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Henry Daly Stable Visit Thursday 20th October

The start time is still to be finalised but likely to be about 10.30am Racing at nearby Ludlow also takes place in the afternoon. Wales Racing Club members are also welcome to attend.

To reserve your place please contact
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As usual NRC will be collecting donations of £5pp from members to pass onto the stable staff on the day.

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In our last edition, Harold Heys promised some more stories of Bolton trainer Billy Carr and his brilliant coups. He picks up the tale before the last war and will follow with Billy's later exploits of patience personified in the next edition.

Carr's first big coup - in the Liverpool Hurdle

By Harold Heys

Billy Carr managed – somehow – to keep a low profile for close on 40 years till he retired in the mid-70s. But he often sailed close to the wind.

Billy was "at it" long before the Second World War. And in those days he wasn't afraid to try it on in the big races.

The Liverpool Hurdle of 1938 was worth £1,245 to the winner, making it probably the richest hurdle race of the National Hunt season. By comparison, Golden Miller never picked up more than £670 for any of his five Gold Cups in the Thirties and Our Hope won £745 for winning the 1938 Champion Hurdle.

Flagg, a flashy six-year-old, started off the year by being beaten in a selling hurdle at Manchester and went into the Liverpool Hurdle, the day after the Grand National, on the back of a dismal showing off 10st 2lb in a Manchester handicap. He started a well-backed 8-1 shot when he should have been out with the washing.

Flagg's usual pilot was an amateur but this time he had the assistance of professional jockey Don Butchers who had rather hoped to be on board warm favourite Beachway. Just about the only two people confident of a strong showing from Flagg were Billy Carr and owner-in-the-background John Hamer of the Bolton brewing family.

Their confidence in the grey entire, with a flowing mane and tail, puzzled Butchers. The nag had won just one small race in 17 outings and he got in with 10st 1lb. Billy's orders were to "take the lead

with a circuit to go and make the best of your way home."

This was all right in theory, thought Butchers, but how about the ability of the horse to co-operate? The story of the race needs little telling. Don took it up at half-way and never saw another horse; he didn't even hear one! They passed the post eight lengths to the good.

The stewards held a lengthy enquiry at which the world and his wife were asked to give evidence. The Racing Calendar summed up eloquently: The stewards "found that the running was open to the gravest suspicion but decided to accept the explanation given by Carr". Whatever that was!

Billy Carr was equally at home with Flat horses and in 1938 he sent The Drummer over to Doncaster where it made every inch of the running to win the Portland Handicap from 26 rivals. The Drummer was hammered down to 7-1 favourite and, as his jockey Doug Smith wrote in his autobiography *Five Times Champion*, "landed a gamble."

Smith recalled, perhaps more than a little naively, that Carr was "a brilliant judge of the form book." He added, more pointedly: "Whenever Billy Carr was called before the stewards he always had his answer off pat."

He recalled riding for the Bromley Cross trainer at the 1942 Pontefract Whitsuntide meeting – another race that interested the stewards. A horse called Pointis, who had won the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot for Prince Aly Khan three years earlier, fizzled out at 6-4 on the Saturday but came out on the Monday to win the big race of the day at a tastier 8-1.

Smith wrote: "Carr was promptly called before the stewards to explain the difference in running and was able to put forward the unanswerable case that Pointis had made similar improvement in a three-day interval at Royal Ascot in 1939 (when trained at Newmarket by Frank Butters for Prince Aly Khan) and that anyhow the Saturday flop had been its first race of the season." Billy probably couldn't wait to hit the stewards with that one. It would have been well rehearsed.

As early as the mid-30s Billy Carr was realising that keeping out of the limelight was a good approach. But he was anxious to provide fellow Lancastrian Steve Donoghue with his last winner. Pegomas, who had coasted in to win Haydock's Old Newton Cup in mid-summer and who had run consistently well since, was lined up for the Final Plate at Manchester on the last day of the 1937 season in late November.

Carr told Donoghue the horse would win but just about everyone else told the former champion that Lord Derby's Highlander was a good thing. Steve switched horses but, of course, Carr was spot on. Well-backed Pegomas won comfortably and Steve trailed in third.

I've been trawling through the form books and the Horses in Training and reckon that Billy Carr joined the trainers' ranks in 1935. Pegomas was the first winner I could find – an odds-on victory in an amateur riders' handicap at Leicester on November 4 that year. Billy rode the horse. Perhaps a bit more digging is needed.

Pegomas was another Butters-Aly Khan cast off. The previous season the prince won four races on the bounce on him. Carr made quite a habit of buying horses out of bigger stables cheaply over the years.

Another good horse of his in the war years was Golden Boy who completed a hat-trick in 1942 by winning a substitute November Handicap at Pontefract. Emir d'Iran was another useful handicapper from those days but it was quite mad and almost impossible to ride.

They were hard times for racing and, of course, for everyone else.

But after the war Billy Carr and John Hamer got the fun started again. And then Jimmy Hughes arrived and it got even dafter.

More next time ...



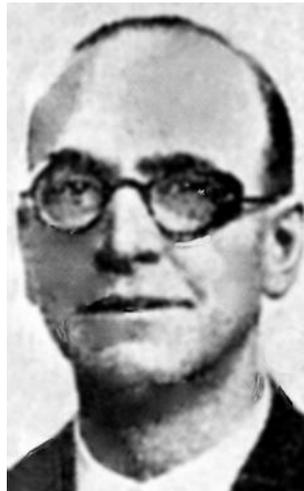
Champion jockey Doug Smith knew Billy Carr well and often rode for him.

Carr and Hamer: A winning double

John Hamer was the last in the line of major brewers in the Bolton district. His family firm was founded by his grandfather Henry who bought the Volunteer Inn at Bromley Cross in 1853. John sold the business and 42 pubs to Duttons Brewery in 1951 for £316,000.

Hamer represented Eagley Ward on the local Council from 1931-46 and was President of Bolton Cricket League. Racing was his passion and he and Billy Carr made a formidable team, although the brewer liked to keep in the background for when anything hit the proverbial. As it occasionally did.

He had broken his neck in a riding accident in 1934 but had recovered fully. He had the first of a series of strokes in 1945 leaving him suffering from depression which eventually led to him taking his own life. He died at Lytham St Annes in October 1957.



Autumn Book Competition

The following four names of jockeys/trainers were queried by my computer spell check recently and the following suggestions were given. Can you work out the correct names of those involved (surnames only will suffice). Once you have deciphered please send your entries to Phil Evans at 53 Dalebrook Rd, Sale, Cheshire M33 3LB. Alternatively e mail info@northernracingclub.com Closing date is Saturday 26th November.

1. Barberry
2. Tongue twisters
3. Perpetrate
4. Ettore

The winner will be drawn at random and wins a book prize of their own choice (within our budget of course!).

RACING SPOTLIGHTS – THIS MONTH’S GUEST IS RACING TV PRESENTER RACHEL CANDELORA

Rachel Candelora (31) is originally from New Jersey in the United States. She first became involved in racing when sneaking out of school to go to Monmouth Park before moving to Louisville Kentucky to start working at Churchill Downs – the home of the Kentucky Derby. At Churchill Downs she worked her way up to being their betting PR before moving to the UK in 2013. Rachel is a regular part of Racing UK’s international racing coverage and she also regularly appears on sister channel TurfTV in betting shops.

WHAT DOES BRITISH RACING DO WELL?

Big days of jump racing. The atmosphere at Kempton on King George Day or before the start of the first race on any of the days at the Cheltenham festival, or as the 40 horses line up in the National – it is awesome!

WHAT CAN BRITISH RACING DO BETTER?

Making it cheaper to go racing, it is far too expensive to go racing in Britain. To me the cost of just getting into a racecourse in Britain is prohibitive enough to think about not going. Just briefly looking through prices – Musselburgh is charging £25 for general admission, Newmarket starts at £11.20 for the 2yo Day on Wednesday in mid-October, and Kempton, probably one of the least expensive tracks, is still £9 minimum to go AW racing. Compare this with going racing in the US – the most I have ever paid to get into a racetrack, on a regular day, was \$5 at Saratoga – one of the premier tracks in the country. Most American tracks are literally a few dollars to free to get in as racetrack administration realize that the less they take at the gate, the more they get in betting and food and drink sales. It’s the same idea in France, barring the huge meetings like the Arc, it is typically just a few euros or free to go racing, but even then it was only 8 euros to go to Chantilly for Arc Trials Day.

WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT RACING BACK HOME IN THE STATES?

The pageantry of it – even on a bad Wednesday of racing it kicks off with the National Anthem and then before every race the horses come out to the bugle playing the call to post and they parade, in race card order, in front of the stands – every single race with very few exceptions. I miss getting to see the horses out on the track before they go off to the starting gate. Also I miss actually seeing racing – most of the time I go racing in Britain, because of the configuration of the tracks, mainly straight tracks, I end up watching the majority of the race on TV, wondering why I even bothered going. It’s one of the reasons that I like Kempton, Wolverhampton, and Lingfield – because I can actually see horses most of the way around the track.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO RACING?

I have had horses my entire life, pets not racehorses, I was that person that had the white pony named Snowflake. I started to watch horse racing on TV because it was “horses on TV”, but I fell in love with spectacle of the sport and the history and tradition of the races, the pedigrees, the people, the stories. It all snowballed and by 10 years old I was totally hooked – and haven’t looked back since.

WHO IF ANYONE IS YOUR ALL TIME RACING HERO?

Frankie Dettori would be one because he has been one of the constants throughout my time with racing. He was a superstar even back when I was young in America because he was one of the main “foreign” jockeys who would come over to the US several times each year and his flair and flying dismounts fit perfectly into American racing. He’s a hero to me because he has had the highs and lows of his career and he just bounces back, keeps going and forever reminds us all that no matter what the press says he is still a damn good jockey.

WHAT ARE YOUR DESERT ISLAND RACECOURSES?

Keeneland Racecourse

Kempton (Flat and Jumps)

Auteuil

Cagnes Sur Mer

Sandown (Jumps)

YOUR FUNNIEST MOMENT ON-AIR?

My funniest moment was one of my first moments on air doing a Kentucky Derby preview for racing UK a few months ahead of the 2011 Derby. When asked about the merits of a horse called Currency Swap I just gave my gut reaction and simply said “he’s by nothing, he’s done little, and he’s trained by a no-body.” Needless to say this had the gallery and the presenter laughing and luckily the horse went on to do very little. However, after the show I was given a gentle word of advice that it was good to have forthright opinions but perhaps I should think before I speak.



Thanks again to Brian Goodwill for compiling this article.

2016-17 NH Saturday Naps Challenge

Entries are now being taken for this season's Saturday Naps Challenge.

The competition starts on Saturday 12th November and finishes at the end of main the jumps season covering a total of 20 weeks when competition entries are accepted.

The prize fund usually reaches over £1000 and we hope to raise a similar sum this winter! Prizes are awarded for each of the four rounds and also for the seasonal naps table.

Full rules will be issued to all entrants but the basic idea is to select one horse running at a National Hunt meeting in the UK or Eire on each Saturday and the entry with the highest level stake profit wins the prizes for each of the four Rounds and also the Seasonal Prize.

It costs just £10 to enter for the whole season with all entry fees added to the prize fund – NRC members who are eligible may use their e-vouchers for this competition. If more convenient for members it is possible to send a direct bank payment for the entry fee and register via e mail at info@northernracingclub.com The overall winner also receives the 'Tote Credit' Trophy for 12 months.

Selections are accepted via e mail, text or answer phone.

To enter by post please complete slip below and return to NRC at

53 Dalebrook Rd, Sale, M33 3LB.

Each entry will be acknowledged and an entry number allocated. Previous entrants will retain the same entry numbers. If entrants also require a paper copy of the rules please send a SAE with the entry form - internet entrants will receive confirmation via e mail of course.

NH SATURDAY NAP CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

Please accept this entry for the 2016-17 Competition.

I am also enclosing entry fee of £10 per person (payable to NRC).

E-Vouchers are available for this competition - to claim please e mail info@northernracingclub.com

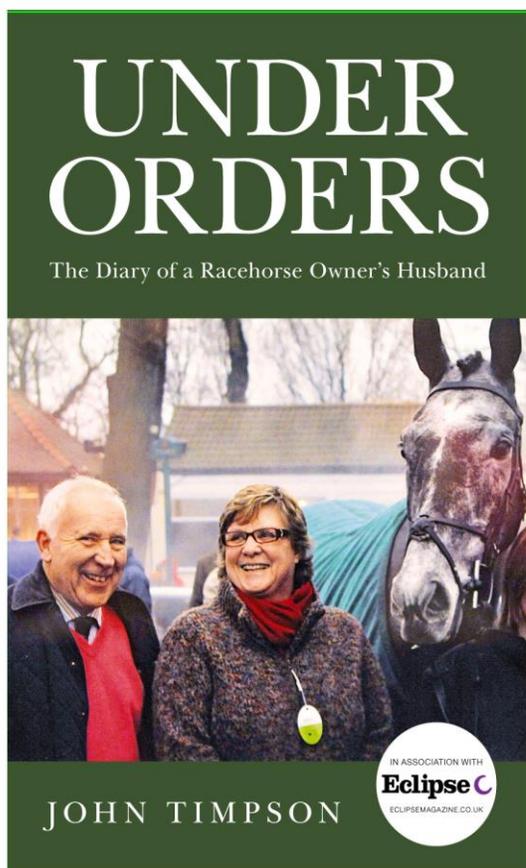
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COMING SOON

UNDER ORDERS
*The Diary of a Racehorse
Owner's Husband*
by John Timpson

Price £14.99

Published by Icon Books in
October 2016.

When John Timpson, chairman of the eponymous high street chain, bought his wife Alex a racehorse in 2002, a friend commented that it would be 'a marvellous way to lose money'. Soon they were immersed in a world of trainers' yards, Novice Hurdles and handicaps, and well on the way to proving the old adage that the best way to make a small fortune is to start with a larger one, and buy a few racehorses.

As the number of horses increased and Alex became a well-loved figure on the racing scene, John kept a diary of their experiences on and off the track. This witty book describes how racing brought something extra into their marriage – from Mondays at Ludlow to the Cheltenham Festival. It documents the wins, near misses, disappointments and occasional tragedies that make up a racing career – not to mention the friends made, the knowledge gained and the sheer thrill of it all.

'Under Orders' is a joyous and humorous portrait of horseracing in Britain and a tribute to the owners whose dedication and enthusiasm make the whole thing possible.

"This is a story about Alex Timpson's love of horses and racing and how she started with a small share in one to ending up with a decent sized string of horses and achieving an ambition to have runners at the Cheltenham Festival."

Philip Evans, Deputy Chairman of the Northern Racing Club

Read the advance reviews and pre-order your copy at:

<http://UnderOrders.co.uk>.

Sales of the book through this website raise money for the Injured Jockeys Fund.

GORDON ARMISTEAD'S RACING DIARY

Monday July 18th Cartmel

There was no doubt about the best race of the day with novice chaser Altruism attempting to give weight to 2015 Cheltenham festival winner Next Sensation in the two mile one handicap. Beating the unreliable Desoto County in his one chase did not make Altruism the odds on shot he was but Next Sensation down twenty-two pounds from his career high looked to have gone at the game. I took the chance with Kumbeshwar who was down thirty-eight pounds from his peak but he had showed some spark on his last run and was too big at 16/1. He proceeded to give the second an almighty bash and got himself well behind in what was always going to be a race run at a fast pace. Next Sensation led until falling at the third last and then Altruism blundered at the second last causing the saddle to slip leaving Fantasy King came through to pick up the pieces while Kumbeshwar finally got going far too late to be beaten only a couple on lengths.

Bourne beat Smad Place four years ago but one win in thirty-six attempts since then had reduced his mark to only 91 and a win in the staying hurdle by fourteen and twenty-six lengths shouldn't fool anybody.

Saturday August 6th Haydock

Royal Artillery came into the Rose of Lancaster easily the lowest rated horse but showed a really good attitude in seeing off Scottish. It was hardly the best Group 3 and he wouldn't appeal as the sort to step up to higher class but he should hold his own at this level. At one time it looked like Arab Spring might be a Group 1 performer but after a long period off the course and having his mind on other things in the parade ring he did not look much up for a fight in the race. Fifth home Foundation was just about favourite for the Derby after his two course wins last season but here he was gelded, blinkered, and looking far from keen. Connections said the faster ground was against him but they have said the same about soft ground and he looks more likely to be looking at eight flights in the winter than any Group wins.

They were not a bad bunch in the listed fillies' mile race but it was an impossible race to sort out. Aljazzi was no match for Minding in the Guineas but got up close home to beat another also ran from that race in Mix and Mingle. It's probably job done for both as they don't look up to Group class.

The Pro-Am ladies race was billed as one of the richest such contests but it was a desperately poor race for £20K both in terms of class and betting appeal. No doubt Emma Sayer is not complaining as she picked up a separate £20K "development award" having also won a race on Carlisle's ladies day. The race will need a huge boost in prize money to get better horses to make it anything out of the ordinary.

Thursday September 1st Haydock

A real mixture in the mile and a half maiden. Favourite Elraazy - a daughter of Oaks winner Eswarah- had been found a good race to attempt to get the necessary win before she goes off to stud. She is a big rangy sort and got the job done without too many problems. Runner up Queen of the Stars has a rating of 75 so even if they try to find a small listed race for Elraazy she would probably not be up to it. Six lengths off the first two came the seven-year-old winning hurdler Arthur Mc Bride who looks the type who should be better than his hurdle rating of 112 but isn't. Three-year-old debutant Smashed was in fourth and he looked the sort who could make a jumper if given the chance. Way down the pack came Caracci Apache who beat Blaklion in a Grade 2 three-mile hurdle in January 2015. He was poor in his bumpers and has looked useless as a flat racer.

Frankel has made a decent start to his stud career and his latest runner Swiss Storm was odds on for the six-furlong maiden. He is a big sort but his front and back ends looked out of proportion and his trainer David Elsworth does not usually get them ready first time. He was slowly away and never got into it and I wouldn't be rushing to back him next time. Of more interest would be fourth home Swag who now gets a handicap mark and looks a readymade winner for nurseries.

In the two-year-old mile maiden Star Archer would normally be one to take on at 2/5 after being beaten twice at a short price but he cruised in beating a couple that had been beaten miles on their previous runs. Behind the placed horses the Godolphin runner Alqamar was given an easy introduction while Poseidon will have to improve a great deal to justify his €320K yearling price.

Cymro's form is up and down but he battled on well to take the good twelve-furlong handicap from the rejuvenated Stars Over the Sea. Beaverbrook was running in some of the smaller classic trials in the spring but he looks tripless and paceless as his handicap mark continues to fall.

Saturday September 3rd Haydock

A totally foul day and it cannot have been far off the ground turning worse than the official soft.

There were two sons of Frankel in the listed two-year-old mile Ascendant Stakes with his first runner and winner Cunco in as favourite. He is not the biggest or straightforward and we could already have seen the best of him as he looked a bit paceless in third. The race went to Frankel's other runner Frankuus who certainly has plenty of size about him and he made all and kept on well. Runner up Star of Rory kept on nicely to take second and looked like he will get further next season. The form is nothing special and I doubt they can step up to Group class.

A competitive field for the Group 3 Superior Mile and Hathal dug really deep on his first run of the season after looking held half a furlong out to get up by a head and a neck. Talk after was of a step up in class but his looks his level. Runner up Mitchum Swagger should find a listed race while third home Convey is probably not the greatest battler with his strange headgear of one full cheek piece and one tiny token one.

An excellent ride from seven-pound claimer Clifford Lee on Intense Tango in the Old Borough Cup making all and stealing several lengths just before the straight to hold on by a head. The mare is a graded winner over hurdles without being up to taking on the best but there are a whole host of listed races for her if connections choose that route. John Ferguson couldn't get a win out of third placed Blue Rambler last jump season but seconds to Jetstream Jack and Gwafa read well and Ian Williams might be able to work with his rating of 124.

The ground took a toll on the Sprint Cup field but Quiet Reflection took full advantage of the conditions and had it won some way out. It would be hard to say it was the best Group 1 ever run as second The Tin Man has been well beaten before in this class and third Suedois hasn't won for over a year but the winner is pretty smart and unlike most of the sprinters very consistent.

The Alan King trained Cosmeapolitan was top weight for the three-year-old mile six handicap and ran a decent race in finishing second. From this yard there must be every chance he will go hurdling this winter and he looks just the type who would do well over the winter. Winner The Graduate also looked like he was the right type to hurdle but I would imagine the Balding yard will be keeping him for the better staying handicaps on the flat. Evan Williams does well with fillies over hurdles and Evening Hush just acquired from Ireland should be the sort to do well.

Tuesday September 20th Warwick

Time to start getting tuned into the jumpers as the heart of the new season approaches.

Sophie Leach must have set a record at Stratford recently when the stewards had her in regarding the running of three of her horses all from the one race and they all turned up again here in the two-mile novice hurdle. Together with a few other they gave the main players a dozen lengths start by the first hurdle and from there only four runners mattered. Two of those tipped up leaving Tahira to win her second hurdle from Furiously Fast with the others beaten miles. The winner was rated in the 90's on the flat and how she will get on when she meets something decent we will see. The runner up a maiden after twelve on the flat and over hurdles should find a bad race somewhere.

Charlie Longsdon and Richard Johnson had a double with Wells de Lune getting things his own way out in front of the two-mile novice handicap chase without looking a natural over fences followed by Kilfinichen Bay in the staying chase. After a bad mistake at the first Johnson kept Kilfinichen Bay in last place until four out before smoothly finally challenging after the last without resorting to the whip. Despite his thousands of winners there was a time not long ago when he couldn't ride this type of race.

Friday September 23rd Haydock

Three six furlongs two-year-old maiden races held a bit of promise but probably delivered nothing of any notable class. The colt's race went Jack who readily held off the paceless Comprise but it is was only modest form.

The two divisions of the fillies' maiden were run in more or less the same time with the first going to Comedy School who has a bit of size about her and should make a better three-year-old with only runner up Star Catch showing any promise of the rest who were beaten a long way. The second division was fought out by two daughters of Mayson in Rosie Briar and Loving with the latter probably needing her first run and she will find a race.

Best race of the day was the five-furlong nursery with thirteen of the fourteen runners having won. Top weight Battaash who looked badly in for his one Bath win giving at least ten pounds away was back at five furlongs and set a ferocious pace. Only the very consistent Merry Banter could stay close to him and when the weight told the filly just kept going. Kyllang Rock was the only one to come after them and just failed to get up while the rest never got into it. The Racing Post gave it as a course record of 58.62 which I assume is for two year olds as the winner's sire clocked 57.67 in the 2012 Temple Stakes.

Saturday September 24th Haydock

Up to a mile for the two-year-old maidens and much more promise form the winners. Overall they weren't a great bunch on the fillies' race but the two that had stood out Fleabiscuit and The Jean Genie came home first and second with the winner especially looking like she had improve for the experience. The runner up came from the back and ran on just under hands and heals.

The better looking horses in the colt's maiden looked like they would be better for the run and their prices seemed to back up that theory. One of them however Barney Roy ran out an impressive winner quickening well in the last furlong to win by three and a quarter lengths. A mile will probably be his trip and he looked useful. Back in third came Crowned Eagle a half-brother to Eagle Top and Wings of Desire. He looked very green starting slowly and hanging when first asked to get into the race before finishing well and he should improve a lot.

COMPETITION NEWS & RESULTS

59's DRAW RESULTS UPDATE

The latest '59's' winners are as follows – each now wins the monthly £50 prize!

The winners are based on the bonus ball drawn on the first Saturday Lotto draw each month.

6th August (#08) David Brookfield from Southport &

3rd September (#37) Maureen Dawson from Liverpool

We now have #45 available if anyone else wants to join the draw. Its £12 for 12 months entry.

Please contact Phil Evans (see contacts list on last page) if you wish to join in!

ALEX BIRD CHALLENGE 2016

Round 4 of this year's challenge covered the York Ebor Festival as usual. **Chris MacKenzie** from Durham finished top in the Round and wins the £50 prize.

It was however **Rob McDermott** from Cheshire who took the seasonal prize of £115.

After winning the Saturday Naps Challenge earlier in the year we are considering adding a handicap rating to his competition entries in future.....only joking!!

Thanks again to John Boswell for his sterling work in running this years competition and sending e mail entrants their daily updates – hopefully we shall be back again in the spring when we kick off again with the Cheltenham Festival.

HERITAGE HANDICAPS COMPETITION

We enter the home straight now with 3 races to go. it is still the Bates show but it can all change in the last few weeks. Congratulations to Gordon Armistead who, despite stating he knows nothing about the flat game, has got the exacta in the last 2 weeks. This has also moved him up from the relegation zone to touching distance of the place money. Main table scores as below after Sept 17th results added.

145.1	Dave Bates
115.1	Diane Bates
113.3	Harold Woodward

In the exacta/trifecta league table Diane Bates remains the clear leader.

TRAINER TRAITS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Here is an abridged list of qualifying races coming up in the next few months – a full list can be downloaded on the club website. The dates are as run last year and are generally one day earlier in 2016.

Friday Oct 9th Newmarket – (Listed) 1m 2f Several Stakes for Fillies: S Bin Suroor has won 3 times (in 2007, 10 & 14). All three had finished 2nd or better on their last run with odds of 13/2 or shorter.

Friday Oct 9th Newmarket – Gr 1 Fillies Mile for 2yo: AP O'Brien has won 3 times (in 2007, 14 & 15). All were 1st or 2nd on their last run with odds of 7/1 or shorter. (Prior to 2011 races were run at Ascot).

Friday Oct 9th York – 1m 2f Conditions Stakes: S Bin Suroor has 3 wins (in 2007, 09 & 12). All had finished 2nd/3rd on last run (20-30 days earlier). Winner's odds were all 7/2 or shorter.

Friday Oct 17th Newmarket– Gp 1 Dewhurst Stakes over 7f for 2yo: Irish trainer JS Bolger won the race 4 times (in 2006, 07, 08 & 12) All finished 3rd or better on their last run (within last 13-34 days) and all were ridden by K Manning.

Sunday Oct 11th Curragh – (Listed) 6f Stakes: E Lynam has won for 3 consecutive years (2013-15). All had odds of 3/1 or shorter and came from stall 6 or lower.

Sunday Oct 11th Curragh – (Listed) Staffordstown Stud Stakes over 1m for 2yo Fillies: AP O'Brien won for 4 consecutive years (2007-11 – no race in 2008- and also in 2014 & 15). Only 2 were sent off as favourites with all odds being 7/1 or shorter. A 6th place or better seen on last run for all the yard's winners. Race Fact: 2011 winner *Homecoming Queen* went on to win the 1000 Gns the following year.

Sunday Oct 11th Goodwood – 7f Nursery Handicap for 2yo: R Hannon won in 2015 and R Hannon Snr in 2011 & 2013. All were 1st/2nd LTO.

Monday Oct 13th Salisbury – 7f Maiden for 2yo fillies: J Gosden has 3 wins (in 2009, 10 & 12). One was making its début whilst the others had run just once finishing no better than 3rd. All were reasonably backed with odds of 5/1 or shorter.

Monday Oct 14th Windsor – 1m Maiden: J Gosden won in 2004 (both divisions of the race) and 2006. All were aged 3 years and were well backed at odds of 100/30 or shorter.

Tuesday Oct 14th Leicester – 7f Maiden for 2yo: Sir M Stoute has won 3 times (in 2005 (both divisions) & 2012). Of the three winners all had finished either 2nd/3rd /4th on their last run. All were also sent off as favourites.

Wednesday Oct 14th Nottingham – 1m Maiden for 2yo: S Bin Suroor has won 3 times (in 2006, 09 & 12.) All winners were sent off as favourites.

Wednesday Oct 14th Nottingham – 1m 2f Maiden for 3yo: S Bin Suroor won 6 times (for 4 consecutive years (2006-9) & 2012/2014. Longest winner's odds were 9/1 with most at 5/2 or shorter.

Friday Oct 18th Dundalk – 7f Fillies Handicap: TGM Lyons has won 3 times (in 2008, 09 & 13). All were aged 3yo and had finished no better than 4th on their last run. All came from stalls 5-8 with longest winner's odds being 9/1.

Friday Oct 16th Redcar – 1m 6f Handicap: T Easterby has won for three consecutive years from 2008-10. Each of the winners had finished 6th or better on last run (within last 11-32 days) and all were fairly well backed at odds of 8/1 or shorter. The three winners all came from the 'Bollin' family with Bollin Greta winning the race twice.

Saturday Oct 17th Ascot – Gr 1 'Queen Elizabeth II Stakes' over 1m: AP O'Brien has won 3 times (in 2006, 09 & 12). All were sent off as race favourites.

Saturday Oct 18th Ascot – Gr 1 Champion Stakes over 1m 2f: Lady Cecil/Sir H Cecil had 4 wins (in 2009, 10, 12 & 14). All were 3rd or better on last run (24-83 days earlier) *Race run at Newmarket until 2010.

Sunday Oct 19th Naas – 6f Maiden (for 2yo C & G): AP O'Brien has won 4 times (in 2005, 07, 10 & 12). All had odds of 8/1 or shorter with two of the four starting as favourites. Two were making their débuts and the others had run just once before – neither finished better than 6th in their only race.

Monday Oct 21st Pontefract (Listed) - 1m 'Silver Tankard' Stakes for 2yo: M Channon won in 2006, 2007 & 2009. All had been rested for 37-39 days before winning here and all had disappointed in last race with none finishing better than 4th LTO. As a result, all were easy to back with odds of 4/1 or greater.

Tuesday Oct 22nd Lingfield – 7f Maiden for 2yo: R Hannon won in 2006, 2009 & 2011. All had run just once/twice before and were well backed at odds of 11/4 or shorter.

Tuesday Oct 22nd Yarmouth - 1m Maiden for 2yo fillies: J Gosden won in 2007, 2008 & 2010. One winner was making its racecourse début whilst the others had run either once or twice before finishing no better than 4th on their last run.

Wednesday Oct 21st Newmarket – 'Houghton Stakes' over 1m for 2yo: J Gosden has 3 wins 9in 2012, 14 & 15). All finished 4th or better LTO and had been rested at least 26 days before this race.

Wednesday Oct 21st Newmarket – 1m Maiden for 2yo: In a race that is often split into two divisions J Gosden has won 3 times since 2006 (in 2006, 07 & 08). Two of the winners were making their débuts with the other 5th & 6th on its previous starts. The débutantes were fairly well backed at 11/2 or shorter with the other sent off at 12/1.

Friday Oct 23rd Newbury – 6.5f Maiden for 2yo: R Hannon Snr has won 3 times (in 2011 & both divisions in 2012). All had one prior run (finishing no better than 6th) and were well backed as first/second favourites.

Saturday Oct 24th Doncaster – 7f Apprentice Handicap for 3yo: R Fahey won in 2008 & both divisions in 2014. All carried weights between 8st 9ls & 9st 2lbs and had odds of 9/1 or shorter.

Saturday Oct 24th Doncaster – (Gr 1) Racing Post Trophy over 1m for 2yo: AP O'Brien won in 2009, 11 & 12. All winners had raced just once/twice before winning all their previous races. In the betting all were sent off as favourites.

Saturday Oct 24th Leopardstown – 1m Maiden for 2yo C&G: AP O'Brien has won 3 times (in 2011, 13 & 14). Two were 2nd/3rd on their last run and the other was making its debut. Longest odds 11/2.

Saturday Oct 24th Leopardstown – Listed 'Trigo' Stakes over 1m 2f: DK Weld has won 5 times (in 2008, 10, 11, 12 & 15). All five winners were sent off as favourites and were ridden by Pat Smullen.

Saturday Oct 24th Leopardstown – Gr 3 'Killavullan' Stakes for 2yo over 7f: AP O'Brien has won the race 3 times (in 2007, 11 & 13). All had finished 3rd or better in their previous race. Just one of the trio were favourites.

Saturday Oct 24th Newbury – (Gr 3) Horris Hill Stakes over 7f for 2yo: R Hannon won in 2014 & R Hannon Snr has won 3 times (in 2009, 11 & 13). All were 3rd or better on last run (in last 49 days). Also all came from stalls 4/5/6/7.

Sunday October 25th Leopardstown – 7f Maiden for 2yo colts/geldings: AP O'Brien has 5 wins (in 2006, 07, 09, 12 & 13). Two winners were making their racecourse débuts with all others 5th or better on their last run. All had odds of 9/2 or shorter with 4/5 sent off as sole/joint favourites.

Sunday October 25th Leopardstown – 7f Nursery for 2yo: JS Bolger has won 3 times (in 2007, 10 7 15). All were 5th or better on their last race and had odds of 8/1 or shorter.

Sunday October 25th Leopardstown – (Listed) Eyrefield Stakes over 1m 1f for 2yo: AP O'Brien has 4 wins (in 2006, 07, 09 & 13). All winners were sole/joint favourites.

Sunday October 25th Leopardstown – 1m 7f Tote November Handicap: DK Weld has won 3 times 9in 2009, 11 & 15). All had won either of last two flat races with odds of 10/1 or shorter.

Monday Oct 28th Leicester – 1m 4f Conditions Stakes: S Bin Suroor has 3 wins (in 2007, 09 & 10). All finished no better than 4th on last run and all were aged 4yo.

Tuesday Oct 29th Yarmouth – 7f Maiden for 2yo: Sir M Stoute won in 2004, 2005, 2008 & 2009. The last two winners were sent off as favourites having finished 5th or better on their only other start some 15-19 days

earlier. The other two were easier to back at odds of 11/2 or greater and were making their racecourse débuts in the race.

Wednesday Oct 30th Nottingham – 1m Maiden (2yo): Sir M Stoute won in 2003, 2007 & 2008. All had two previous outings and finished 4th or better on their last run. In the betting all were well supported at 10/3 or shorter.

Thursday October 29th Lingfield – 1m 2f Handicap: GL Moore won in 2008, 2009 & 2011. All carried a weight of 9st 2lbs or more and finished 6th or better on last run. All had odds of 13/2 or shorter and all were ridden by RL Moore.

Thursday October 29th Lingfield – (Listed) River Eden Fillies Stakes over 1m 5f: S Bin Suroor has won 3 times (in 2009, 10 & 14). All were favourites.

Friday October 30th Breeders Cup – Gr 1 Juvenile Turf Mile (2yo): AP O'Brien has won 3 times (in 2011, 12 & 15). All were 3rd or better on last run and ridden by RL Moore.

Friday October 30th Breeders Cup – Gr 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff (Dirt) 1m 1f (Fillies): W Mott has won 3 times since 2008 (in 2010, 11 & 12). All had finished 1st/2nd on last run 34 days earlier.

Friday October 30th Newmarket – 7f Maiden for 2yo: S Bin Suroor has won 3 times (in 2008, 09 & 14). All were well backed favourites with odds of 7/4 or shorter.

Friday October 30th Newmarket – 6f Conditions Stakes for 2yo+: R Hannon Snr has won 4 times (in 2007, 09, 12 & 13). All were aged 2yo and were 5th or better on their last race. Only one of the four started as favourite.

Saturday October 31st Newmarket – 7f Maiden for 2yo fillies: J Gosden has won in 2007 & both divisions in 2011. All three winners were making their racecourse débuts. All were easy to back at odds of 11/2+.

Saturday October 31st Newmarket – (Listed) 1m 'Ben Marshall' Stakes: S Bin Suroor won in 2006, 2010 & 2011. All finished 5th or better on their last run (10-42 days earlier) and were easy to back at odds of 9/2+ as they were usually the yard's second string in the race.

Saturday October 31st Breeders Cup – Gr 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint over 6f (Dirt): B Baffert has won the race 3 times (in 2007, 08 & 13). All were well backed with odds 3/1 or shorter and two starting as favourites.

Saturday October 31st Breeders Cup – Gr 1 Breeders' Cup Mile (Turf): French trainer F Head won for 3 consecutive years (2008-10) with *Goldikova*. On each occasion the horse finished 3rd or better on last run some 34+ days earlier and was sent off as favourite.

Saturday October 31st Breeders Cup – Gr 1 Breeders Cup (Turf) over 1m 4f: AP O'Brien has won 3 times (in 2011, 13 & 15). None were favourites with all having odds between 5/1 & 32/5.

Monday November 3rd Wolverhampton – 6f Handicap: PD Evans has won 3 times (in 2012 and both divisions in 2013). All were 1st/2nd favourites, were 6th or better on last run (13-17 days earlier), carried 9st 5lbs to 9st 7lbs and were ridden by A Kirby.

Wednesday Nov 6th Nottingham – 1m Maiden for 2yo: S Bin Suroor won in 2005 (both divisions with one in a dead heat) 2009 and 2012. Three of the winners were making their racecourse débuts whilst the other finished 4th on its only other race. All were sent off as first/second favourites.

Wednesday Nov 6th Kempton – (Listed) Floodlit Stakes over 1m 4f: S Bin Suroor has won 4 times (for 3 consecutive years (2009-11) including one dead heat & 2012). Longest winner's odds were 6/1.

Wednesday Nov 11th Dundalk – 7f Handicap (0-85): M Halford has won for 3 consecutive years (2013-15). All were ridden by S Foley and sent off as sole/joint favourites.

Friday Nov 13th Dundalk – 1m Maiden for 2yo: D Wachman has won 3 times (in 2009, 10 & 11). All had finished unplaced on last run (two finished 4th on their penultimate start) and were easy to back with odds of 8/1 to 16/1. Interestingly they all had a strong jockey booked i.e. W Lordan, J Murtagh.

Saturday Nov 21st Lingfield – 8f Selling Stakes for 2yo: JS Moore has won 3 times (in 2008, 12 & 13). All were 4th or better on their last run (3-7 days earlier).

Saturday Nov 21st Wolverhampton – 8.5f Maiden for 2yo: M Johnston won in 2006, 2008 (both divisions) & 2009. All had finished 4th or better on their last run (within last 7-21 days).

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