a Listed race at Haydock because she's working well.

**Opal Tiara**

f Thousand Words - Zarafa  
Qatar Racing and The Sweet Partnership  
744239-  
RPR 102 OR 102  
Probably the best filly we had last year. She's in the Irish Guineas but had a little setback in the winter, a little chip in her hock, so she's a little bit behind the others. We had her

in all the good races last year but she's tough, she can take everything you throw at her. There's a fillies' conditions race at Leicester I'm looking at. She's rated 102 so she could be perfect for the Sandringham Handicap at Royal Ascot.

**Scrutineer**

c Intense Focus - Royal Esteem  
Malih Al Basti  
3118-2  
RPR 103 OR 103  
A good colt who ran a cracker in the Free Handicap and seems to go on any ground, although I'm not sure he'll like the firm. He's in the King Charles II Stakes at Newmarket and the German Guineas but I'm not sure about the mile trip as I think 7f is perfect for him. In an ideal world he'd end up in the Jersey Stakes - that's the dream.

**Silca Star**

c Medicean - Silca Chiave  
Aldridge Racing Partnership  
2-5  
RPR 78 OR  
Big, backward horse. Pleased us last year and he'd done a nice bit of work and we were going to run him at Newbury but it was abandoned so we went to Epsom and he didn't come down the hill and he pulled muscles all down his back. We're back to the drawing board - he's going to need a month or six weeks.

**Siri**

f Atlantic Sport - Search Party  
Dave and Gill Hedley  
2-21  
RPR 77 OR 74  
Done nothing wrong. I ran her in the winter when she hadn't come in her coat, just trying to warm her up - she looked like a hairy old goat but she was working well so I thought I'd win a little race on the AW and she got beat! She's been a bit difficult going in the stalls but we think that's sorted out and she was game in winning a mile maiden at Nottingham. A mark of 74 looks okay.

**Sixties Sue**

f Sixties Icon - Rose Cheval  
Norman Court Stud  
44-3534  
RPR 90 OR 89  
As tough as they come. She's had niggles but nothing bothers her and she's generally consistent, although she ran a little bit disappointingly at Hamilton last time but that was a long way to go so it was probably trainer error. She

**DARK HORSE**

**Star Blaze**

3c Shamardal - Gallic Star  
Jon and Julia Aisbitt  
8  
RPR 57 OR  
He's a decent horse. I wanted to run him at Newbury but took him to Windsor after it was abandoned and he ran no sort of race; he didn't know what was going on. He ran as if you'd never taken him up the gallops! Anyway, the fourth [Morando] came out and won the other day. He'll run in another maiden soon and hopefully he's waiting to win.

**HORSE TO FOLLOW**  
**Graeme Rodway**



**Kassia**  
Beaten less than two lengths by top-class Besharah when second on her debut at Ascot, but lost her way after winning next time at Sandown. She bounced back with a confidence-boosting win in a Pontefract nursery on her final start last season and looks the type to build on that with another year behind her.

takes herself to the races - she tells the driver the route!

**Summer Icon**

f Sixties Icon - Summer Cry  
Allen, Porter, Voute Partnership 1  
5326-24  
RPR 91 OR 90  
This one's underrated because I've made a real mess of training her. If she's not a good filly I might as well pack the game up. She's just been difficult to organise - she's a bit keen but she ran a blinder the other day at Ascot. She'll go for a maiden at Newmarket at the end of the week. She's off 90 now so she probably won't get into the Sandringham but I think she's a black-type filly. She's got size and scope but she'll improve and she'll get a mile for sure.

**Tigerwolf**

c Dream Ahead - Singing Field  
George Materna & Roger Badley  
944-34  
RPR 88 OR 85  
High-class horse who has had a wind operation since his last run. He's got stacks of ability but we probably won't see him until Goodwood now. Don't get a shock when he comes back because hopefully he'll be ready to win. Hasn't won his maiden yet but I think he's a good horse.

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

They seem all right to me and we've had a couple of winners and a few more placed.

**Sayesse** (c Sayif - Pesse), who won at Brighton, will probably go to Newmarket next and Kempton winner **Stringybark Creek** (c Bushranger - Money Note) might go for a conditions race at Newbury. **Raffle King** (c Kodiak - Tap The Dot) was in a hot race at Ascot last week and he'll probably come good in nurseries later on. **Devilish Guest** (c Dark Angel - Lecelle) is exciting, goes real well. We'll be looking for him at the end of May and then see if he's good enough for Royal Ascot. We're not far way with him.

I do like **Jule In The Crown** (f Harbour Watch - Jules), who was sixth at Ascot on Friday in a good race. It wasn't a bad run - bit of a mess early on, and I'd still like to think she'll be one for Royal Ascot. **Zaatar** (f Fast Company-Amazig Win) also looks a sharp filly. I was pleased with **Whiteley** (f Dark Angel - Carallia), a full-sister to Divine, at Windsor on Monday night and she'll come on for the run.

We've got lots of nice horses for later on, among whom is **Ingleby Mackenzie** (c Sixties Icon-Natalie Jay), who is a really nice prospect and will probably want 7f.

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16**

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp 2yo	2,801	344	410	402	1,645	12		-772.45	-28%
Non-hcp 3yo	1,130	135	152	147	696	12		-410.28	-36%
Non-hcp 4yo+	272	21	30	30	191	8		-131.71	-48%
Hcp 2yo	941	97	86	120	638	10		-195.03	-21%
Hcp 3yo	2,570	249	278	322	1,721	10		-420.22	-16%
Hcp 4yo+	1,593	141	169	160	1,123	9		-420.66	-26%
Totals	9,307	987	1,125	1,181	6,014	11		-2350.35	-25%

\*return on investment

**JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Sam Hitchcott	118-1320	8.9	-459.52
Charles Bishop	94-677	13.9	-51.15
Martin Harley	94-824	11.4	-214.61
Chris Catlin	72-731	9.8	-237.31
Darryll Holland	52-419	12.4	-65.72
Tadhg O'Shea	49-419	11.7	-30.45
Ted Durcan	33-309	10.7	-98.03
Silvestre de Sousa	30-156	19.2	+29.04
W Twiston-Davies	22-227	9.7	-63.77
Hugh Bowman	20-228	8.8	-110.52
Jamie Spencer	13-59	22.0	+88.24
Kieren Fallon	13-93	14.0	-24.20

**FIRST TIME OUT**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	48-672	7.1	-345.44
Non-hcp 3yo	34-308	11.0	-118.70
Non-hcp 4yo+	4-31	12.9	-9.20
Hcp 3yo	14-179	7.8	+4.70
Hcp 4yo+	15-145	10.3	-12.67

**MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	11-98	11.2	-50.03
February	22-147	15.0	+23.53
March	45-297	15.2	-67.39
April	85-828	10.3	-286.84
May	133-1256	10.6	-415.02
June	134-1287	10.4	-232.62
July	128-1421	9.0	-478.45
August	170-1486	11.4	-365.85
September	124-1293	9.6	-384.78
October	101-920	11.0	-67.49
November	27-180	15.0	+29.37
December	7-94	7.4	-54.78

**FAVOURITES**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp 2yo	137-397	34.5	-45.83
Non-hcp 3yo	49-125	39.2	-13.97
Non-hcp 4yo+	4-19	21.1	-12.04
Hcp 2yo	24-89	27.0	-0.69
Hcp 3yo	48-199	24.1	-23.02
Hcp 4yo+	39-154	25.3	-9.23

**COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp 2yo	Non-hcp 3yo	Non-hcp 4yo+	Hcp 2yo	Hcp 3yo	Hcp 4yo+	£1 level stake
Wolverhampton (AW)	69-476	14.5	12-105	15-80	0-7	9-78	19-142	14-64	-47.71
Bath	62-472	13.1	22-149	6-35	0-4	4-37	12-146	18-101	-133.73
Lingfield (AW)	58-486	11.9	12-79	15-136	4-13	2-33	15-142	10-83	-84.00
Kempton (AW)	43-547	7.9	8-111	9-61	0-12	9-119	13-159	4-85	-232.10
Goodwood	40-576	6.9	11-174	5-64	1-26	5-50	8-139	10-123	-198.42
Newmarket (July)	38-316	12.0	18-113	4-21	1-11	5-42	5-80	5-49	+61.00
Brighton	35-283	12.4	14-81	0-17	0-3	2-18	12-108	7-56	-65.73
Newbury	34-574	5.9	11-249	10-113	2-25	5-37	4-83	2-67	-261.10
Leicester	32-222	14.4	19-87	3-24	0-1	3-29	6-54	1-27	-60.78
Folkestone	30-163	18.4	12-61	3-13	0-0	0-7	12-52	3-30	+61.06
Windsor	28-366	7.7	13-130	4-39	0-3	2-29	2-91	7-74	-148.66
Sandown	27-220	12.3	8-67	3-23	0-10	5-19	7-75	4-26	-14.92
Nottingham	27-232	11.6	11-64	2-16	0-4	7-32	6-87	1-29	-52.10
Newmarket	27-306	8.8	11-86	5-69	0-17	1-15	7-73	3-46	-68.68
Yarmouth	26-263	9.9	5-55	4-32	1-3	4-34	9-91	3-48	-93.67
Epsom	25-193	13.0	8-54	1-23	1-8	1-11	11-68	3-29	-9.35
Chester	25-211	11.8	9-44	1-13	1-6	0-28	11-71	3-49	-42.02
Lingfield	24-172	14.0	9-49	2-23	0-3	2-21	9-50	2-26	-3.80
Salisbury	24-309	7.8	7-116	3-35	0-5	2-20	9-84	3-49	-128.71
Haydock	23-239	9.6	5-66	4-18	1-14	5-26	4-76	4-39	-64.81
Ascot	23-389	5.9	13-135	1-42	1-27	0-14	3-77	5-94	-122.77
Pontefract	22-179	12.3	8-57	3-20	1-7	4-21	6-43	0-31	-12.00
Catterick	21-123	17.1	7-35	6-15	0-3	3-29	4-31	1-10	-22.53
Ripon	21-170	12.4	12-64	3-14	2-5	0-7	3-45	1-35	-76.85
Redcar	20-140	14.3	7-51	5-17	0-2	3-19	2-30	3-21	+1.63
Thirsk	19-132	14.4	13-47	2-11	1-2	1-7	1-37	1-28	-47.63
Chepstow	19-198	9.6	7-65	2-24	0-0	1-14	3-56	6-39	-99.64
York	18-219	8.2	9-65	3-27	1-19	0-16	3-46	2-46	-114.83
Hamilton	17-96	17.7	8-25	1-18	0-3	2-8	5-32	1-10	-28.75
Newcastle	17-139	12.2	7-41	1-11	1-5	2-15	3-40	3-27	-26.61
Ayr	15-108	13.9	4-36	0-3	0-3	0-11	9-31	2-24	+6.00
Beverley	14-156	9.0	7-50	2-10	0-0	0-15	4-61	1-20	-44.84
Doncaster	14-205	6.8	3-67	1-22	1-9	1-23	4-42	4-42	-93.36
Warwick	11-140	7.9	4-55	0-14	0-6	3-16	4-33	0-16	-49.26
Chelmsford (AW)	10-57	17.5	1-10	1-5	1-2	1-5	5-26	1-9	+56.87
Ffos Las	9-80	11.2	3-20	1-6	0-1	0-17	4-23	1-13	-34.42
Carlisle	8-41	19.5	2-9	1-2	0-0	1-4	3-19	1-7	+3.50
Musselburgh	8-75	10.7	4-24	1-6	0-1	1-10	2-20	0-14	-45.50
Southwell (AW)	3-19	15.8	0-1	1-5	0-1	1-3	0-6	1-3	+1.00
Southwell	1-11	9.1	0-1	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	-8.13
Newcastle (AW)	0-1	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Wetherby	0-3	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-3.00</