



1st season champion Dandy Man

Just champion!

Earlier in the year we selected the first season stallions most likely to make the grade with their first winners in 2013. Our suggestion was that Mastercraftsman would top the list, whilst Bushranger, Intense Focus and Myboycharlie were also likely to produce speedy types. Not too bad - because Mastercraftsman lies second in the table, Intense Focus fourth

and Bushranger fifth. The clear winner we completely overlooked was Dandy Man - who's been nearly twice as successful than any of his rivals. In fact this sprinting son of Mozart has made a real and unexpected impact and slipped almost unnoticed under the radar. His current fee of just €4000 is sure to be a lot more next year!

Time for bookies to pay out?

Recent developments at the European Commission give rise to renewed optimism that racing can be successful in its efforts to secure levy payments from offshore bookmakers. In May the EC approved a French proposal for a levy on online bets placed on French racing, irrespective of the point of consumption. It appears the French government succeeded where our own government dares not tread as the commission accepted that improving bloodlines and promoting horse breeding amounted to a Service of General Economic Interest. With governments around the world securing payments for the provision of racing's product from bookmakers irrespective of their location, it is not surprising British firms are so anxious to maintain the status quo. The suspicion has long been that they do very well out of it. It also allows



them to retain their own key information on offshore turnover, making it impossible for racing to establish what its product is worth within the commercial arrangements now advocated by government. These are frustrating times. No sooner does a position arise where British racing can be optimistic, then it recedes, often for political expediency. The French have proved adept in negotiating the EC

Forget Epsom Downs - how about the Mongolian Derby?

Equine adventures don't come more punishing than the Mongolian Derby, a stamina-sapping endurance test over 1,000 gruelling kilometres of desolate, unforgiving countryside on a series of tough as teak ponies. That was the challenge chosen last summer by weighing room friends Richie Killoran and Donal Fahy to raise funds for the IJF.

A total of 34 riders set out on seven days of intense competition. Only 21 finished. They were led home by 26-year-old Fahy, 44 seconds ahead of Killoran. Fahy concedes "My first reaction when I crossed the line was one of huge relief that it was over. I was so thankful I didn't have to go out and do it again the next morning because I found the whole



Killoran and Fahy in action

experience unbelievably tiring. We changed horses every 40 kilometres and some days we were in the saddle for 12 hours. Riding in that Derby was the best thing I've done. Nothing else comes close to it and I am proud that neither Richie nor I incurred a single penalty point imposed by the vets, as the health of the ponies is paramount. It shows we rode them with compassion. That we finished first and second adds to the fairytale. The bonus was that between us we raised £10,000 for the IJF who were brilliant to us when we were injured in the past."

Did you know?

Great Leighs, the Essex all-weather track, which closed within months of opening, has had its application to re-open with new fixtures refused by the BHA.

minefield. It appears they have done so again, to potentially lucrative effect. Our government recognises vast benefits would arise from taxing offshore bookmakers at the point of consumption. Our industry is both a significant employer and a substantial source of revenue. The time has come for racing and government to resolve this damaging issue as a matter of urgency.

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National Museum gets new home

Thanks to funding from Sheik Mohammed, the National Horseracing Museum will be moving to a new home at Palace House Stables in Newmarket. It's been an eight year project in the making to create a larger space to display all the exhibits under a single roof. Palace House Stables are the oldest racing stables in the world - initially occupied by horses owned by Charles II. The stables have



An artist's impression

now been painstakingly restored and will be home to art from the British Sporting Art Trust and the Tate Gallery. The museum will also have live exhibits showing saddlers and farriers at work. Work is currently still underway but ultimately the new museum will be 3 times as big and will provide an attraction for all racing enthusiasts from home and abroad.

Did you know?

Coolmore Stud have recently been promoting their Australian super sire to owners and breeders worldwide. Sire of our own Delagoa Bay, Encosta de Lago's runners have now won over \$127,000,000 and won 93 black type races.



Sarah Wall with Encosta de Lago at Coolmore Stud, Australia

Meet the family!

On a recent family trip to Australia, Sarah also visited Coolmore Stud in the Hunter Valley. This is home of one of the world's leading stallions Encosta de Lago - sire of our own Delagoa Bay. Encosta de Lago's progeny have now won over \$127 million worldwide and nearly 100 black type races. By a strange quirk of coincidence Delagoa Bay is trained by Sylvester Kirk



Trainer Sylvester Kirk - started at Coolmore

who initially started his career with Coolmore - including a spell with their impressive operation in the Hunter Valley. Coolmore Australia has a very special location on some of the best land - which also includes an extensive vineyard. *Cont. page 3*

Wolverhampton to work on new Polytrack surface



Wolverhampton's Dunstall Park

Wolverhampton will carry out investigation work on its all-weather surface in a bid to ensure the track can be improved and cope when temperatures dip in the winter. Clumping and kickback have been causing problems at the course since resurfacing and when the cold weather has hit. Jim Allen, racing director of Arc which owns Wolverhampton and

Southwell, said: "We made a decision to carry out the maintenance work in response to the difficulties experienced during the winter in the last couple of years. "We will also be fully refurbishing both the pre-parade and parade rings. Both were in need of investment, particularly given the quantity of horses and meetings that we host there."



Get a good side-on view of runners

Why go to the paddock?

Here are some pointers on what to look for to give yourself an edge when you're at the track...

Unlike virtually any other sport, horseracing allows you the chance to get up close and personal with the athletes just minutes before the race. Runners are invariably in the pre-parade ring 20 or so



Keep A Welcome in the paddock

viewing is done on a level patch of ground by the side of the paddock, so that you can get the chance to see each horse approach head-on and also study them from the side before they turn a corner. Look for anything and everything that suggests you are watching an athlete primed to run for their life... well defined muscle tone over its buttocks and behind the ribcage.

A racehorse 'carrying condition' - ie. fat - may not be in top physical shape, though some horses are naturally more robust than others so may well still carry a bit of condition even after a couple of runs. Look for a sleek, shiny coat that positively shouts good health.



Look out for greenness in youngsters

minutes ahead of a race and make it into the paddock ten or 15 minutes before the off. But on a cool day you might have a wait as some horses will not have their rugs taken off and you need to see them in the flesh. Even the sharpest elbows cannot always guarantee the ideal spot as hundreds surround the parade ring at a top meeting, but the best

Negatives to look out for include: sweating, getting edgy, unruly or showing signs of 'greenness' - a two-year-old newcomer neighing in excitement at every gust of wind or seemingly startled as their jockey gets on board. Getting 'coltish'. One of racing's more charming euphemisms, which describes the way a horse - invariably young, always male - gets 'excited' physically, often at the sight of a female rival. Ability and effectiveness to handle the trip and ground is also crucial - so watch the runners on their way to the start. Which horses stride out at ease on fast ground? Horses with a high knee action will go better on soft ground.

Did you know?

There was a once common practice of inserting powdered ginger under a horse's tail to give it temporary spirit - hence, the saying "to ginger up a bit!"

Did you know?

In 665 serious racing accidents, 213 jockeys end up in A & E. Of these 7 experience life changing injury.

Lady Cecil to take up the reins...

Lady Cecil widow of Sir Henry who died on June 11th, is to continue training from Warren Place in 2014. There had been some uncertainty about future



plans but Lady Cecil will undertake the necessary qualification by completing the BHA's training licence modules during the winter.

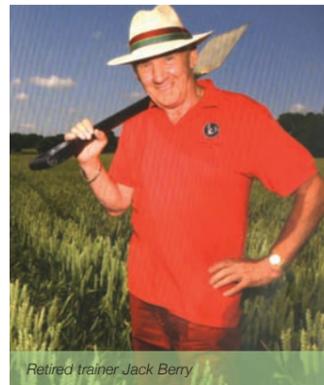
Australia signs up...

Racing is edging towards a global agreement to remove drugs from racing. The Newmarket steroid scandal highlighted the issue and subsequently The Australian Racing Board has banned steroids being administered to racehorses from 1st May 2014. Peter Bittar, Chief Executive of the BHA, said: "The decision is very good news and represents a significant step forward to our goal of eliminating steroids for racehorses worldwide."

The house that Jack built

Retired trainer Jack Berry now devotes much of his time and effort to the Injured Jockeys Fund.

Jack Berry House is to be a rehabilitation centre for jockeys suffering short and long term injury. Jack Berry House, the long-time vision of the inspirational man whose name it will bear, is set to become a glorious reality in 2014.



Retired trainer Jack Berry

Considerable groundwork has been done for the £3.5m project. Building, next to Malton and Norton Rugby Club in Old Malton, is due to begin in November. Fittingly, all being well, it will be opened towards the end of next year; a wonderful signature facility in the 50th anniversary of the IJF, and a dream come true for Berry, who has typically put his heart and soul into bringing this northern rehabilitation centre to fruition.



Artist's impression of Jack Berry House

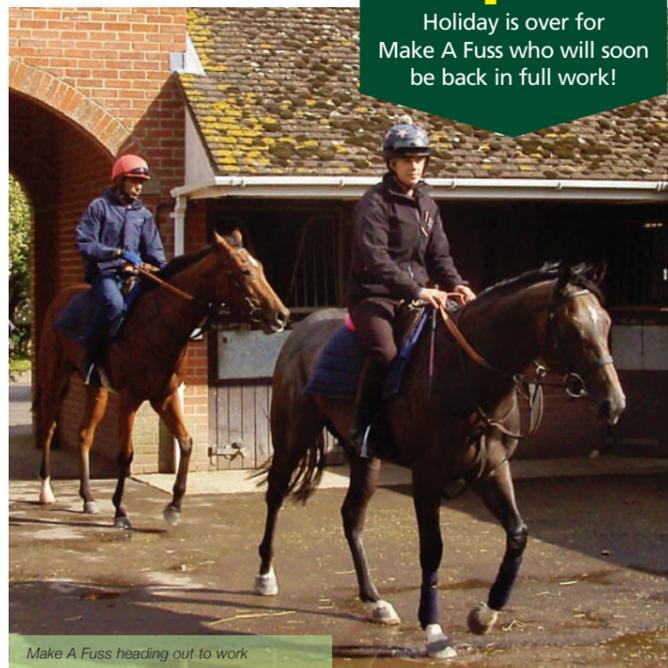
The IJF's vice president has left no stone unturned in his proud and passionate drive to see this ambitious project through to the end. He has been at the sharp end of a major fundraising effort and is counting the days to the grand opening, which will come some five years after our committed Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, cut the tape at Oaksey House and paved the way for jockeys to enjoy the sort of dedicated rehab programme they were long overdue.

"It's going to be brilliant and it's what has been needed for so long in the north," says Berry. "I've always said my biggest objective was to see this through before I'm carted off in a box!" Jack Berry House is a single-storey state-of-the-art building, which includes a gym, hydrotherapy pool, treatment rooms and respite accommodation.

To donate now text TIJF33 (insert space) £10 to 70070

Snapshot

Holiday is over for Make A Fuss who will soon be back in full work!



Make A Fuss heading out to work



Delagoa Bay on her way to a convincing 6 length win at Woverhampton

Meet the family! (cont.)

Sarah and the family enjoyed a privileged tour of the stud where some of the world's top sires currently stand. In addition to Encosta de Lago, Coolmore is home to Choisir, Duke of Marmalade, Excelebration, Fastnet Rock, Hardasun, High Chaparral, Pierra, So You Think, Spinning World, Uncle Mo and Zoffany - familiar names in racecard pedigree worldwide.



Martin Dwyer and Delagoa Bay

She has filled out and done exceptionally well during her break at home and it's good to see her so relaxed... we hope that she'll be better than ever on her return to the racetrack! There are still some shares available in Delagoa Bay - so please call 01293 884433 or email: enquiries@homebredracing.co.uk for further details.

The most successful Australian-bred sire of all time
 Progeny earnings of over \$127m.
 93 Stakes winners including 20 G1 winners.
 197 Black-type horses including 49 G1 horses.
 36 Black-type horses since 1st January 2012.

ENCOSTA DE LAGO
 Two-time champion sire in Australia
 Champion sire in Hong Kong in 2011/2012

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Northern Meteor, G1 Coolmore Stud
 Stakes winner & now the leading 3rd crop sire

Sacred Kingdom, 7-time G1 winner
 & world champion sprinter

Encosta de Lago is now 20 and so in the twilight of his glittering stud career, but Sarah said the likeness in our own filly was remarkable and he had a great presence and temperament. The plan is for Delagoa Bay to rejoin Sylvester in Lambourn shortly and to be campaigned on the all-weather over the winter - she seems much better on a level sand surface than on turf.



Encosta De Lago

Did you know?

Next year the Injured Jockeys Fund will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.