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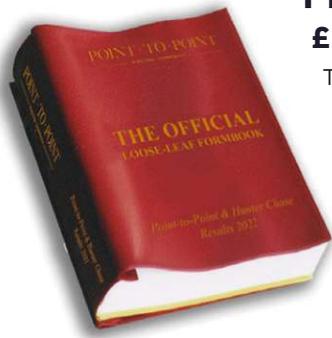
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FIRST RACE – 12 NOON

PROVISIONAL GOING – GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES

NUMBER OF RACES – 7

ADMISSION PRICES: E-TICKETS ARE £13 EACH, ON THE GATE ADMISSION IS £15 (CASH AND CARD)

PONY RACING AT 11.30 AM



DUKE OF BEAUFORT

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH AT DIDMARTON
(GL9 1EA Nr A433, 6m SW of Tetbury.)

FIRST RACE – 12.30

PROVISIONAL GOING – GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES

NUMBER OF RACES – 6

ADMISSION PRICES: ON THE GATE £12.50 PER PERSON

PONY RACING AT 11.30 AM



SUFFOLK

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH AT AMPTON

(4 miles North of Bury St. Edmunds on the A134 Thetford Road, through the village of Ingham. (SatNav IP31 1HU.)

FIRST RACE – 1PM

PROVISIONAL GOING – GOOD DOWN THE HILL, GOOD TO SOFT

NUMBER OF RACES – 7

ADMISSION PRICES: ADULTS £10 (CASH ONLY)

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PONY RACING AT 12 NOON



BLACKMORE AND SPARKFORD VALE

SUNDAY 6th MARCH AT CHARLTON HORETHORNE

(Charlton Horethorne off B3145 3 miles NE of Sherborne Postcode DT9 4LJ.)

FIRST RACE – 1PM

PROVISIONAL GOING – GOOD TO SOFT

NUMBER OF RACES – 6

PONY RACING AT 12 NOON

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



CURRE AND LLANGIBBY
SATURDAY 6TH MARCH AT HOWICK
(Two miles west of Chepstow. NP16 6BL)



SIR W.W. WYNN'S
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH AT BANGOR-ON-DEE
FIRST RACE – 1PM
PROVISIONAL GOING –SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES
NUMBER OF RACES – 7



YORKSHIRE JOCKEYS CLUB
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH AT CHARM PARK
(Nr Wykeham, off A170, 6m SW of Scarborough. YO13 9QU)
FIRST RACE – 1PM
PROVISIONAL GOING – GOOD TO SOFT
RACES – 8



MEETING PREVIEW

BROCKLESBY

at Brocklesby Park

Saturday 5th March

By Emma Forman

The popular Brocklesby Point-to-Point races take place on Saturday at Brocklesby Park by kind permission of the Earl and Countess of Yarborough. This will be a special meeting as it marks the 200th anniversary of racing at Brocklesby. A souvenir race card and exhibition will chart the history of Brocklesby races since the first recorded race in 1821.

Strong entries have been taken for the 7-race card, the first race is at 12 noon, with the final race due off at 3.40 p.m. The weather forecast is favourable for the weekend and the course is in excellent condition having had a Covid enforced break last year. The going is currently good to soft and going updates will be issued mid-week and again before the races.

The opening Brocklesby Members race sponsored by Grimsby Roofing Services will have the most interest for local racegoers with five horses entered. There will be keen competition for the Lady Yarborough Cup. Former Midlands area leading rider, Tom Strawson returns to the saddle on Hurricane Vic, whilst local owners Mike Dawson and Laurence Kirkby maintain their long-standing family connections with the race with their entries Hi Murphy, Braavos and Royal Chant. Tom Broughton is back race riding after a lay off due to a broken leg and rides Tom Creen for Sam Klug.

Mike Dawson may run Braavos in the Clark Weightman Yorkshire and Midlands Area Conditions race where he may line up alongside previous course winner Absainte. Chris Dawson may run Sinnington Conditions race winner Steely Addition but the one they all have to beat is the Kelly Morgan trained Vinnie Lewis, he has also won this season and will have George Chatterton in the saddle.

The feature race, the Baillie Haylage Mixed Open race has attracted eleven entries and some quality horses, including Gina Andrews who brings top rated Kalabaloo from her and husband

Tom Ellis' Warwickshire base, Gina is currently on 398 career wins and is aiming to make it four hundred at the meeting. Gina was leading rider at the meeting in 2020 and it would be no surprise to see her reach this landmark on Saturday. Vinnie Lewis could opt for this race; Alan Hill has Diplome Sivola entered, and Philip Rowley may run Vivaldi Collonges. In addition to the prize money the winning owner will receive a print of the Brocklesby point-to-point generously donated by sporting artist Daniel Crane.

The INRG Solar sponsored Owner Trainer Conditions race is for the traditional backbone of point-to-point racing, the small private yard who own and train their own horses. Mike Dawson may run either Hi Murphy or His Excellency with Jack Teal expected to be in the saddle. Luke and Caroline Humphrey's Cave Queen won on her latest run at Revesby races back in November and Rosie Howarth's Rossderrin ran well at the Sinnington in February when finishing fourth.

Longstanding sponsors DDM this year sponsor the Restricted race with eleven entries including the consistent Go-Go Geronimo trained for John and Tom Chatfeild- Roberts by Gerald Bailey. After a number of placed efforts this 7-year-old got his head in front at the Sinnington and may be able to improve further. Ballymac Boy and Outlaw Dream are two with some restricted form to their names and should be on the short list.

There will be strong interest in the maiden races. The 6th Race is the Mares and Fillies Maiden sponsored by Brigg Office Supplies and the Jockey Club and features the debutante four-year-old Kap D'Attente for Gina Andrews and Tom Ellis; she is likely to take her place at a sale soon if she shapes well here. Alan Hill's Highland Glory is possibly the one with the best form to date.

The biggest entry of the day is for the final race of the day the Open Maiden sponsored by Nunns Isuzu will provide another opportunity for Gina to make her 400th winner she has two unraced four-year-olds to choose from in Hoe Joly Smoke and Man of My Dreams in this race. Socialiser and Mithmaar both have placed form and will therefore benefit from greater racecourse experience.



Diplome Sivola (Ben Sutton) may feature in the Mixed Open race.

Photo: Tim Holt

Brocklesby races are a wonderful opportunity for a family day out. There will be bookmakers, trade stands, food outlets and a licenced bar. The Brocklesby Hounds will parade before the open race which will provide a great spectacle and reminder of the origins of point-to-point racing.

E-tickets are £13 each, on the gate admission is £15 (cash and card) For E-tickets and further information www.midlandspointing.com The course post code for Sat Nav is DN37 8LH. The access road into the course is from B1210. Gates open to the public at 10 am and the first race is at 12.00 noon.

DUKE OF BEAUFORT at Didmarton

Saturday 5th March

By Peter Mansell

The Point-to-Point course at Manor Farm, Oldbury on the Hill staged its first meeting in 1947 and is still going strong 75 years later. This year's fixture is supplemented by a dog show, children's entertainment, pony racing, numerous trade stands plus food outlets and a bar, so there should be something for everyone before the first Point-to-Point race commences at 12-30 p.m.



Duke of Beaufort - Cage Of Fear and Ellie Jefferson, won last time
Photo: Tim Holt

The Members has attracted a competitive entry of 15 with five of them coming from the South Gloucestershire stable of Charlie Dando. He won this race with According to Harry when it was last run in 2020 where they saw off the efforts of Fly West and there is no reason to believe the positions will be reversed.

Dando has other options and could team up with Calett Mad, Carrig Dubh, Ifyoucanseemenow or Keep Moving so the stable selection will be hard to beat.

The opposition includes Apple of our Eye, another from the Marriott's dynasty of Point-to-Pointers and the likely mount of Jessica Gundry. Ed Walker's Danseur Du Large carries the best form into the race, but will be hampered by a 7 lb weight concession to his rivals and he will do well to overcome that challenge.

Mike Hawker enjoyed considerable success with a mare called Where's My Slave a few years ago and one of her progeny Spotty Dog is another entry. She has plenty of experience under

Rules and has been placed a couple of times and might be worthy of a small investment.

The Intermediate looks at the mercy of the Bradley Gibbs trained Honey I'm Good who has won two races since parting company with the jockey on their seasonal debut.

The Dando stable could saddle Ifyoucanseemenow to try and claim the prize, while the Trea Newell owned and James Ridley trained Lagonda holds Nuova Vita on their Larkhill running. Largy Mountain shaped well on his seasonal debut and was never out of the frame last year but has to concede 5 lbs to his rivals which levels out the playing field.

The Clive Boulton Brooks trained Racing Snake lost his unbeaten record at Buckfastleigh but the ground was very heavy on that occasion and he may be more at home on a sounder surface. Salvatore sets the standard in the INEOS Grenadier Mixed Open. He had some disappointing efforts earlier in the season but came good with a comprehensive defeat of last year's Cheltenham Foxhunters winner Porlock Bay at Bangor. He is another sure to appreciate the sounder surface and it will be a major surprise if he gets beaten.

Fifty Shades took the Lord Ashton of Hyde Cup at the end of January but he faces a much easier task down the Wales on Sunday afternoon, while Igor carries the famous Waley-Cohen colours and you can never discount representatives from this yard. Sumkindofking finished behind Fifty Shades at Cocklebarrow but has been knocking at the door all season and is one to cause a potential upset.

Salvatore's trainer Phil Rowley has a useful second string in the shape of Vivaldi Collonges, while Ennistown and Moscow Prices could pick up one of the places.

The Novice Riders looks interesting with several of the potential runners winning similar events during the early part of the season.

Cage of Fear has a high rating and will start as one of the favourites but faces some useful opponents including the multiple winner Moratorium who won three races before being beaten in a Warwick Hunter Chase.

Chase Me early season form left something to be desired but he has always shown his best form on a sounder surface and that could lead to significant improvement.

Sumkindofking could bypass his earlier engagement in the Mixed Open in favour of this option and if he does that will give a clue to what connections think of his chances.

The race seems to concern the Nick Pearce trained Mr Love and Fergal O'Brien's Stacks Mountain.

The former has two successes to his credit and seems to have found his niche at this level, while Stacks Mountain showed significant improvement to win a similar contest at the Heythrop and it will be interesting to see who comes out on top.

The Oriental Club Owner-Trainer Conditions series is proving extremely popular, but this is the trickiest event on the card. Bradley Gibbs mount Frelia would have trounced most of her rivals a few years ago but she has completely lost her form and is difficult to trust.

Robin Why Not ran well at Cocklebarrow and with that race behind him might be worth a speculative bet.

Blairs Cove carries the colours of the late Jason Warner who did so much for the sport in this area over the last couple of decades. Charlie Dando can choose between According to Harry and Ifyoucanseemenow, but on present form it is difficult to see anything else troubling the judge.

Local stables are well represented in the Maiden which closes proceeding at 3-35 pm, with Bellamys Boy, Chasing my Dream, For You My Dear, Gamalou D'Alene, Hold Me Tight and Sundorne Castle giving the area opportunities to provide the winner.

Phil Rowley does well in these type of events so expect plenty of support for No Authority who finished third at Larkhill, although he was beaten a long way on that occasion.

The two that catch the eye are the unraced pairing of G A Henty and Shanakal. The former carries the well-known colours of Richard and Lizzie Kelvin Hughes and he is a half-brother to the same owners St Barts and he really could be anything.

Balanced against that he has to concede 10 lbs to Clive Boultsbee Brooks 4-year-old Shanakal. The Herefordshire trainer has some useful horses to campaign this year and if Shanakal does not get off the mark on Saturday, it won't be long before he does.

SUFFOLK at Ampton

on Saturday 5th March
By Graham Bishop

East Anglian racing action returns to Ampton racecourse this Saturday, when the Suffolk Hunt host their popular, annual fixture. This is the second meeting held at Ampton this calendar year and concludes racing at the West Suffolk course, for this season. Early official going reports indicate that all the bends have been moved since the meeting in January and the ground conditions on raceday are likely to be good and good to soft in places. The Suffolk meeting secretary has received some interesting participants amongst the entries for the scheduled seven-race card and as always at Ampton, fitness will be at a premium for the stiff climb over the final two fences, in the home straight. The point-to-point racing commences at 1pm and is preceded by two pony races, starting from midday, run over a flat course and ridden by children under the age of 16. There is also the attraction of a fun dog show starting from 2pm where you can enter your canine family member, for various classes, on the day.

In the opening "Veterans Race for 10 year olds and over, Ellie Callwood will be aiming for her fourth consecutive victory and one of those responsible for the sequence is her mount Wounded Warrior, who won a similar race at Duncombe Park, having previously finish second around this track in January. In opposition could be one of the two entries Clerk of the Course, Simon Stearn, holds. Whilst we know of Midnight Cowboy's ability, with him chasing home Tullys Touch at Horseheath, unless you delve into the racing press little would be known of his other entry Clara Sorrento, who would be returning to the track for the first time in over three years, having last run in a Grade 3 chase in November 2018 for Noel Meade and was sold by Gigginstown in 2019.

The other horse that has provided Ellie Callwood with two of her sequence of wins is Precious Bounty, who is entered in a small but select group for the Intermediate race. Having unseated Ellie at the last whilst in 2nd place behind the runaway Horseheath winner Coolagh Park, Precious Bounty has gone on to win a Maiden at Cocklebarrow and followed up with a Restricted win at Charing. In opposition could be Castle Trump, who is steadily rising through the grades, winning a Conditions

race at Kingston Blount last weekend, his third victory of the season. Cave Queen, has not been seen since November following her victory in a Restricted at Revesby Park, whilst Whatya On About won a Maiden on his sole start in points.

Alan Hill has entered three in the Ladies Open race, with Horseheath victor, Hawkhurst amongst them. Hawkhurst was on his best behaviour at Horseheath in the pouring rain, travelling sweetly for Izzie Marshall, who then delivered his challenge at the right moment to seal victory over Myth Buster. Stable companion Normofthenorth has not been seen since running Fumet D'Oudairies close at Horseheath in January, waiting for the conditions to dry for him to perform at his best. One that has the beating of Hawkhurst is the ultra consistent Blazing Tom. Since teaming up with Natalya Irvine last season, Blazing Tom has won all six starts, on the latest occasion easily defeating fellow entrant Imperial Acolyte.

The Men's Open race has course specialist Tullys Touch amongst the entries, connections having declined to take up the entry at Horseheath due to the softening conditions. Unbeaten in four outings at Ampton and the winner of both his races this season, including the six-length defeat of Diplomat Sivola, Tullys Touch could have to face Moratorium who has won three races this season and the consistent Just Cause who would be making his seasonal debut.

The Maiden race provides the opportunity for most of the entrants to step up on previous placed efforts, whilst only five are entered for the PPOA Novice Riders race and provides a good opportunity for one of them, who have all shown glimpses of ability in their outings this year. Trainer James Owen holds three whilst fellow trainers Ed Turner holds two and Andrew Pennock just the one entry for the Hunt Members' race which concludes proceedings. Apart from Andrew Pennock's entry, the maiden Flashy Kate, all the others hold alternative engagements. Ampton always provides a great atmosphere with good competitive racing and Saturday should be no exception with the first pony race is at 12 noon with the first of seven point-to-point steeplechases starting at 1pm. Admission is Adults £ 10 (cash only) with children under 16 Free, In attendance, trade stands, catering outlets, beer tent and local bookmakers. Ampton racecourse is situated 4 miles North of Bury St. Edmunds on the A134 Thetford Road, through the village of Ingham. (SatNav IP31 1HU)



BLACKMORE AND SPARKFORD VALE at Charlton Horethorne

Sunday 6th March

By Bob Bracher

After an absence of two years racegoers will be able to enjoy a return to Charlton Horethorne where the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale hold their point-to-point. Always a very popular and competitive meeting this year's renewal looks to be one not to miss with six races scheduled. Prior to the first race at 1.00pm there will be two pony races at 12.00 and 12.25 which are the first Wessex pony races of the season. During the afternoon, after the Hunt race, there will be a parade of the Hounds and Ryan Bliss will discuss in the paddock the stables' hopes with leading National Hunt trainers Colin Tizzard and Paul Nicholls as a prelude to the forthcoming Cheltenham Festival. The Clerk of the Course Joe Tizzard has reported that the course is in excellent condition and with some rain forecast this week he expects that the going will be good to soft on raceday. There will be a big screen to watch the action and plenty of trade stands including hot and cold food and a licensed bar plus bookmakers. Tickets available at an early bird price of £10 per person or £12.50 on the gate – please see Pointing Wessex website for more information – www.pointingwessex.co.uk

The feature race, the INEOS Grenadier Mixed Open with a total prize money of £1000, looks likely to be a high-class affair. Famous Clermont has swerved an engagement at Badbury Rings and this highly progressive seven-year-old may be good enough to record his first Open success. Paul Nicholls has entered three

possible rides for his daughter Olive to ride with Rhythm is a Dancer the best of these following his second behind Maitree Express in the Coronation Gold Cup at Larkhill. Colin Tizzard has entered both Rose of Arcadia - an easy winner at Badbury Rings - and Lillington a former useful handicap chaser, for his grandson Freddie Gingell. Rose of Arcadia holds an entry in the Hunt race so may rely on Lillington in this race. Silsol has been placed in two Ladies Open races this season and on his best form would come into consideration. Famous Clermont is the selection.

The Hunt race sponsored by Longman Cheese Sales contains entries for Rose of Arcadia, Silsol, Virak, Rhythm is a Dancer and Caid Du Berlais who all hold entries in the Mixed Open. Caid Du Berlais proved he was no back number when winning for Natalie Parker at Badbury Rings and he may be the one to give Rose of Arcadia the most to do. Monsieur Gibraltar only ran at Larkhill last weekend so this race may come too soon. Hotel du Nord was placed in a Hunter Chase at Leicester last month and if he were to triumph this would be a popular victory for the Sprake family.

The Conditions race for riders who have not ridden more than 15 winners sponsored by the Bishop family has attracted an entry of thirteen horses and Molineaux may be the answer. Already the winner of two races this season he found the progressive Twig too good at Badbury Rings but should return to winning ways here. Monsieur Gibraltar and Old Guard are potential rides for Olive Nicholls but a greater danger might be The Big Sting who was narrowly beaten at Badbury Rings. Majestic Touch won 2 Hurdle races for Philip Hobbs and could be an interesting recruit to pointing for Ben Sutton. Golden Poet has been running well for Alice Procter but may find some of these difficult to beat.

The meeting opens with the Tattersalls Cheltenham Maiden race over 2 and a half miles. Between You and Me was third at Badbury and brings the best racecourse form of the 10 entries.



Famous Clermont, (Will Biddick) fancied in the feature race.

Photo: Tim Holt

However, this race may well be won by one of the newcomers with the powerful stables of Fran Poste represented by her choice of Mount Nonete or Salt Rock, Chris Barber with Inebranlable and Ed Walker with G A Henty owned by Mr and Mrs Richard Kelvin-Hughes.

The second Maiden sponsored by Manor Farm Partnership may provide Nowo with a winning opportunity. The runner up to Victory Club at Badbury Rings this ex-French gelding is clearly on the upgrade and can break his Maiden status. Knockmoylan brings form from Ireland and could be in the mix but has not run this season. Roc the Boat was fourth at Chipley and should progress from that run. Party Town did not show much on debut at Milborne but it would be no surprise if an improved performance was seen here. Gunner Vic was second at Milborne but was only fifth on his last appearance at Badbury.

The meeting concludes with the Church House Investments Restricted race. Cuzziconbe and Nuova Vita represent Ed Walker's stable and his chosen runner could be the answer. Both have won their Maiden races this season at Badbury and Larkhill respectively and both are on the upgrade. Southfield Megan won at Chipley after being given a great ride by Will Biddick and a case can be made for this mare to follow up. Whatya On About won at Cocklebarrow and is another to consider. Rose lland won for the late Jason Warner last season but is yet to run in the current one.

First Race 1.00pm with pony racing at 12.00pm Charlton Horethorne off B3145 3 miles NE of Sherborne Postcode DT9 4LJ.

SIR W. W. WYNN'S FLINT AND DENBIGH at Bangor-on-Dee

Sunday 6th March

By Rory Alkin

The Sir W. W. Wynn's Hunt has combined with the Flint and Denbigh to run their first joint meeting at Bangor-on-Dee this Sunday. They had intended to run it last season, but the point was cancelled due to COVID 19. There are seven races scheduled with 92 entries, commencing at 1.00.

The opener is a four and five-year-old Flat race over two miles, with thirteen runners entered. Only two of them have ever run, so it's impossible to assess the outcome. The five-year-old and upwards Maiden has attracted the biggest field of seventeen. Of those with form, the main contenders are likely to be Blackjacktennessee, Da Boy Charlie, Miss May Charlie, Mithmaar and Socialiser. Blackjacktennessee has inconsistent form, but he was a very respectable second in a Chepstow Hunter Chase last year. If he can reproduce that run on his seasonal bow, he would take some beating. Da Boy Charlie has fair form in Ireland but has not been competitive in two runs this season. Miss May Hill is an interesting five-year-old who was one-and-a-half lengths runner-up to Churchills Boy in a flat race at Barbury in December. That form has taken a large boost with the winner being successful in a bumper at Chepstow last Saturday. Mithmaar was a close-up third at Larkhill and would have a good chance. Socialiser also came third in an Alnwick Maiden last Sunday and enters calculations. However, if Miss May Charlie jumps well in her first contest over fences, she is taken to prevail.

The PPORA Club Members for Veterans and Novice Riders has attracted twelve runners. The ones to focus on are Coquin Mans, Duke Arcadio, Ellipsism and In Arrears. Coquin Mans had good Irish form for Willie Mullins and won two similar races including a walk-over. Duke Arcadio won some good races in this

area in previous seasons but has yet to show the same sparkle. Ellipsism has a couple of good placed efforts this season, and sets the standard. In Arrears form over the years in the South West is useful, and if declared here he may prove hard to beat.

Of the eleven entries for the Mixed Open, two horses stand out – Complete Sizing and Reikers Island. Complete Sizing ran well in Irish Hunter Chases last season winning one and finishing runner-up in the other. In his first run for the Phil Rowley yard, he ran well to three out before weakening behind Premier Magic and Porlock Bay in December. He should strip fitter this time and will be a leading contender. Reikers Island was well-ridden by Izzie Marshall to win the Warwick Hunter Chase last month and may have the edge here.

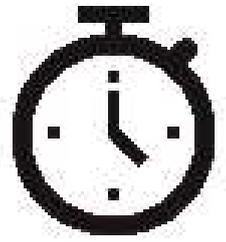
The Lorna Brooke Conditions over two-and-a-half miles has eleven entries. The best with pointing form are Golden Tobouggan, Gottagottaaway, Ryans Fancy and Sparkleandshine. Golden Tobouggan is often placed but does not win frequently. Gottagottaaway also has reasonable form but it's over two years since he last won. Ryans Fancy won at Hexham in December but has not fared as well in two subsequent runs. Sparkleandshine has winning point form in the past, but his track form suggests that this shorter trip may play to his strengths and is a tentative selection. The Conditions Race (Level 3) has fifteen runners with many of a similar standard. Lagonda, Racing Snake and Slievegarr have each won a Restricted this season. However, the Alan Hill trained Polydora put in an excellent performance when dead-heating for second in the Lord Ashton of Hyde at Cocklebarrow in January. The ex-Tom Lacey winning chaser may have too much class here.

Racing concludes with a Restricted where there are thirteen runners. The best of these appear to be Ballymac Boy, Felicie Du Maquis, Whatya On About and Willewonga. Ballymac Boy was runner-up to Arcal Fifty in a similar race at Cocklebarrow. Felicie Du Maquis beat subsequent winner the New Kid in a Maiden at Chaddesley Corbett. Another good Maiden winner Whatya On About looked impressive at Cocklebarrow. The Joe Oshea trained Willewonga won his Maiden last year at Sandon and ran well when runner-up in a hot Restricted at Sheriff Hutton in January. The six-year-old should come on for that run and is selected.



Bangor Ballymac Boy - may take on the concluding Restricted race.
Photo: Neale Blackburn

ON THE CLOCK



16 winners in the top two rated last weekend including Buachill Dana at 7/1

Southfield Theatre (122) has enjoyed something of a renaissance this year and remarkably, at 14 year of age, he recorded one the fastest performances of the season when landing the Mixed Open at Larkhill . This was his fourth win of the season and if remains in such good heart he must have a live chance of taking the Connollys/Red Mills Champion horse trophy.

Earlier on the card **Kauto No Risk (90)** broke his duck in the second division of the maiden. His name can be traced back to his dam , who was a sister to the phenomenal Kauto Star. Well bought at 17,000 guineas, he should certainly be able to add a Restricted to his cv.

Tom Ellis strengthened his lead at the top of the trainer's table with a four-timer at Kingston Blount with two of his winners clocking useful figures. **Al Shahir (120)** took the Men's Open with the minimum of fuss recording a figure that should ensure further victories. He is effective on all types of ground -albeit untried when conditions are riding fast.

Most impressive winner on the card was however stable-mate **Every Minute (96)** who stood out in the paddock beforehand and was virtually untroubled in defeating runner-up Equus Flight by 11 lengths. He had shown promise behind recent Sandown winner Douglas Talking when beaten under a length in a Tipperary bumper and looks an exciting recruit for owner John Docker. He is from the family of high class Rules performer Roberto Goldback.

At Alnwick **Ballydonagh Boy (106)** continued on the upgrade with a ready win of the Restricted. He remains one to follow in the north.

At the other end of the country, Great Trethew hosted a number of contests for unexposed types but it was the experienced ex-Flat performer **Say About It (94)** who made an impression on the clock. Out of a 6 furlong winner he is likely always to be suited by shorter trips but he did not go unbacked here and could score at rewarding odds in the future.



Al Shahir (Zak Baker)
Photo: Neale Blackburn

WEEKEND SPEED FIGURES

AMPTON 05/03/2022

1:00 THE VETERAN HORSE CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 3): Midnight Cowboy (GB) (103) Knight Bachelor (GB) (100) Wounded Warrior (IRE) (99) Perpignan (IRE) (90)
1:35 THE INTERMEDIATE RACE: Whatya On About (GB) (118) Luscious Lilly (IRE) (110) Castle Trump (IRE) (109) Fiddler of Dooney (IRE) (105)
2:05 THE LADIES OPEN RACE: Normofthenorth (IRE) (134) Blazing Tom (GB) (125) No Hassle Hoff (IRE) (124) Knight Bachelor (GB) (120)
2:35 THE MENS OPEN RACE: Diplomate Sivola (FR) (122) Tullys Touch (IRE) (113) Just Cause (IRE) (110) Moratorium (IRE) (107)
3:05 THE MAIDEN RACE: Friary Land (GB) (88) Mossy Be Lucky (GB) (84) Highland Glory (GB) (80) Benny Flies High (IRE) (79)
3:35 THE PPOA CLUB MEMBERS SIX YEARS AND OVER CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 2), FOR NOVICE RIDERS: Jonjoela (IRE) (107) Perpignan (IRE) (90) Monkey Puzzle (GB) (88) West Lake (FR) (82)
4:05 THE SUFFOLK HUNT MEMBERS, SUBSCRIBERS & FARMERS RACE: Fiddler of Dooney (IRE) (110) Midnight Cowboy (GB) (103) Flashy Kate (IRE) (94) Perpignan (IRE) (90)

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12:00 THE BROCKLESBY HUNT MEMBERS, SUBSCRIBERS & FARMERS RACE: Royal Chant (IRE) (94)
12:35 THE PPOA CLUB MEMBERS MIDLANDS AND YORKSHIRE AREAS CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 2): Steely Addition (IRE) (111) Absainte (FR) (105) Minella Fair (IRE) (105) Smoke Man (IRE) (104) Vinnie Lewis (IRE) (95)
1:20 THE BROCKLESBY 200TH ANNIVERSARY MIXED OPEN RACE: Diplomate Sivola (FR) (129) Kalabaloo (IRE) (117) Minella Friend (IRE) (115) Red Indian (GB) (114)
1:55 THE OWNER-TRAINER CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 3): Rossderrin (IRE) (104) Cave Queen (IRE) (100)
2:30 THE RESTRICTED RACE: Whatya On About (GB) (118) Go Go Geronimo (GB) (116) Chongalolo (GB) (105) Teescomponents Boy (IRE) (105) Ballymac Boy (IRE) (104)
3:05 THE JOCKEY CLUB MAIDEN RACE, FOR MARES AND FILLIES ONLY: Grenadine Save (FR) (93) Highland Glory (GB) (80) Double Cognac (GB) (59) Kostantina (GB) (59)
3:40 THE MAIDEN RACE: Socialiser (IRE) (98) Francesco du Clos (FR) (92) Friary Land (GB) (88) Mithmaar (IRE) (88) The Whistle Blower (IRE) (84)

DIDMARTON 05/03/2022

12:30 THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S HUNT MEMBERS, SUBSCRIBERS & FARMERS RACE: Fly West (IRE) (93) Ifyoucanseemenow (IRE) (89) Danseur du Large (FR) (84) Dan's Wee Man (GB) (76)
1:15 THE INTERMEDIATE RACE: Party Tunes (IRE) (104) Footloose (GB) (102) Honey I'm Good (IRE) (102) Nuova Vita (GB) (102) Racing Snake (GB) (102) Largy Mountain (IRE) (101) Ahead of The Game (IRE) (100)
1:50 THE INEOS GRENADIER MIXED OPEN RACE: Fifty Shades (IRE) (116) Igor (GB) (114) Looksnowtlikebrian (IRE) (112) Salvatore (GB) (110)
2:25 THE CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 1), FOR NOVICE RIDERS: Mr Love (IRE) (116) Looksnowtlikebrian (IRE) (112) Cage of Fear (IRE) (108) Sumkindofking (IRE) (106)
3:00 THE ORIENTAL CLUB OWNER-TRAINER CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 3): Country Legend (GB) (110) Blairs Cove (GB) (109) Frelia (IRE) (106) Ifyoucanseemenow (IRE) (94)
3:35 THE MAIDEN RACE: Boss Baby (IRE) (107) No Authority (IRE) (96) The Whiskey Man (IRE) (92) Vic The Vandal (GB) (86)

BANGOR-ON-DEE 06/03/2022

1:35 THE FIVE-YEARS-OLD AND OVER OPEN MAIDEN RACE: Blackjacktennessee (GB) (98) Socialiser (IRE) (98) Francesco du Clos (FR) (92) Mithmaar (IRE) (88) Chasing My Dream (IRE) (78)
2:20 THE PPOA CLUB MEMBERS CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 2) FOR VETERAN AND NOVICE RIDERS: In Arrears (IRE) (105) Kashmir Peak (IRE) (104) Ellipsism (IRE) (98) Sergeant Brody (GB) (96)
2:55 THE MIXED OPEN RACE: Minella Friend (IRE) (115) Complete Sizing (FR) (109) Tb Broke Her (IRE) (106) Reikers Island (IRE) (104)
3:30 THE LORNA BROOKE MEMORIAL LADIES CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 2), 2M4F: Golden Tobouggan (GB) (124) Gottagottaaway (IRE) (124) Sparkleandshine (IRE) (120) Kashmir Peak (IRE) (118) Ryans Fancy (IRE) (113)
4:05 THE WEST MERCIAN AND WALES AREAS CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 3): Mr Snuffles (IRE) (111) Optimised (IRE) (106) Kashmir Peak (IRE) (104) Racing Snake (GB) (102)
4:40 THE RESTRICTED RACE: Whatya On About (GB) (118) Ballymac Boy (IRE) (104) Felicie du Maquis (FR) (104) Blackjacktennessee (GB) (98) Cotton Rock (IRE) (96)

CHARLTON HORETHORNE 06/03/2022

1:00 THE TATTERSALLS CHELTENHAM FOUR AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS MAIDEN RACE, 2 M4F: Between You And Me (IRE) (88)
1:35 THE BLACKMORE & SPARKFORD VALE HUNT MEMBERS, SUBSCRIBERS & FARMERS RACE: Rose of Arcadia (IRE) (121) Monsieur Gibraltar (FR) (116) Hotel du Nord (FR) (114) Copain de Classe (FR) (108)
2:20 THE MAIDEN RACE (NWFAA): Gunner Vic (GB) (94) Nowo (FR) (89) Lucky Purchase (GB) (85) Mad For Action (IRE) (85) Ticking Tom Bomb (IRE) (78)
2:55 THE INEOS GRENADIER MIXED OPEN RACE: Rose of Arcadia (IRE) (132) Famous Clermont (FR) (121) Virak (FR) (121) Skylander (IRE) (119) Caid du Belrais (FR) (118)
3:35 THE CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 2): Monsieur Gibraltar (FR) (116) Hotel du Nord (FR) (114) Molineaux (IRE) (112) The Big Sting (IRE) (112) Minim Mouse (GB) (103)
4:10 THE RESTRICTED RACE: Whatya On About (GB) (118) Nuova Vita (GB) (102) Rose Island (IRE) (102) Cuzziccombe (IRE) (98) Southfield Megan (GB) (82)

CHARM PARK 06/03/2022

1:00 THE MONEY WEB PPOA CLUB MEMBERS FIVE YEARS OLD AND OVER CONDITIONS RACE (LEVEL 3): Monsun Storm (IRE) (114) Feuille de Lune (FR) (111) Mammoth (IRE) (107) Pillowman (IRE) (107) Killinkere (IRE) (104)
2:10 THE CHELTENHAM WEEK AT THE ROSE AND CROWN LADIES OPEN RACE: Latenightpass (GB) (143) Game As A Pheasant (GB) (127) Ange des Malberaux (FR) (121) Red Indian (GB) (119)
2:45 THE NORTHERN JOCKEYS MENS OPEN RACE, 3M4F: Cup Final (IRE) (111) Monsun Storm (IRE) (109) Point The Way (IRE) (109) Sartorial Elegance (GB) (107) Mr Peppercorn (GB) (99)
3:20 THE HILLCREST FINANCIAL RESTRICTED RACE: Teescomponents Boy (IRE) (105) Arctic Oscar (GB) (102) Tom Cody (IRE) (102) Courting Flow (IRE) (101) Ask To Dance (IRE) (94)
3:55 THE MICKLEY STUD FIVE YEARS OLD AND OVER MAIDEN RACE (Div 1): Gentleman Sam (GB) (78) It's Never Enough (GB) (76) Kimberley Boy (GB) (74) Threeclock Fox (GB) (62)
4:30 THE MICKLEY STUD FIVE YEARS OLD AND OVER MAIDEN RACE (Div 2): Socialiser (IRE) (98) Villa Moura (IRE) (89) The Whistle Blower (IRE) (84) Direct Drilling (GB) (76)
5:05 THE HUTCHINSON'S INTERMEDIATE RACE: Sine Nomine (GB) (121) Fan Club Aulmes (FR) (109) Feuille de Lune (FR) (109) Mammoth (IRE) (107) Ballydonagh Boy (IRE) (106)

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Brocklesby Hunt 1922

It seems we have become rather soft over the past 200 years. Modern-day marathons like the Grand National and Velka Pardubicka, run over four miles plus, are regarded as serious tests of stamina, but consider the first 'official' race held at Brocklesby Park in Lincolnshire on March 27, 1821. A steeplechase – or cross-country race to use current vernacular – It took place over ten miles with 70 fences, and the winner, Pilgrim, a mare ridden by Tom Brookes, carried 14st. Sadly there is no record of the winner's time, which would have given another insight to her feat.

It is reasonable to assume Pilgrim was more hunter than racehorse, and the pace would have been fairly gentle, but no one can say our ancestors didn't know how to get a horse fit. Pilgrim and a host of other horses, riders and

characters associated with racing on Lord Yarborough's Brocklesby Estate will be celebrated on Saturday when the 200th anniversary of that initial meeting takes place. Match races, doubtless spiced by private wagers, had been common in the area prior to 1821, but since then organised fixtures run as National Hunt meetings or point-to-points organised by the Brocklesby Hunt have prevailed. by the Brocklesby Hunt have prevailed.

In 1839 a four-mile circular course was laid out, which benefited spectators, and another course was later created near Brocklesby Station. National Hunt racing took place at the course until 1935 when hunt races took over for a few years, but WWII put a halt to proceedings and in 1943 the stands, buildings and racecourse equipment were sold.



Limber Hill

That would have been the end, but after the war the hunt revived its point-to-points and in 1958 the current course was established.

An exhibition associated with the history of Brocklesby races will be a feature of Saturday's meeting.

Secretary Rosemary James says there will be a display of photographs, newspaper cuttings, cups and mementoes in the sponsors' hospitality marquee. Some are old and many have been loaned, hence the need for some security, although there will be a display in the public bar.

James says: "About four years ago I was looking at the race card and thought it was a little dry, so decided to add an article about the history of the course. With help from local historian Gill Franklin we pulled a piece together and the date of 1821 came up.



Laurie Kikby riding Brian Boru winning at Brocklesby point to point 1947

I realised that in 2021 we needed to mark 200 years, and while Covid caused a delay for 12 months, it comes together on Saturday."

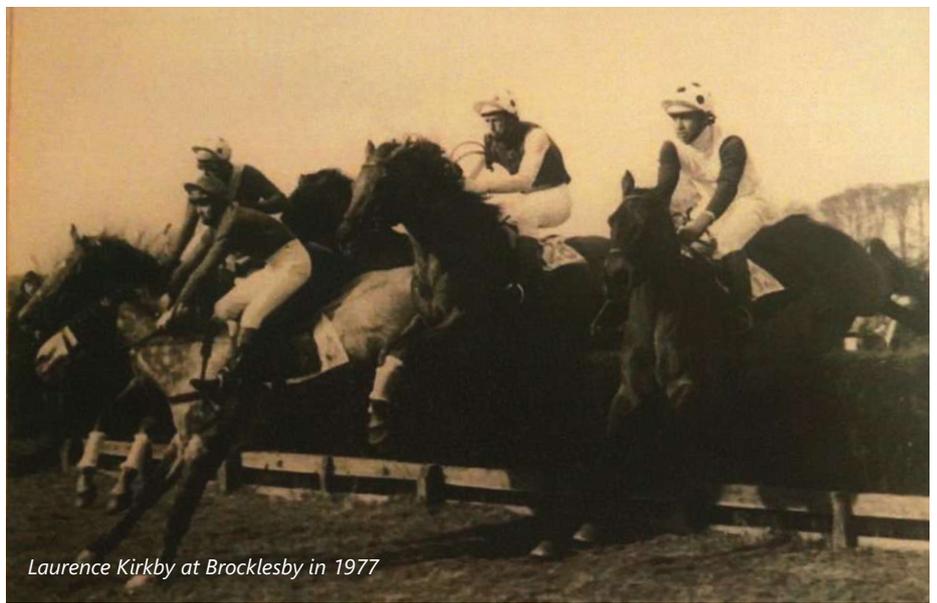
With further help from diligent Mick Toyne, who works on the estate and had access to its archives, a feast of cuttings and jottings began to reveal tales from the past. Like Gaylad, who raced at Brocklesby Park, and later, in 1842, won the Grand National in a time of 13mins 30s.

Limber Hill is another famous name to have graced Brocklesby Park. Named by owner Jim Davey after his farm at Great Limber, Limber Hill started racing in point-to-points, but after being sent to trainer Billy Dutton in Yorkshire he won the 1955-56 season's King George VI Chase and Cheltenham Gold Cup.

As James puts it, racing, hunting and farming have fashioned a way of life around Brocklesby Park. She adds: "We began searching for people who are still alive and have ridden in the members' race, and have come up with 60 names. They have all been invited to a reception on Saturday, and every one that attends will be given a memento by Lord Yarborough. Seven are in their 80s."

Among items that will be on display is a 1939 copy of the Grimsby Evening Telegraph, with a front page photograph showing racegoers enjoying themselves at the Brocklesby point-to-point. An adjacent article is headlined: 'Chamberlain's promise to Poland'.

Given events on Poland's border today, plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

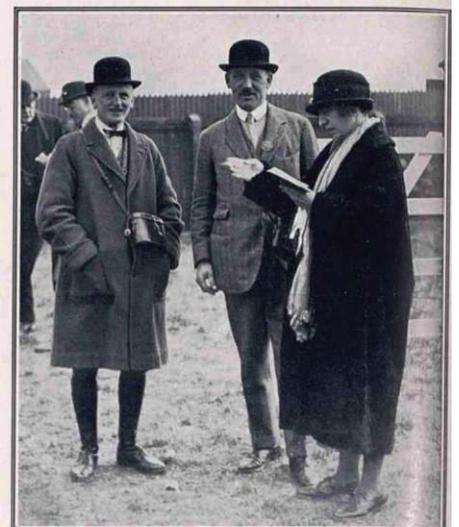


Laurence Kirkby at Brocklesby in 1977

AT THE BROCKLESBY HUNT 'CHASES.



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The Brocklesby Hunt 'Chases were held at Brocklesby Park, Lincolnshire, and drew a big gallery of the members and supporters of this historic hunt, from which some of the best hound-blood in the hound stud book has come, and still comes. The Earl of Yarborough is the master, and Sir Charles Wiggin was his joint, but retired at the end of the season, to be succeeded by Lord Worsley, Lord Yarborough's son. Lord and Lady Worsley are both very well known with the Belvoir, and both equally popular. Major Wilson, who is in the group with Lord Yarborough, is the famous pilot of Double Chance, who won this year's Grand National. Lord Heneage, who commanded the 10th Battalion Lincoln Regiment in the war, has a seat, Hainton Hall, Lincoln. The Hon. Dudley Pelham, who used to be in the 10th, is Lord Yarborough's youngest brother

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Steeplechases 1938.

POINTING PEOPLE

JOE HILL

Former jockey Joe Hill is an integral part of his parents' Woodway Farm operation – father Alan is one of the most successful trainers in pointing history and mother Lawney holds a professional licence. Before hanging up his boots in 2018, Joe rode 74 winners between the flags and ten in Hunter Chases, many in the famous red and yellow Hill silks. Jake Exelby caught-up with the 26-year-old to reminisce about his career in the saddle and find out his views on the state of the sport of pointing.

Joe (right) next to Lawney with Izzie after Alan's 300th winner



WHAT IS YOUR POINT-TO-POINTING BACKGROUND?

It's a boring story! Mum and Dad both rode at a good level, though I'm too young to remember. Mum used to train our pointers before getting a licence and I grew up going racing every weekend, usually hunting on Saturday and pointing on Sunday. I was nine when pony racing was introduced and rode in the first ever race at Guilsborough. I didn't have much success – only three winners – and my best pony was one we bought from Bradley Gibbs, called Charlie, who I believe was still racing until last year. Two of my winners were round our grass gallops – I remember one meeting there where me, my sister Gaby and Bridget, Gina and Jack Andrews all rode a winner!

My first ride was at Black Forest Lodge on Ravethebrave in November 2011. Choc Thornton, who'd ridden him under rules, told me he could be keen first time out and that I should get some cover. I dropped him out but we were in front

by the fourth and he ran away with me. We still won impressively. I was national novice champion that season, jointly with Harry Bannister, and also won the Wilkinson Sword title for riders under 21 who hadn't ridden a winner before that season.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW YOU'VE RETIRED FROM RACE-RIDING?

My official role is Mum and Dad's bitch! I'm assistant trainer to them both and do a lot of the paperwork. I drive the lorry when we go racing at the weekend and work on our farm during the summer. I've also got more involved in buying young horses, with bloodstock agent Ed Bailey, pointing trainer Chris Barber and James Standen, who is assistant to Sam Thomas.

My long-term plan is to be at Woodway Farm, working hard for the team – I'm not worried about having my name in lights.

WHO'S INSPIRED YOU MOST IN THE WORLD OF POINTING?

Mum's been a big influence but the two who are blindingly obvious are Dad and (former champion jockey) James Tudor. Dad was so helpful during my riding career and gave me confidence. I've got so much respect for the man, not only for the amount and quality of winners he rode – he won three Foxhunters – and trained, but for all the stuff he does for the sport.

James lived with us when I was a kid when he was at university. He was like a big brother to me and, the older I got, the more help he gave me. He was hard-working, the way he spoke to owners was fantastic and his feedback was amazing – one day, he was alongside me riding a horse that was making a noise and said, 'Listen – you need to know this.' I still call him if I have a problem and he was one of the best riders ever.

WHO WERE YOUR FAVOURITE HORSES?

Broken Eagle was the best I rode as well as the one I won most races on. Dad did a great job with him and he was a fantastic horse on quick ground and a sharp track – he'd have won the Foxhunters if it was held at Higham! I was lucky enough to ride him at home after I'd retired and it was as enjoyable watching him win as being in the saddle. His last win at Ampton gave me as much pleasure as any.

I won nine on Consigliere, but got him beaten a few times too when I rode him too aggressively. When he was on his A-game, he was awesome.

And Ravethebrave was a family pet. I loved him so much, I even let Izzie (Joe's partner, leading female jockey Izzie Marshall) ride him! He was my first ride and win, both in points and in a Hunter Chase, my first ride at Cheltenham and my first mount in the Foxhunters there! He used to jump metal gates out hunting and one day – when he'd won at Whitfield – we took him to the pub and were sitting on his back drinking pints! I owe a lot to him.

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR TIME AS A JOCKEY?

Winning at Cheltenham on Quinz at the Hunter Chase evening meeting. We'd go there when I was a kid – it's our festival. I was only 19, still claiming 7lbs and had only ridden two winners under rules. And I'd fallen off him at Aintree the time before!

DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS?

I don't miss being in the gym at 6am wearing a bin liner! I've always been tall and heavy – broader set than the likes of Jack Andrews – and I was never going to race-ride long term. When I retired, it wasn't the first time it had crossed my mind and I had a lot of problems with the scales. As James Tudor said, it was only ever going to be a hobby and my aim was always to have as much fun as possible. I was lucky enough to ride some good horses for great owners, and to be riding for one of the best yards in the country.

But I try not to have regrets. I used to get wound-up when I was younger and James would tell me not to, so now I like looking back and celebrating with fondness – the only person who loses out when you get frustrated is yourself.

WHICH CURRENT JOCKEYS DO YOU ADMIRE?

Dale Peters is underrated. He's a fantastic jockey and a great trainer. And I know I'm biased, but I think Izzie's the most improved rider in the last few years – she's still getting better and she's only 22. As far as I know, she's the only jockey to be champion novice, then be second in the national title the next year. had a better or worse day than you.

WHAT'S BEEN YOUR PERSONAL FUNNIEST MOMENT IN THE SPORT?

It was a Maiden at Barbury last season. Bradley Gibbs was jumping the second last on Dawnie Boy and all anyone could hear was his father Dai shouting, 'Brad, you're 20 lengths clear.' Bradley turned round to look and just said, 'I know, Dad!'

WHAT CHANGES FOR THE BETTER HAVE YOU SEEN DURING YOUR TIME?

Two and a half mile races have brought more horses in – you rarely see a weak Conditions race or Open over that



Best horse - the bold-jumping Broken Eagle



Joe on Consigliere

distance – and the introduction of the young horse Maidens has been brilliant, although we're still a different sport to Ireland and it's important that the hunts keep making money.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THE SPORT?

I'd give it straight back to Peter Wright, Andrew Merriam and the rest of the team! How they've handled the sport during COVID has been exceptional and it's in a great place. I went to Cocklebarrow and Milborne St Andrew and you couldn't move for the crowds.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE EFFECT OF LOCKDOWN ON POINTING WILL BE?

In the short-term, we've never been so busy or had so many horses. Trying to buy a horse is hard work and the market's fantastic for sellers, so we seem to be in a good place. There are a lot of horses about, so hopefully the racing will continue to be strong and competitive throughout the year. It's a long season and a lot of yards haven't got going yet.

DID YOU WATCH MUCH LIVE STREAMING? DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE WITH IT?

There's still a place for it and the Devon & Cornwall area is doing it well. When we ran horses at Wadebridge, we had owners who couldn't go, who watched it. Hopefully it's bringing in money for the hunts and, if I was running a meeting, I'd be keen to do it, especially if there's no other racing locally.

GIVE ME A HORSE TO WATCH THIS SEASON?

Coolagh Park. He's a gorgeous horse, who still needs time and won't be over-raced this season as he has a big future. The time of his Horseheath win was very fast and the form looks exceptional. We thought he'd be special based on his work at home and it's great for his owners the Cranfields, who are big supporters of the yard and the sport in general.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES OUTSIDE RACING?

I'll keep going with Earl as long as possible and we might go to Garthorpe with him at the end of the month – it's close to home and I look forward to going to the local tracks as it gets lonely doing everything on your own. Sgroppino is an

older maiden and I'd just like to have a spin with him and see what happens. He's been working well with Earl and there's no pressure.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES OUTSIDE RACING?

Going to the Lambert Arms on a Sunday after pointing. I'll have a Bulmers cider, while Izzie drinks gin and lemonade!

TELL ME SOMETHING I WOULDN'T KNOW FROM ASKING THESE QUESTIONS?

I got four A-levels, including French, but I was too shy to go to university – the idea petrified me. When I discovered pointing, it was great that I could do it from home!

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE SINGERS?

Ed Sheeran and Sam Fender – we're going to see them both this year.

WHERE IS YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Anywhere I can go ski-ing, although I haven't been for a couple of years – we were meant to go recently until France closed its borders. Izzie and her family got me into it.

WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED WITH HORSES?

Again, it's boring, but I'd be a farmer. That's all I could probably do with my life!



Joe in his pony racing days



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MEETING REPORTS

COLLEGE VALLEY NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND

SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

By Peter Burgon

After saddling four winners from seven runners at Kingston Blount the previous day, Warwickshire-based champion trainer Tom Ellis completed a great weekend with Dundrum Wood's success in the Charles Stanley Ladies Open Race on Sunday's College Valley & North Northumberland card at Alnwick - his yard's eighth winner at the Ratcheugh Farm course this season. Travelling from the off like the class horse he is, under Gina Andrews, the eight-year-old was never far off the pace and, after tracking Thyne For Gold (Immy Robinson) from five out, hit the front at the top of the home straight before sealing a three lengths victory with another great jump at the last. Ex-hurdler, Supremely Lucky (Natasha Cookson) kept on well in the closing stages to finish half a length behind Thyne For Gold in third place.

This was Gina's 20th winner of the season and took her career tally to 398, comprising 318 between the flags and 80 under Rules, while Tom has sent out 29 Pointing winners from 65 runners this term (45.6% strike rate) and is on target for another record-breaking campaign. Gina said: "He pricked his ears when he got to the front but did it easily and had plenty in hand." Tom added: "He is a high class individual and there is definitely a big race in him."

This victory maintained owner, Shona Westrope's remarkable 100% record at Alnwick courtesy of Kalabaloo (4 from 4) and Dundrum Wood (2 from 2).

Ballydonagh Boy (Jack Power) continued his rise up the ladder by following up a recent Berwickshire Maiden success in the Lycetts Restricted Race to give in-form North Yorkshire trainer, Cherry Coward her 5th winner of the month. In a strongly run contest, Power's mount was challenged for the lead by Loughan (Gina Andrews) with a circuit to go but was back in front a mile from home and, after drawing three lengths clear three out, never looked like relinquishing his advantage down the home straight.

Power said: "I kicked on again after being being briefly headed by Gina at the tenth and was always confident he would stay in front despite idling a bit coming up the hill after four out."

Senor Lombardy (Lyll Hodgins) maintained his unbeaten record at the track (3 from 3) in the Womble Bond Dickinson NPPA Conditions Race. Always going well, the nine-year-old took it up at the twelfth and forged clear from three out to beat Alone No More (Emma Brown) by twenty lengths in the best time of the day. Brian Harding, husband of the gelding's trainer, Kelly said: "He needed the run at Friars Haugh last time on his return from an enforced nine-week break and was also unsuited by soft ground. Although he doesn't have a realistic chance in the Cheltenham Foxhunters' Chase, he will give the owners a great day out."

In an incident packed UBS Wealth Management Men's Open Race which saw the 7-runner field reduced to a quartet by the fifth fence, Sartorial Elegance (John Dawson) stayed clear of trouble throughout and had six lengths to spare over Clondaw Anchor (Christy Furness) at the finish.

The winner is trained by Dawson's wife, Alice and, as usual, has done plenty of hunting with the Hurworth this season under part-owner, Stephen Cook. Dawson said: "I was determined to make it a true test of stamina on the final circuit after getting caught out in a slowly run Berwickshire Open when the pace quickened late on."

After finding only the useful Arctic Oscar too good at Alnwick on January 30, Courting Flow (Christy Furness) went one better in the 14-runner Saffery Champness Fred Scott Memorial Maiden Race.

The six-year-old hit the front three out and stayed on strongly in the closing stages to beat Black Aphrodisiac (Henry Crow) by twelve lengths with the promising four-year-old debutant, Thunder N Lightning (Gina Andrews) a further length away in third. Formerly trained in Ireland by Peter Fahey, the winner, a 105-rated hurdler, was bought privately last year by Christy's father, John who sent him to Jack Teal's Malton yard. Teal said: "He has come on a lot since his first run for us, possesses loads of stamina and has the scope to step up in grade next time."



Top Cloud winning the point-to-point flat race at Alnwick
Photo: Grace Beresford

The well related Top Cloud (Joe Wright) fulfilled the promise shown when just touched off here on debut by Bray Dale with a clear cut success over Dressedtoimpress (John Dawson) in the concluding Bedmax Point-to-Point Flat Race over two miles. The five-year-old moved smoothly into contention coming up the hill for the final time and was switched to the outside for better ground. He found plenty when the chips were down, hitting the front about two furlongs out and stayed on well to win by four lengths with the promising debutant, Quickasican (Alex Garven) a further four lengths away in third. Winning trainer, Sue Grant said: "He is a really nice prospect but still a bit green. We will speak to Michael Meagher, racing manager for the late Trevor Hemmings, to see where we go next."

A special mention for Clerk of the Course, Tom Oates along with Ratcheugh Races Chairman, Nick Hargreave and the rest of their team who overcame some challenging weather conditions for course preparation to ensure this season's four fixtures all took place in the space of eleven weeks. For the record, they attracted a total of 293 entries with 191 runners, including some of the highest rated horses in the country, and a healthy average of 7.64 per race.

The next Northern Area meeting is the Buccleugh at Friars Haugh, Kelso on Sunday 20th March.

KINGSTON BLOUNT RACING CLUB

KINGSTON BLOUNT

SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

By Russell Smith

TOM Ellis marched on at the top of the Foran Trainers' Championship with a fabulous 27-1 four-timer at the Kingston Blount Racing Club meeting at Kingston Blount, near Chinnor, on Saturday.

The champion trainer took his tally for the campaign to 28 with wins from Every Minute (11-10 fav), Al Shahir (13-8), Master Templar (5-4 fav) and Latenightfumble (5-4) with his wife, Gina Andrews, riding a treble.

Ellis won the corresponding race to the 'Start Royal' Men's Open as a rider on The Hookie Bookie for trainer Jimmy Tarry in 2008, and he gave the leg up to Zac Baker on Al Shahir to take this year's renewal, sponsored by Hilda and Stewart Nash in honour of their prolific winner.

Baker, having his first ride back after five weeks off with a broken collarbone following a last-fence fall at Ludlow, made all the running on the 10-year-old, before stretching away to score by 15 lengths from Streets Of London and Phil York, with Sir Mangan third.

Ellis, who also heads the Ice and a Slice Racing Club, which owns Al Shahir, said: "He is a real fun horse and a terrific syndicate horse. He has run three times this season and won twice."

Baker added: "He has got a lot of class and he just cruised round. I didn't realise how far clear I was jumping the last - it was amazing."

An excellent day for Ellis's Marton stables, near Rugby, was kick-started by Andrews employing similar front-running tactics on Every Minute to take the second division of the French Horn Hotel Maiden by 11 lengths from Equus Flight, with York again on the runner-up.

Formerly trained by Roger McGrath at Cappoquin in County Waterford, the six-year-old was beaten less than a length when fourth in a Tipperary bumper last May, and Ellis explained: "David Phelan found him for us in Ireland from the same person who recommended Dubai Quest to us. That was why we were keen to get him on the team.

"He came with quite a reputation, and he has been to Ben Brain for a bit of wind surgery, which has helped him."

The son of Yeats is owned by Steven Howlett, Julia Morris-Lowe, Mickey Wills and John Docker, who said: "This is the syndicate that had Haymount, who retired and is now Gina's hunter. They found this one for us. We couldn't ask for more from his first run."

Andrews made it a double and a treble for her husband on Master Templar in the Woodway Farm Racing Restricted over 2m 5f.

The eight-time ladies' champion tracked the leaders on the seven-year-old before zipping round the outside on the bend approaching the second-last fence, and quickly going clear to beat Evron and Milo Herbert by seven lengths.

Andrews said: "He is a strong traveller, which makes my job easier. He is much better going left-handed. I had a job steering him at Horseheath."

Owner Jenny Hayward added: "That was exciting. We bought him on spec 12 months ago, and now he has won twice and been a short-head second."

Ellis and Andrews crowned the day when Latenightfumble comprehensively turned the tables on her Chaddesley Corbett conqueror, Fier Jaguen, in the Intermediate, sponsored by the family of the late Tony Naylor.

Bradley Gibbs attempted to make all the running on Fier Jaguen, but Andrews always had him in her sights, and after sending her mount on at the fourth-last, Latenightfumble bounded away to win by 40 lengths with Peeping Thom, the only other runner, pipping the favourite on the run-in for second.

Ellis said: "I don't think the favourite has necessarily run his race. I think ours is a big improver. She is very similar to train as her brother (Latenightpass), and is probably slightly better than he was at the same age."

Latenightfumble is owned and bred by Ellis's mother, Pippa, whose husband, Tony, added: "It is nice to win this race. Tony did a lot of work on the gate here and it's nice to have a race in his memory."

Ellis and Andrews had to settle for minor honours with 4-6 favourite Deans Road in the Lucy Rowton-Lee 21st Birthday Ladies' Open, sponsored by Wainhill Vintage Caravans, as Agagemmon swooped late under Alice Homer for a thrilling victory.

Andrews led on last year's winner going down Crowell Knoll for the final time, but both Agagemmon, owned and trained by Homer's grandfather, David Tatlow, and Stay Out Of Court and Jessica Smith, challenged strongly at the last fence.



*Gina Andrews (1st) in the second division of the maiden
Photo: Neale Blackburn*

It was Homer's mount who stayed on best to triumph by half a length from Stay Out Of Court, with Deans Road a length and a quarter back in third.

Homer said: "At the end he really wanted to win. My mum, Lorraine, gave him his last gallop yesterday and he is just a dream." Tatlow, who is based at Honington, near Shipton-on-Stour, commented: "I gave her instructions not to challenge until halfway up the run-in and she left it until three-quarters of the way - that's what I call a racing brain."

Freddie Mitchell notched his first winner since returning to the point-to-point ranks after an eight-year gap on Buachaill Dana in the first division of the French Horn Hotel Maiden for Ashford trainer David Phelan.

The 27-year-old Lambourn-based rider - a former conditional jockey with Nicky Henderson - produced the five-year-old with a well-timed challenge to collar Keaden Hill and Bradley Gibbs on the run-in for a length-and-three-quarters success.

Having also spent three years with Guy Cherel at Maisons-Laffitte and two seasons as assistant to Jamie Snowden, Mitchell is now riding out for Clive Cox.

He said: "I decided I wanted to focus on the riding. That's my third pointing ride back since 2014. My last winner was at Toulouse in 2018. It hasn't genuinely sunk in yet. I am just delighted."

Buachaill Dana was a first winner for Paul Burden as a sole owner, and Phelan, who bought the gelding out of Terence O'Brien's Carrigtoohill yard in County Cork, added: "He was second at Charing over two-and-a-half miles and I knew he was a three-mile horse, so I thought he would win. He stayed well."

Alex Chadwick is enjoying his best season, and he added to his tally on Castle Trump, who made it three wins from four starts this term with a commanding display in the Kingston Blount Racing Club Conditions Race (Level 3), sponsored by Denys Moylan.

Having taken up the running going up Crowell Knowell for the second time, the eight-year-old, trained by Rob Cundy at Semer in Suffolk, powered clear to beat Scooby and Daniel Kyne by 11 lengths.

Chadwick said: "I could hear a lot of commotion behind me, but he doesn't stop and keeps galloping. There is definitely more to come from this horse."

Cundy added of the Charles Buckle-owned gelding's success: "The ground really suited him, and we have learnt today that he can come from behind and doesn't have to make the running. He could go to Cheltenham or Stratford later in the season."

SOUTH AND WEST WILTS

LARKHILL

SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

By Bob Bracher

A bright sunny early Spring day brought out an enthusiastic and large attendance to watch a total of nine point to point races plus 3 charity races at the South and West Wilts Hunt Point to Point at Larkhill on Sunday. The charity races in aid of Racing Welfare and Wiltshire Air Ambulance were well supported with a total of 29 horses taking part and, in the process, raising over Fourteen Thousand for the charities. The Point-to-Point races were competitive events with the highlights being riding doubles for Zac Baker and Freddie Gordon, a training double for Jenny Gordon and another success for the veteran Southfield Theatre.

Ridden as usual by Lily Bradstock, Southfield Theatre belies his fourteen years of age and continues to retain his unbeaten record this season when winning the Lycetts Mixed Open Race. Setting off in front as usual he was chased all the way by Zamparelli and Cheltenham De Vaige but despite their efforts he was not for passing and had a length to spare over Zamparelli at the line. Watched by his owner Angela Yeoman he relishes the good surface and will not be asked to run on a softer surface. Ridden at home by his trainer Sara Bradstock he is described as 'not being easy' and will continue to race in Ladies Open or Mixed Open races whilst his enthusiasm remains at the same level.

Highway One O One was the first leg of the double for Freddie Gordon and his mother Jenny in the Pat Awdry Memorial Conditions race. Pat who was a stalwart supporter of the South and West Wilts Hunt died last summer and it was fitting that a race was run at Larkhill in his memory. Highway One O One had only run at Badbury Rings seven days ago but despite this and the admission that Freddie's father Chris had admitted that he had told Freddie that he had to jump the last fence three times at the Dorset course (it is only twice) he was a convincing winner of the race. Freddie who is still at school at Gregg School Southampton is starting to make a name for himself and this was his second victory on the gelding, who had been suffering from the handicapper under Rules, but is relishing his role as a schoolmaster.

Freddie and Jenny's double came in the Symonds and Sampson Conditions race for Novice Riders. This time riding Captain Bucks, he set off in front and despite the attentions of Monsieur Gibraltar, ridden by Olive Nicholls and Dandy Dan ridden by Laure Keen-Hawkins, he stayed on to record a head victory at the line. Explaining his improvement in form Jenny advised that first time use of a visor had certainly helped and the front running tactics had given him more enthusiasm. His previous trainer Paul Nicholls had advised Jenny to use waiting tactics but his runs this season had allowed him to doss behind so this change brought about a revival in his form.

The Milton Indoor Storage Services Open Maiden race was divided on the day and rider Zac Baker won both Divisions. Firstly, riding Far from Over for owner/trainer Maurice Linehan he was always prominent and stayed on well to record a two and a half lengths victory over Lift Me Up. Bought by his owner - who trains at Great Tew in Oxfordshire - at Goffs as a 3-year-old he has given him time but revealed that he had not really asked the five-year-old any serious questions at home. He may be heading for the sales but as Maurice is currently looking to apply for a permit to train under Rules, he may decide to retain the gelding.

Zac quickly doubled his score for the day and three for the weekend when riding Kauto No Risk, for owner John Hargreaves and trainer Joanne Priest. This was an easier win than the previous race as he had ten lengths in hand at the winning line. Bought by former jockey turned bloodstock agent Jerry McGrath after running in two Autumn Point to Points in Ireland, he had been recommended to Joanne and her owner John Hargreaves. The dam of the winner Kauto Karolyna is a full sister to the mighty Kauto Star and if he has a small proportion of his uncle's ability, he will be an exciting prospect.

The other Maiden on the card was for four-year-olds only and was sponsored by the Thoroughbred Breeders Association over 2 and half miles. The previously raced Boy De La Vis looked to have the race at his mercy before falling at the third last leaving the unraced filly My Little Toni, ridden by Bradley Gibbs, to finish alone. Owned by Tim Talbot from Cheshire under the name of Ratkatcha Racing he had arrived at Bradley's stable last summer having done some work at Oliver Greenall's yard



Southfield Theatre, Lily Bradstock (1st) in the Mixed Open and remains unbeaten this season

Photo: Tim Wolf

but has been brought on by Bradley and his partner Claire and their member of staff Natalie. The biggest field of the day of 12 horses took part in the Woolley and Wallis Restricted race over two and a half miles. Finistere had been prominent throughout under James King and he stayed on to hold off the challenge of Bloodstone ridden by George Henderson, by a length. Previously with Dan Skelton he won at Charing earlier in the month and continues to be on the upgrade for owners Julie Wadland and Janet Bird.

The concluding Bumper was also divided on the day with the first division being won in decisive style by Hilltown owned and trained by local National Hunt trainer Seamus Mullins. Ridden by Paddy Barlow, who was securing his second ever winner, Seamus explained that Paddy comes in to ride out periodically and he wanted to give him an opportunity. As Paddy is a vet student at Nottingham University this is not as often as he would like. Seamus added that Hilltown was acquired in rather unusual circumstances in that he had gone to a dispersal sale at the Hilltown Stud in Ireland and had acquired a total of 9 horses. This is the last of them to run and he decided to give the name of the Stud to the gelding. He might make a Hurdler in time or could go down the point-to-point route next season.

The concluding division proved to be a much closer contest with Nairobi Girl just holding off the attentions of Rockafela ridden by Bradley Gibbs. Owned and trained by Sarah Bailey at Badminton, the mare's dam had been bought to produce an eventer but she had been showing enough at home to warrant trying her as a racehorse. She has been doing a number of different equine options including hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's. Given an excellent ride by Luke Scott Sarah advised that he had been recommended to her by James King.

EAST CORNWALL THE DEVON & CORNWALL

SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

By Granville Taylor

A total of 82 runners in 8 races on softish going, plus the bonus of two pony races, gave the large crowd their

money's worth at the popular Cornish venue of Great Trethew, Menheniot.

Darren Edwards and Josh Newman took the riding honours, each with a double. That grand campaigner Sykes, now 13-years-old, ran the legs off his younger rivals to win the INEOS Grenadier Mixed Open. Runner up Minimalistic proved the main threat, but Sykes was having none of it and stormed up the finishing climb. Nicky Martin's gelding has now won nine races, including six under rules, since opening his account on this course eight years ago. Darren Edwards described his mount as a "real star, but was getting a bit lonely out in front today."

The leading area rider had earlier won a section of the Open Maiden for older horses sponsored by the Kings Head, Altarnun, this time for the Dean Summersby yard on Honest Opinion. After finishing runner up in five races (one in Ireland), the Black Sam Bellamy mare finally came good as she just touched off Aunt Lily, who virtually threw the race away by hanging towards the horse boxes on the short run in when looking the winner. "Honest Opinion is a three mile stayer really and tries her heart out. The two and a half miles is not her trip. She prefers soft ground and will probably go to Kilworthy next." reflected the trainer.

Vinny Webster partnered his second career winner on Roy Smith's Say About It in the other division. The 28-year-old from County Kilkenny works for the Victor Dartnall yard and gave his mount a positive ride to fend off Oyster Perch and Arv Way There

Josh Newman was narrowly beaten on Minimalistic in the Mixed Open, but had started the day well by winning the Philip Warren Butchers point-to-point flat race on Valereum Bridge, in the colours of Ivan Thompson. The five-year-old just held the strong finishing In Exell (Martin McIntyre). "She just gallops and was green in front," said the rider of the previously unraced youngster by Fame and Glory who is likely to head to the sales.

The Open Maiden for four to six-year-olds, sponsored by Dawe, Hawken, Dodd and Prydis had to be divided on the day. Josh Newman won his section on Sake of Secrecy, who just overcame the Chris Barber trained Izayte after out jumping his rival at the last. The winner was saddled by Neil Mclean for Crediton based owner Becky Kealey, who was enjoying her first success as an owner. The earlier Maiden division saw an emphatic display by four-year-old debutant Doc McCoy, who jumped well and drew well clear down the hill to win in impressive style under Charlie Sprake. Ian Chanin trains the exciting Getaway prospect for a small syndicate, and he was backed down from 6-1 to 5-4 favourite. "I was blown away with him after his first canter. We call him magic," remarked the trainer, who said that he had purchased the gelding out of the ring at Doncaster sales. He should produce a nice profit on his intended return trip to the sales ring.

Broadclyst gave Anna Johnston her second career winner in a competitive PPORA Novice Riders race. Sue Trump's 10-year-old, sent out by Leslie Jefford, is proving an ideal novice ride and was following up his earlier Wadebridge success under this rider. "He has a huge amount of stamina and his jumping is fantastic," reported the rider who works for Jane Williams.

The Jefferys sponsored Restricted resulted in a three way battle at the business end as Jeremy Central, Fountains Chief and Reflex Action rose in unison at the penultimate fence. It was Will Biddick's mount Jeremy Central who proved the stronger in the end despite jumping to the left at the last as Fountains Chief (Darren Andrews) rallied to renew his challenge alongside the eventual winner. A lengthy stewards enquiry left the result unchanged, much to the relief of Jeremy Central's owner/trainer Tom Malone who was watching the Pointing DC live stream coverage whilst on holiday abroad.

"This will be the last February meeting at Great Trethew due to the landowners farming commitments," confirmed point-to-point secretary Sandie Newton, who is retiring from that job after 10 years service. It remains to be seen if an alternative option for this excellent track can be found. Personally, I hope it can because I have been going there since the course opened 36 years ago. I recall seeing future Cheltenham Foxhunters winner Earthmover winning his Maiden there on debut.

LEICESTER HUNTER CHASE LEICESTER

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

By Carolyn Tanner

The useful ex-Chaser Marracudja, carrying the well-known colours of Foxtrot Racing, showed his class when sprinting away on the run-in to land Leicester's The Betting And Gaming Council Open Hunters' Chase, one of the most valuable in the Hunter Chasing calendar.

Held up just behind the leaders by Tristan Durrell, the 11-year-old jumped to the front at the last and drew clear on the flat. A winner of the Castleford Chase in 2019, Marracudja, who was formerly trained by Paul Nicholls, was purchased at Goffs for £18,000 by Dan Skelton as "a fun horse for the syndicate," explained Nick Pearce, the trainer's head lad and manager of Alne Park Stud.

"It will do him good to get his head in front again, because he's been handicapped out of it under Rules," continued Nick, describing the French-bred as being sometimes difficult to deal with. "There's nothing nasty about him at all, but he's a pain in the backside – he's a real fidget, and he can be awkward at the start."

Marracudja has now qualified for Aintree's Randox Foxhunters' Chase, should connections wish to take that route, but in the meantime "We'll look for another race for him in two or three weeks," Nick said.

Stable amateur Tristan Durrell, 20, is in his fifth season working at the Alcester yard. He may consider turning Conditional in the future, but more immediately will be taking the mount

at Cheltenham on Zamparelli, on whom he recently finished runner-up at Larkhill.

Norfolk trainer David Kemp has saddled just six runners this season, but Rebel Dawn Rising took his 2022 winning tally to four when taking The Retire A Working Animal Maiden Hunters' Chase in the hands of Dale Peters. It was a fourth successive victory for Rebel Dawn Rising, who was recommended to David by trusted contact Sean Boyle. He and his stable companion How To Get Away (unbeaten in his last three outings) were purchased at the same time as four-year-olds. "I wanted to run him in the other race," admitted David, "but then Toby Hunt entered [the Dale Peters-trained] Peacocks Secret, so of course Dale wasn't available to ride. Ideally, in any case, I wouldn't have run him so soon after Horseheath, but he has to go right-handed so there was nowhere else to take him. We ran him at Brafield first time out, and although he won, the further the race went the more violently he hung and jumped to the right, so never again!"

David was quick to give credit to his joint-owner, his wife Imogen, who rides the eight-year-old most days. Imogen is a Bowen therapist, and her knowledge and skill enable her to find any small problems with any of the horses which might otherwise have gone undetected.

David reported that his reigning Pertemps (Horse & Hound Cup) champion Law Of Gold is on track to try to retain his crown. He was checked over after his lacklustre performance at Wetherby last month, but nothing came to light. "He just had an off day," David said, "and I'm in no rush to run him yet, as the ground has gone against him."

Elsewhere on the Leicester card, two former outstanding practitioners in the Point-to-Point field, who have carried their ability into the professional ranks, joined forces to score an easy success in The Coldstream Guards Association Chase. Dawn Raider, who has bled in the past and needs quiet handling, said trainer Gary Hanmer, got the perfect ride from the 2016-17 Novice champion James Bowen, winning comfortably despite giving away lumps of weight to the majority of his rivals. It was a 25th success of the campaign for Gary, who has a 21% strike rate, and moved James onto 62.



Rebel Dawn Rising at Horseheath on the 19th February
Photo: Graham Bishop

LATEST RESULTS

KINGSTON BLOUNT 26/02/2022

- 12:00 1. **BUACHAILL DANA (IRE)** F. Mitchell 7-1 2. KEADEN HILL (IRE) B. Gibbs 2-1F 3. ONE MORE LIFE (GB) P. York 9-2 (11 ran).
- 12:35 1. **EVERY MINUTE (IRE)** Miss G. Andrews 11-10F 2. EQUUS FLIGHT (IRE) P. York 20-1 3. HOWITSDONE (IRE) T. Durrell 7-1 (10 ran).
- 1:10 1. **CASTLE TRUMP (IRE)** A. Chadwick 4-1 2. SCOOPY (IRE) D. Kyne 8-1 3. BAWNMORE (FR) Miss G. Andrews 7-1 (10 ran).
- 1:45 1. **AGAMEMMON (IRE)** Miss A. Homer 5-1 2. STAY OUT OF COURT (IRE) Miss Jessica Smith 20-1 3. DEANS ROAD (IRE) Miss G. Andrews 4-6F (8 ran).
- 2:20 1. **AL SHAHIR (IRE)** Z. Baker 13-8 2. STREETS OF LONDON (IRE) P. York 16-1 3. SIR MANGAN (IRE) B. Sutton 11-4 (6 ran).
- 2:55 1. **MASTER TEMPLAR (IRE)** Miss G. Andrews 5-4F 2. EVRON (FR) Milo Herbert 6-1 3. FINE INVESTMENT (GB) M. Osborne 7-1 (11 ran).
- 3:30 1. **LATENIGHTFUMBLE (GB)** Miss G. Andrews 5-4 2. PEEPING THOM (GB) Miss L. Jenkins 14-1 3. FIER JAGUEN (FR) B. Gibbs 4-7F (3 ran).

ALNWICK 27/02/2022

- 1:00 1. **SEÑOR LOMBARDY (IRE)** Lyall Hodgins 5-4F 2. ALONE NO MORE (IRE) Miss Emma J. Brown 8-1 3. WORCESTER PEARMAIN (GB) Miss L. O. Baker-Cresswell 12-1 (11 ran).
- 1:30 1. **BALLYDONAGH BOY (IRE)** Jack Power 5-4J 2. LOUGHAN (IRE) Miss G. Andrews 5-2 3. SOCIALISER (IRE) Joe Wright 5-4J (7 ran).
- 2:00 1. **DUNDRUM WOOD (IRE)** Miss G. Andrews 1-2F 2. THYNE FOR GOLD (IRE) Miss I. Robinson 3-1 3. SUPREMEPLY LUCKY (IRE) Miss N. Cookson 4-1 (8 ran).
- 2:30 1. **SARTORIAL ELEGANCE (GB)** J. Dawson 3-1 2. CLONDAW ANCHOR (IRE) C. Furness 3-1 3. DIABLE DE SIVOLA (FR) W. Ramsay 8-1 (7 ran).
- 3:00 1. **COURTING FLOW (IRE)** C. Furness Evens 2. BLACK APHRODISIAC (GB) H. Crow 20-1 3. THUNDER N LIGHTNIN (IRE) Miss G. Andrews 9-4 (14 ran).
- 3:30 1. **TOP CLOUD (GB)** Joe Wright 1-2F 2. DRESSED TO IMPRESS (IRE) J. Dawson 8-1 3. QUICKASICAN (IRE) Miss Alex Garven 8-1 (10 ran).

GREAT TRETHERW 27/02/2022

- 12:00 1. **VALEREUM BRIDGE (IRE)** J. Newman 5-1 2. IN EXELL (FR) M. McIntyre 8-1 3. GINGERBRED (GB) Miss N. Parker 8-1 (9 ran).
- 12:35 1. **DOC MCCOY (IRE)** Charlie Sprake 5-4F 2. LOOKING FOR LARRY (IRE) J. Bament 10-1 3. COCKSPUR BALLA (GB) Nathan Rahman 8-1 (14 ran).
- 1:10 1. **SAKE OF SECRECY (IRE)** J. Newman 7-1 2. IZAYTE (FR) M. McIntyre 5-4F 3. ONE TREE HILL (FR) Miss P. Glanville 14-1 (14 ran).
- 1:45 1. **SAY ABOUT IT (GB)** V. Webster 5-2 2. OYSTER PERCH (GB) D. Andrews 14-1 3. ARV WAY THERE (GB) Miss H. M. Stevens 2-1F (9 ran).
- 2:20 1. **HONEST OPINION (GB)** D. Edwards 2-1 2. AUNT LILY (GB) Miss C. Emsley 8-1 3. WISE GARDEN (FR) Charlie Sprake 16-1 (9 ran).
- 2:55 1. **SYKES (IRE)** D. Edwards 5-2J 2. MINIMALISTIC (IRE) J. Newman 10-1 3. BOARD OF TRADE (GB) Miss C. Emsley 12-1 (12 ran).
- 3:30 1. **BROADCLYST (IRE)** Miss A. Johnston 3-1 2. PARTY TUNES (IRE) Miss Charlotte Summersby 2-1F 3. GUERRILLA TACTICS (IRE) Finn Muirhead 11-1 (9 ran).
- 4:05 1. **JEREMY CENTRAL (IRE)** W. Biddick 4-7F 2. FOUNTAINS CHIEF (GB) D. Andrews 3-1 3. REFLEX ACTION (IRE) Miss H. M. Stevens 5-2 (6 ran).

LARKHILL 27/02/2022

- 12:00 1. **HIGHWAY ONE O ONE (IRE)** F. Gordon 11-8F 2. BLACKWATER BRAMBLE (IRE) J. Smith-Maxwell 7-4 3. WOTZIZNAME (IRE) Miss Megan Bevan 14-1 (11 ran).
- 12:35 1. **MY LITTLE TONI (GB)** B. Gibbs 3-1 (3 ran).
- 1:10 1. **FAR FROM OVER (IRE)** Z. Baker 11-4 2. LIFT ME UP (IRE) Miss H. Henn 10-1 3. COLLEGE FIELD (GB) Miss L. Jenkins 40-1 (10 ran).
- 1:45 1. **KAUTO NO RISK (FR)** Z. Baker 7-2 2. MIGHTY ALTOGETHER (GB) O. Timms 20-1 3. DUNTISH (GB) T. Durrell 33-1 (10 ran).
- 2:20 1. **SOUTHFIELD THEATRE (IRE)** Miss L. Bradstock Evens 2. ZAMPARELLI (IRE) T. Durrell 7-1 3. CHELTENAM DE VAIGE (FR) T. Broughton 7-2 (5 ran).
- 2:55 1. **FINISTERE (FR)** James King 5-2 2. BLOODSTONE (IRE) G. Henderson 11-4 3. THE MIGHTY ASH (IRE) A. Chadwick 20-1 (12 ran).
- 3:30 1. **CAPTAIN BUCK'S (FR)** F. Gordon 10-1 2. MONSIEUR GIBRALTAR (FR) Miss O. Nicholls 3-1 3. DANDY DAN (IRE) Miss L. Keen-Hawkins 7-4J (9 ran).
- 4:05 1. **HILLTOWN (IRE)** Paddy Barlow 7-2 2. RAINDANCE QUEEN (IRE) A. Chadwick 6-1 3. LISNASALLAGH RUBY (GB) Z. Baker 9-4F (8 ran).
- 4:40 1. **NAIROBI GIRL (IRE)** Luke Scott 6-1 2. ROCKAFELA (GB) B. Gibbs 3-1 3. JOHN STREET (IRE) Tommie O'Brien 5-1 (7 ran).

NATIONAL POINT-TO-POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021/22

The current standings for the sport's national championship awards (updated as of February 27th)

TATTERSALLS LEADING OWNER



Alan Hill

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Mr Alan Hill	6 wins
Mr Tom Malone	6 wins
Mrs Angela Yeoman	6 wins
Mr Julian Sheriff	5 wins
Mrs Ian McKie	4 wins
Mr & Mrs C Poste	4 wins
Mr Robert Waley-Cohen	4 wins
Mrs Shona Westrope	4 wins

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP



Gina Andrews
(General Arrow)

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Gina Andrews	20 wins
Izzie Marshall	10 wins
Alice Stevens	7 wins
Lily Bradstock	5 wins
Immy Robinson	4 wins
Ellie Callwood	3 wins

HIGHFLYER BLOODSTOCK NOVICE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP



Natalya Irvine
&
Ellie Callwood

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Ellie Callwood	3 wins
Natalya Irvine	3 wins
Megan fox	2 wins
Olive Nicholls	2 wins
Lauren Reed	2 wins

LEADING TRAINER (7 OR FEWER HORSES)



Southfield Royale,
Sara Bradstock

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Sara Bradstock	5 wins
Neil McLean	5 wins
Tom Malone	5 wins
Robert Waley-Cohen	4 wins

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP



Will Biddick
(Tullys Touch (nearside)),
Horseheath

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Will Biddick	19 wins
Bradley Gibbs	15 wins
James King	14 wins
Tommie O'brien	10 wins
Alex Chadwick	9 wins
Darren Edwards	9 wins
John Dawson	7 wins
Josh Newman	7 wins

HIGHFLYER BLOODSTOCK NOVICE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP



Nathan Green
(Moratorium)

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Freddie Gingell + Freddie Gordon	3 wins
Arron Butterfield	2 wins
Murray Dodd	2 wins
Nathan Green	2 wins
Toby McCain-Mitchell	2 wins
Beau Morgan	2 wins

LEADING TRAINER (8 OR MORE HORSES)



2020 National
champions Tom
Ellis (centre),
Jack and Gina Andrews

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Tom Ellis	29 wins
Alan Hill	15 wins
Bradley Gibbs	12 wins
Chris Barber	8 wins
Kelly Morgan	8 wins
Cherry Coward	6 wins

CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE



Hawkhurst

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Hawkhurst	4 wins
Southfield Theatre	4 wins
Feuille De Lune	3 wins
Maitree Express	3 wins
Moratorium	3 wins
Castle Trump	3 wins

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