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The Latest From Nick

This has to be one of the most exciting weeks of the year with the start of the Turf season in Ireland and of course the Cheltenham Festival. Mentally I have found that I need to have a start and a finish each year and thus have chosen to focus primarily on the Flat season rather than the National Hunt. I don't know how the likes of Joseph o'Brien can function year after year with a large amount of runners on the Flat and National Hunt.

Mystery Angel ran well in France and the race was definitely not run to suit. It looks like she heads back to France on Sunday for another Listed race, this time over 10.5 furlongs but she takes on the boys as well on this occasion. Had she won last week she wouldn't be going for this race, but we are desperate to get her head in front and feel she has been unfortunate on each of her last three starts.

Silent Queen takes her chance in Chantilly tomorrow in what looks a tough enough opportunity for her. We do feel that these early races offer the fillies the opportunity to secure blacktype whilst there is only a small cohort of horses ready to run in the races. The race looks a tougher assignment than Mystery Angel's options but Silent Queen won with any amount in hand last time out and as long as she runs her race we will find out how good she is.

All of the 2yos are now sold out so I have moved to source further options. After being offered horses from Tally Ho Stud, Robson Aguiar and another Irish based filly I have moved to purchase a filly out of Hyde Park Stud. This time last year I purchased Furlong Factor who won and finished 2nd in the Listed Marygate. I then purchased Mystery Angel at the Craven Breeze Ups who on the figures was the second best filly to come from the breeze ups last year with only Umm Kulthum reaching a higher level.

This filly is by Muhaarar out of the mare Melody of Love who I bought a stake in at the December Mares Sale. I remember the dam as a racehorse and I felt to date she has been a bit unlucky as a broodmare. This filly has been going well at Hyde Park and her work has been impressing John Bourke and his riders.

I've seen her work three times and on each time she has worked well despite carrying a much heavier (9kg) rider than her work partner. I am confident that she will be winning races as a 2yo and see her as a 7 furlong horse based on her pedigree. She joins Roger Fell who did very well with his 3 2yos last year with them all winning and I see the yard as a yard who could be on a similar trajectory as the George Boughey yard this time next year with their juveniles.

We look like we will have some runners at Doncaster at the opening of the 2021 turf season with both Zihaam and Mr Zanetti potentially lining up. Year on year the fixture list drops off between Doncaster and the Craven meeting at Newmarket which always baffles me. I don't expect to see any of our 2yos on the track before the middle of April at the very earliest with the month of May as being the target for many of the fillies. Lopes Gold was our first 2yo to go away for a racecourse experience this week, she went very well and is an exciting prospect for her owners. A lot of the yards are stepping up the level of work with their 2yos and we will learn plenty over the next four weeks now the horses are fitting enough to do faster work.

On the farm we lost a foal last week which was hard to take for the staff and myself. We have 12 foals on the ground and now have 10 mares scanned in foal. There are 48 mares in total and if we get 40 scanned in foal I will be a happy man.

I've had a look at the government roadmap out of lockdown and it looks to me that yard visits can resume from March 29th if things continue to go well. We won't be able to arrange mass yard gatherings but hopefully in two weeks we will be able to arrange individual yard visits for those who would like to attend.



Mystery Angel Loses Out By Just A Neck



Mystery Angel ran a very good race at Saint-Cloud in the Prix Rose de Mai.

Christophe got our filly out well but there was early competition for the lead inside her. Christophe sat 3rd in the early stages but then the race was slowed down considerably going down the far side.

The lack of pace down the farside was not what suited our filly and as a result it turned into a sprint up the home straight. Christophe brought our filly to the outside and started to nudge her forward when he should have been getting after her and waking her up to get to the front.

Christophe eventually got after her with 150metres to go and like at Wolverhampton she quickened to go down by half a length.

She picked up 11,000 Euros in prize money so she has paid her way and we are now aiming to take her potentially back to Saint-Cloud on 21st March for the 10.5furlong Listed 3yo race against the colts or the the Group 3 (Fillies only) Penelope 10.5f Stakes at Saint Cloud on April 6th which at this stage looks to be a perfect race for her.

There are no Fillies only blacktype races for her in the UK in March or April which is very disappointing but then the Oaks Trials start up in May.

At this stage Mystery Angel has been left in the Prix Francois Mathet. Entries can be found via:

<https://www.france-galop.com/fr/course/detail/2021/P/ZTh2eE1wc1lXcoJ3NmorQWRpckZ4dz09>



Silent Queen Declared at Chantilly



Silent Queen has been declared to race in the Prix Ronde de Nuit over 5 and a half furlongs tomorrow. Eddie Hardouin has been booked for the ride and we are very hopeful she can continue her outstanding form this Winter.



Large Action Debuts On The Weekend



It's been an incredibly patient wait for all involved with Large Action. From being bought at the Tatts sale in 2017 this son of Iffraaj has needed a lot of time to develop and strengthen. He makes his long awaited debut this weekend in either the Bumper at Newcastle on Saturday or the Maiden Hurdle at Carlisle. For everyone involved it would be fantastic if their patience was rewarded.

Roger Fell who currently has him is very happy with the work they are seeing at home.



More Foals at Glebe Farm

Inns of Court x La Roumegue Filly



Buratino x All That Jas Colt



Zoffany x Love's Secret Colt



Territories x Melody Of Love Filly



The Best Answers From Mating Homework

Thank you for everyone who got back to us about mating Bristol Fashion with a stallion of their choice. There were some outstanding entries but the winner was **David Woodgrove whose answer was exceptional**. Due to his detailed answer it is very difficult to include all of it in the newsletter however, I have attached the conclusion and I really recommend you give it a read!

Selecting a Stallion for a mare is very much an inexact science and it's a case of trying your best, and hoping for the best when it comes to selecting a stallion. There are many factors to consider which are listed below:

- Physical Make up of the Mare and the Stallion
- Successful Crosses (Nicks)
- Avoiding In breeding
- At what point the mare/progeny will be sold.

Attached below is Bristol Fashion's page when Nick bought her back in 2012. For updated progeny you can visit her Racing Post page via: [Bristol Fashion](#)

Will Stand at Park Paddocks, Highflyer Paddock G, Box 90

1625 (WITH VAT) BRISTOL FASHION (GB) (2009) A Grey Filly	{ Dansili (GB)	{ Approach (GB) (2000)	{ Danehill (USA) { Hasili (IRE)	{ Darshaan { Last Second (IRE)	{ Danzig (USA) { Razyana (USA) { Kahyasi { Kerall { Shirley Heights { Delsy (FR) { Alzao (USA) { Alruccaba
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BRISTOL FASHION (GB): unraced.

1st Dam

APPROACH (GB), won 3 races at 2 to 4 years at home and in U.S.A. and £115,371 including Ballymacoll Stakes, Newbury, **L.**, placed 5 times including second in Winstar Galaxy Stakes, Keeneland, **Gr.2** and May Hill Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.3**; Own sister to **Intrigued (GB)**; dam of **two winners** from 3 runners and 5 foals of racing age viz-
MIDAS TOUCH (GB) (2007 c. by Galileo (IRE)), won 2 races, £524,764 including Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Stakes, Leopardstown, **Gr.2**, placed second in Irish Derby, Curragh, **Gr.1**, St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Great Voltigeur Stakes, York, **Gr.2**, third in Underwood Stakes, Caulfield, **Gr.1** and Makybe Diva Stakes, Flemington, **Gr.2**.
ARABESCATTA (GB) (2008 f. by Monsun (GER)), won 4 races at 3 years, 2011 in France and £25,133 and placed 4 times.
 Bristol Fashion (GB) (2009 f. by Dansili (GB)), see above.
 Golden Touch (GB) (2010 c. by Galileo (IRE)), in training.
 She also has a 2011 colt by Sea The Stars (IRE).

2nd Dam

LAST SECOND (IRE), won 4 races and £151,402 including Nassau Stakes, Goodwood, **Gr.2**, Sun Chariot Stakes, Newmarket, **Gr.2**, second in Coronation Stakes, Royal Ascot, **Gr.1**; dam of **eight winners** from 10 runners and 12 foals of racing age including-
AUSSIE RULES (USA) (c. by Danehill (USA)), won 4 races at 2 and 3 years at home, in France and in U.S.A. and £488,535 including Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Longchamp, **Gr.1**, Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes, Keeneland, **Gr.1** and Somerville Tattersall Stakes, Newmarket, **Gr.3**, second in Go And Go Round Tower Stakes, Curragh, **Gr.3**; sire.
Gooseberry Fool (GB) (f. by Danehill Dancer (IRE)), won 1 race at 2 years, 2011 and placed twice including third in Silver Flash Stakes, Leopardstown, **Gr.3**.
Intrigued (GB) (f. by Darshaan), won 1 race at 2 years, £23,461, placed 4 times including third in Chalice Stakes, Newbury, **L.** and Pinnacle Stakes, Haydock, **L.**; dam of winners.
MICHELANGELO (GB), 2 races at 3 years, 2012 and £170,939 including Casco Cocked Hat Stakes, Goodwood, **L.**, third in St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**.

3rd Dam

ALRUCCABA, won 1 race at 2 years and placed twice, from only 4 starts; dam of **eight winners** from 11 runners and 13 foals of racing age including-
ALLEGRETTO (IRE), 6 races at home and in France including Prix Royal-Oak-Principaute de Monaco, Longchamp, **Gr.1**, second in Yorkshire Oaks, York, **Gr.1**.
ARRIKALA (IRE), won 3 races including Curragh Cup, Curragh, **L.**, placed second in Blandford Stakes, Curragh, **Gr.2**, third in Irish Oaks, Curragh, **Gr.1**; dam of a winner.
ALOUETTE (GB), won 3 races including Oyster Stakes, Galway, **L.**, second in Killavullan Stakes, Leopardstown, **Gr.3**, third in Moyglare Stud Stakes, **Gr.1**; dam of winners.
ALBANOVA (GB), Champion older mare in Germany in 2004, 7 races at home and in Germany including Rheinland-Pokal Stadtparkasse Kolnborn, Cologne, **Gr.1**.
ALBORADA (GB), Champion 3yr old filly in Ireland in 1998, won Champion Stakes, **Gr.1** (twice); dam of **ALVARITA (GB)**, won Prix Petite Etoile, **L.**; grandam of **ALLA SPERANZA (GB)**, 2 races at 2 and 3 years, 2012 including Kilternan Stakes, **Gr.3**.
ALAKANANDA (GB), 2 races at 3 years; dam of **DRAGON DANCER (GB)**, 1 race at 4 years viz August Stakes, Windsor, **L.**, second in Derby Stakes, Epsom, **Gr.1**; sire.
 Jude (GB), placed once at 3 years; dam of winners.
YESTERDAY (IRE), won Irish 1000 Guineas, Curragh, **Gr.1**, second in Oaks Stakes, Epsom Downs, **Gr.1**, Prix de l'Opera Casino Barriere Enghien, Longchamp, **Gr.1**.
QUARTER MOON (IRE), Champion 2yr old filly in Ireland in 2001, 1 race at 2 years viz Moyglare Stud Stakes, Curragh, **Gr.1**, second in Irish Oaks, Curragh, **Gr.1**.
All My Loving (IRE), 1 race, second in Park Hill Stakes, **Gr.2**, third in Irish Oaks, Curragh, **Gr.1** and Oaks Stakes, **Gr.1**; dam of **THOMAS CHIPPENDALE (IRE)**, 3 races at 2 and 3 years, 2012 including King Edward VII Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.2**.

David Woodgrove Conclusion:

If money were no object, Pinatubo would be my choice of sire for Bristol Fashion, there are many positives to recommend him. There is of course the negative of him being unproven as he is a first season sire.

If the fee for Pinatubo is prohibitive and considered not worthy of the gamble, Belardo would be my second choice at a far more reasonable stud fee. A mating with Belardo would be a lower cost test of the theory of a smaller sire with duplications of Blushing Groom having an effect on the size of the foal produced. I would not be too worried about the inbreeding to Danehill as there are five other duplications in play further back in the pedigree that will have an influence.

There have been plenty of Group 1 horses inbred to Danehill, some listed below;

Southern Lord, 2009 Colt 3M x 3F to Danehill, also 5 x 5 to Wilkes, Star Kingdom 5 x 6, Alycidon 6 x 6 & Natalma 6 x 6 x 6 x 6.

Guelph, 2010 Filly, 2 x 3 Danehill, also Natalma 5 x 5 x 5 x 6 x 6 x 6 & Native Dancer 6 x 6 x 6 x 6 with the additionally powerful full brother combination of His Majesty & Graustark 4 x 6 x 5.

Astaire, 2011 Colt, 3 x 3 to Danehill, added to this pedigree is Kahyasi 4 x 4, Roberto 5 x 6 and Blushing Groom 5 x 6 x 6. Astaire, winner of the Middle Park Stakes and Gimcrack Stakes as a 2-year-old is actually very similarly bred to our Pinatubo potential mating, being by Intense Focus a son of Giants Causeway like Shamardal and out of a Dansili mare.

There would be a risk that by using Belardo as the next mating, the Pinatubo fee could increase if his first crop foals sell well and put him out of reach for future usage, but there is risk to everything!



Offer to Sponsor NBR in 2021

Nick Bradley Racing has grown substantially over the past couple of years and with the growth has come greater media exposure. This heightened exposure has led to increased coverage for Nick Bradley Racing and the White and Black Silks. One of the clear highlights in 2020 was Dandalla winning on the world stage at Royal Ascot in June 2020. As you can see from the photo she was sponsored by the Tote who pay a fee to Nick Bradley Racing and in return they get the rights to have their logo on the front of the jockey silks.



What we are offering

Option 1: For a fee of £500 your business or company gets to have their logo on a the jockey silks of any yearling of their choice. This package will also include the opportunity to go and visit Nick and the team at Glebe Farm.

Option 2: For a fee of £999 your business receives all the benefits of Option 1 but you will also get the opportunity to go racing twice a year with the relevant badges for that particular horse that you sponsor. These badges include access to owners and trainers and hospitality lunches inclusive of champagne and drinks. We have also created a links page on our website especially for this package and we would be willing to exchange your companies website with our's and visa versa.



We have had an offer from **JA Tordoff & Son Ltd** to sponsor CORAZON a filly by Markaz in training with George Boughey. **JA Tordoff & Son Ltd** have also chosen to sponsor HONEY SWEET in training with Karl Burke.



We have secured **BackForProfit** to sponsor BLACK ECHO a filly by Olympic Glory in training with Richard Fahey. SHOULD'AVBEENMORE with Richard Fahey and most recently, GALILEO GOLD x BISOUS Y BESOS.



In the past week we have also had **Hodkin & Jones** Sponsor OFF THE PAGE. The Cotai Glory filly in training with Karl Burke. As well as Hodkin & Jones we have also had **Perfectly Pressed** sponsor WOODERS DREAM. The Equiano filly in training with George Boughey.

We are happy to draw up your company logo designs as well. For more details or any questions please ring **Nick on 07780112636**



Muhaarar x Melody Of Love



Hyde Park Stud bought this filly for 18,000 Guineas from the Tattersalls Book 2 Sale. Nick sees every filly that is presented for sale at the yearling sales and Nick liked this filly. He liked this filly so much that he decided to buy the mare at the December Sales in 2020.

Muhaarar is a stallion that divides opinion. Due to his success as a racehorse people tipped Muhaarar to be potentially be a very successful stallion however, progress has been slightly slow for him. That said, from just 2 crops he has had 13 horses rated 90+ and 5 above 100 including BARADAR placed in the Racing Post Trophy.

Melody of Love was a a very good race mare and everything this filly has been doing at Hyde Park Stud has been positive. We think she will be a 7 furlong filly she wouldn't be the biggest physically but she is a great mover.

Nick Bradley Racing have a Muhaarar in training with Richard Fahey and so far the reports on her have been very positive.

This filly is 100% qualified for the Great British Bonus Scheme which entitles her to £20,000 for any GBB race she wins. Of the £20,000 owners can win up to £16,000 per race won. This means that this filly provides an exceptional chance to be a successful investment.



In the past Nick Bradley Racing has bought several good horses from Hyde Park Stud including Mystery Angel and Furlong Factor.

Hyde Park Stud and Nick have known each other for several years and often travel together when attending overseas sales. Hyde Park Stud have recommended this Muhaarar filly to Nick. Like other private sales this winter, Nick has full trust in Hyde Park Stud.

Roger Fell will train this filly. Nick and Roger have teamed up with great success over the years and this year Roger is training a lot more 2yos than in years previous years following the success he had in 2020.

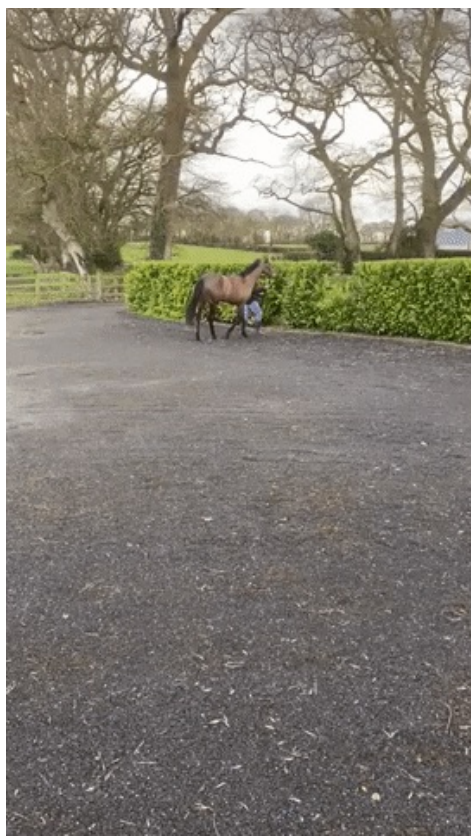
If you would like to listen to Nick's thoughts on the filly and watch a full video of her galloping please visit the website by clicking here: <https://nickbradleyracing.co.uk/muhaarar-x-melody-of-love>

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- 5% - £2,000 and £159 a month**
- 2.5% - £1,000 and £89 a month**
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No monthly fees until May 1st 2021

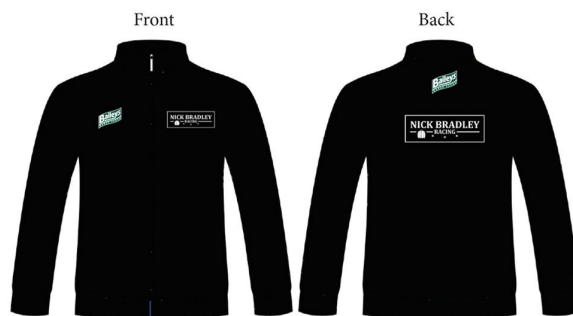
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