

NICK BRADLEY RACING NEWSLETTER

**3rd Group 3
Prix Daphnis**

**1st Group 3 Whispering
Angel Oak Tree Stakes**

**3rd Group 2
Rockfel Stakes**

**3rd Group 2
Prix Du Calvados**

**3rd Group 3
Albany Stakes**

OSCULA
£40,000 BUY



Prize Money - £314,943
Sale - €1,000,000

**2nd Group 3
Valiant Stakes**

**1st Group 3
Prix De Lieurey**

**3rd Group 1
Prix Marcel Boussac**

**1st Group 3
Prix Six
Perfections**

**Winners
48**

**Prize Money
£1,079,486.12**

OSCULA SELLS FOR €1,000,000

Where else could we possibly start?

Right to the very end she fought for the best possible result, despite just having the one vet she managed to reach the million-pound mark that many doubted (Maybe we did for a moment) Nick was persistent that if the right people were interested at the right venue, then she would surpass most expectations.

We have plenty of accounts from her owners in the newsletter, which alone shows you just what she meant to them, she was more than a racehorse.

On the track we've had a quiet few weeks, largely due to the insufficient opportunities the 2yo calendar has provided us, our numbers should go up again in the run up to new year as we search for our 2 winners to take us to the seasonal target, although abandoned meetings will not help!

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NICK'S BLOG

We are currently on 48 winners, which is great, although the last two is going to be tough. The 2yo programme in the North is somewhat short of previous campaigns and has left us with horses ready to run but not races for them!

The past three weeks have been totally consumed by the sales, first up was the Foals Sale, which was on the whole, disappointing. We seemed to have all the right stallions, just not the physicals to match, which was made more frustrating as we had some great physicals at home but by all the wrong stallions.

The mare's sale went better but possibly could have gone even more in our favour with two of the horses.

Hellomydarlin sold for £100,000, I thought she may have reached £30/40K more on a good day. Yeomanstown bought her and looking back on the sale, they probably got a bargain.

Honey Sweet made £280,000 which we thought was a great price and we were very happy with that, a fine markup given we only paid £50,000 a couple of years ago.

Guilded was another I thought went well, she was bought for £17,000 and she sold for £230,000. We actually agreed a private sale for £200,000 a few months ago but this sale fell through which in hindsight was a good outcome.

Corazon made £82,000 and her pedigree probably let her down, in my eyes she was the most talented out of the four but with injuries and setbacks we never saw her at her best.

After a day at home, I headed off to Deauville for the Arqana Sale, where Oscula was selling. Going into the ring, she only had one vet on her which left us with a bit of doubt in our minds as to what she may achieve. This was tempered somewhat when Baroda, who consigned her, sold a horse for €1,700,000 just a few lots before, this was significantly more than they were expecting. Ted Voute was the buyer, on behalf of Prince Faisal, who confirmed afterwards she would be retired to stud to cover Mishriff. We always thought we could get the million and we were over the moon when both Prince Faisal and Shadai Farm were the two interested parties.

In the past ten days we have achieved 1.6 million in sales from 5 mares, this comes in light of the 2 million we cleared in 2021. However, both years had seen us spend less than 1 million on our entire string of yearlings.

On the farm, the mares have entered the barn and will be treated like queens before we try to get an early cover into them around February, we have over 40 mares this year.

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End of Year Sales Review

I've spent the last 3 weeks at the sales and whilst the long hours and lows were very tough to take, there were positives to arise from the sales. The sales in France were particularly strong, they were buoyed by Yulong purchasing around 50 mares from the sales and spending millions. I am sure that will not happen at every sale going forward but what was encouraging was the price achieved by the Stakes winning fillies.

If you look at the list of fillies below who all sold for at least 7 figures the results are staggering.

Malavath 3.2million Euros Group 2 and Group 3 winner

Sweet Lady 2.05 million Euros Group 1, 2 and 3 winner

Burgarita 1.7million Euros Listed Winner

Hello You 1.55million Euros Group 2 Winner

Times Square 1.25 million Euros Listed Winner, Group 1 placed

Thunder Drum 1.1 million Euros Group 3 winner

Oscula 1 million Euros Group 3 winner, Group 1 placed

These results are hugely encouraging for our model of buying yearling fillies year on year and the great results we have had in 2021 and 2022 should be further strengthened in years to come. We retained Fast Response and Secret Angel for the 2023 season who were both Stakes winners in 2022 and who are both hugely valuable horses to add to the bottom line in 2023.

Sales receipts from 2021 returned just short of £2million from three Stakes winners and 2022 where five fillies grossed just short of £1.6million.

We have spent less than £750k at the yearling sales and secured 29 horses to run at two next year. With the average spend being less than £26,000 per horse it really is a game of darts at a board with one bullseye amongst them likely to return receipts to cover the other 28!

This gives me a lot of confidence in the model and it should do you the investor/owner but the advice as always is to spread the risk and get as many darts at the board as you can!

We are trying to have a couple of weeks down time before Christmas, after that we will be ready to go around again starting off with open days in January.

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NBR SALES CLASS OF 2022

The sale of 5 fillies over the past fortnight have once again yielded significant profits, further enhancing the model we follow.

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Corazon
11,000gn → 82,000gn
£59,940 Prize Money
Group 3 Winner

Guided
17,000gn → 230,000gn
£95,694 Prize Money
Listed Winner

Oscula
40,000gn → €1,000,000
£314,943 Prize Money
Multiple Stakes Winner

Hellomydarlin
30,000gn → 100,000gn
£78,944 Prize Money
Group 2 Placed

Honey Sweet
50,000gn → 280,000gn
£73,194 Prize Money
Listed Winner

**NBR
CLASS OF 2022**

£148,000 - Purchase
£622,715 - Prize Money
£1,600,000 - Sales Income



OSCUA OWNERS THOUGHTS

Many of you sent in some very nice words regarding the sale of the Oscula, we have shared some with you below. It's clear to see just how much these fantastic animals touched every one of you, they are all going to remarkable homes which is all one could ask after their efforts.

When I think back to Oscula's career, a famous song by an Italian artist named Jovanotti comes to my mind which is called "The greatest show after the Big Bang" - **Michelle**

Oscula has taken us to places and given us experiences that we thought we could only dream about. Watching a replay of her Goodwood win will brighten up any drab day! As Emma Berry of Thoroughbred Daily News said "she is our Loveable Wonder" - **Sue**

She's been an absolute superstar for us - the best £300 I've ever shelled out! To win multiple Group 3s, a Listed race, place in a Group 1 on Arc weekend and of course, win the Woodcote on the same card Mystery Angel placed in the Oaks....just dream stuff.

So pleased she reached seven figures. She was versatile wasn't she - 6f, 7f, 1m, GF, hvy, she just handled whatever she tackled and ran her race - even when beaten she'd keep fighting on.

Hope she has a great retirement at stud and I looking forward to seeing her foals in a few years.

Thanks again NBR! - **Wayne**

Never in our wildest dreams did we expect to be involved with a horse as brave and tenacious as Oscula. From Epsom to Goodwood, Longchamp to Deauville she's taken us to places we could only dream of. Her owners, no longer strangers but now true friends, have proved loyal followers of what is simply 'the horse of a lifetime'. **Tony & Sue**

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Oscula has certainly given me some great excitement of Royal Ascot finishing 3rd in the Albany Stakes.

She certainly is a filly of a life time and delighted to be part of her and the journey she's taken us on and some great pictures of her in my office. **Paul Leng**

Oscula has been a super star for her owners and NBR. Ultra-consistent and so tough, giving her all in every race. She has provided us owners with so many memorable days out both at both home and abroad. Everyone in racing knows who Oscula is! **Stuart**

I really cant say how much enjoyment she has given all of the syndicate owners from a class 5 all weather 3rd at Kempton park to the great racecourses and festivals here and in France, Oaks day twice, Royal Ascot, Newmarket July Meeting, Arc day and of course the 2 Groups 3 wins at Deauville and the Group 3 win at Glorious Goodwood. What an adventure. What a horse, a huge heart and never knew when she was beaten. I feel privileged to have owned a small piece of her and met so many good people and had such great days out, she always ran her race and she owes us nothing in fact we owe her our love and gratitude, she really is the horse of a lifetime. **Paul**

I can hardly believe I have been lucky enough to have had a share in a filly as fantastic as Oscula. The places she has taken us, the joy she has brought us are indelibly etched in my memory. Who could ask for a more tenacious, tough, talented horse to be involved with..... we have been blessed. **Jayne**

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OSCULA OWNERS THOUGHTS

It took a bit of thought when someone suggested to write something about what it's like to own a part of Oscula or the 'Osc' as I like to call her.

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I tried to think of a single word that would sum her up well – tough, genuine, talented, game would all be apt but I think 'unique' is best. She really is exceptional and will always have a special place in my heart.

She has been a joy to own from day 1 and I always hoped we had something special when on racecourse debut she finished third in what looked a decent Kempton maiden and was rated at the time by some shrewd experts as one of the best maiden races on the all weather so far that season. They were certainly correct when you consider that the winner of the race was Sandrine who subsequently won the Albany at Royal Ascot and the Duchess of Cambridge Stakes at Newmarket in 2021 and bagged the Lennox Stakes at Glorious Goodwood this year along with multiple winners Silken Petals (second) and Adaay in Asia (fourth).

Based on that we were confident that Oscula would win at Brighton next start particularly on the soft ground and she duly delivered before following up in the Class 2 Woodcote at a rain soaked Epsom on Derby weekend. At that point she'd already delivered more than we might have hoped but we wondered if we had a group horse on our hands or whether she'd simply been favoured by the conditions. She showed us all that any doubts were unfounded and that she was a true class act with a third in the Albany against old rival Sandrine which was a mind blowing result for a small syndicate member – just to have a runner at Royal Ascot with odds of 10/1 was a dream but to nab the bronze medal with the likes of Ballydoyle behind in fourth was mind-blowing.

And that's been pretty much the story ever since with the Osc – gusty, game performances full of talent have followed time after time with some of the top jockeys on board on varying ground with a Group 3 win at Deauville in 2021 followed by a listed and two group 3 wins in 2022.

But wins don't really tell the whole story with the Osc as she ran 10 times in her two year old season with 7 of those group races and she finished in the top 3 in 8 of those 10 (80% strike rate for win / place). In 2022 we have experienced more of the same with 13 runs in listed class or above with 3 wins and 5 more placed finishes (62% win or place in listed+++!!). What is more amazing is that at the height of summer she seemed to be racing every week in top races on ground that wasn't supposed to be her most favoured but George (Boughey) was struggling to contain her at home on her 'rest' days as she just wanted to train or race again.

There are certainly better pedigrees out there and some people will think there are better looking horses (how can you not love the white sock?) but as an owner what you want from a horse is for them to be genuine with a will to win as that is all you can ask (of anyone). With the Osc you get 150% effort on an almost incessant basis and her talent takes her into the higher echelons of the sport!! I have to say she is a typical NBR horse - physical over pedigree but time after time they deliver more than you could have ever dreamed about!

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FAST RESPONSE STAKES SUCCESS



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Fast Response, stepped up in both distance and class for the Listed Wentworth Stakes at Doncaster. She was greeted with her optimum conditions that have seen her collect two valuable handicap pots in the past few weeks. Clifford delivered her to perfection as the early pace fell away in the testing conditions, by no means a poor standard listed race, she beat some very useful rivals on her way to gaining some crucial black type. Her revised mark of 103 mean she'll keep decent company next year and she'll likely start again at Doncaster in the Cammidge Trophy. After been purchased for just £13,000 at the Guineas Breeze up, she's gone on to win almost £100,000 in prize money as well as holding a strong hand should she make her way to the sales.



FIRST WINNER FOR YURDISH GEERDHARRY

After riding his first winner under rules aboard Wave Machine, we caught up with Mauritius born jockey Yurdish Geerdharry.

Where does your interest in horse racing come from?

My interest racing came from watching horse racing on television from a very young age.

How old were you when you first sat on a horse?

The first time i sat on a horse was when i was 6 years old in a riding school back in Mauritius.

Which jockey do you admire most?

The jockey i admire the most is Karis Teetan. He's from Mauritius as well, he started the same way as i did and now he's riding at top level in Hong Kong.

How did your relationship develop with Jonny Murtagh?

I started in Johnny's 2 years ago. I was still in school and i was working during the week-ends.

Johnny been guiding me along ever since then. As a great jockey as he was it's a privilege to have someone like him helping me along.

Have you ever ridden outside of Ireland?

No I never ridden in races outside but I would certainly love to.

What ambitions do you have for 2023?

My ambitions for 2023 is to get as many rides as i can and have a few winners.

Give me an example of a typical day in the life of Yudish?

A typical day in my life would be starting work at 7 in the morning, riding 4-5 lots in Johnny's and finish around 11.30. Then during the day i will either go to the gym or the simulators, then head to evening stables which is from 3.30 - 5.



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YEARLING SHARES NORTH

As sales of our yearling's continue to be strong, we have given you a brief introduction to each of the remaining horses and split them into North/South yards.

Dark Angel X Alexandrite

Trainer - Karl Burke

2.5% Share Price - £1375

Bred at Glebe Farm for our Bloodstock Syndicate

Looks like she'll be an absolute rocket

Geroge Chaloner thinks she will be rapid

Dam by Nunthorpe & July Cup winner Oasis Dream

Muhaarah X Chandresh

Trainer - Grant Tuer

2.5% Share Price - £625

Exceptional model and mover

We had plenty more bids in the pocket should we have needed them

Hopefully she's one for the Marygate

Havana Gold X Stella Blue

Trainer - Grant Tuer

2.5% Share Price - £1550

Dam won a Group 3 at 2 and produced the talented Sirius Prospect

Leading sire of 2yo's in 2021, 27 stakes winners in total

Will always be worth 30k as a broodmare

Outstrip X Cornlaw

Trainer - Craig Lidster

2.5% Share - £1000 (All Inclusive)

The dam Cornlaw has produced two other horses, both rated mid 70's

Qualifies for band D races and will see plenty of action at local tracks

Very straight forward, Craig has been impressed with her.

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YEARLING SHARES NORTH

Adaay X Inspirational
Trainer - Craig Lidster
2.5% Share Price - £875

We did well with Honey Sweet, who was also by Adaay.
Fast and precocious family, half sister to Snap Shots and Spy Ring
She should be out over the minimum trip in April

Kodi Bear X Alosha
Trainer - Grant Tuer
2.5% Share Price - £800

Cousin of Realtra who won three Group 3's, Mystery Angel the most
successful Kodi Bear to date.
Bought for 13k we would have been willing to go to 50k if needed!

Mehmas X Drop Dead Gorgeous
Trainer - Grant Tuer
2.5% Share Price - £1300

Mare won first time out over 5f, speed on both sides of the page!
Peter Hines said she had "A massive throat"
Best value filly of the sale, after being in season on Day 1.

Ribchester X Petite Georgia
Trainer - Craig Lidster
2.5% Share - £712.50

Exceptional action which can be expected from a Camacho Mare
We were willing to go to double what we paid!
In the top 2 fillies on the day, outstanding physical.

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YEARLING SHARES SOUTH

Cloth of Stars X Desert Image

Trainer - Kevin Philippart De Foy

2.5% Share Price - £1250

The dam won at 2 and has already produced a useful 2yo herself

Very strong, good action who looks the part

Will be one for the second half of the season, but worth waiting for!

Dabirsim X Quemada

Trainer - Andrew Balding

2.5% Share Price - £1100

Unbelievable physicals, longest stride I have seen for some time

Andrew Balding was just as keen as us

George Chaloner has her in his top two that are with him!

Toronado X Lucky Lot

Trainer - Amy Murphy

2.5% Share Price - £600

Bought for €8,000, we valued her at double that.

Amy Murphy shares our enthusiasm and has kept a leg of her

Out of an Exceed & Excel mare, which ought to speed things up a bit!



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YEARLING SHARES SOUTH

Twilight Son X Sweet And Dandy

Trainer - Alice Haynes

2.5% Share - £1000

Alice highly recommends the filly, describing her as fast and early

The yard excelled with similar types last season

We expect her to be very popular after our first open day!

Her page is stacked with speed and everything points to her being another one.

Ravens Pass X Atlantic Queen

Trainer - Amy Murphy

2.5% Share - £1100

Absolutely adored her when we visited her at the sales

Shes very sharp and will be out early over 5/6f

The yard saw her as the best filly of the sale, they bought some nice ones from this sale last year!

Calyx X Bellajeu

Trainer - Harry Eustace

2.5% Share - £1000

Dam was rated 98 and second in an Oaks Trial

A quality looking filly, Harry Eustace has taken 25%

Anything she does as a 2yo will be a bonus, looks one to blossom at 3.



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CRAIG LIDSTER OPEN DAY

A damp and overcast November morning was met by an eager set of Nick Bradley Racing owners at Eboracum stables just north of York, the home to Craig Lidster. With nine horses in training with Craig a large crowd was anticipated, and the owners arrived in their droves many looking forward to seeing their new yearlings for the first time.

Yearlings by Adaay, Ribchester, Outstrip, Highland Reel and Cable Bay with their respective work riders entertained the crowd with clockwise, anti-clockwise and figure of eight movement patterns. The youngsters were then set too, and all owners rushed in for a cuddle or two. Behaviour for one's so young was impeccable. A full tour was then given by the on-form Craig Lidster before we closed with some much-needed refreshments in the owner's lounge.

Many commented on the outstanding facilities available at Craig's, whilst some admitted to not knowing the high levels set at Eboracum Stables. We saw plenty of support for our horses in terms of share sales in the following days and Craig approach and warm reception contributed to this.



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FUTURE OPEN DAY'S

Our next open day's will be announced shortly, they will be taking place in January - February. We will be looking at five separate dates to cover the below yards.

Craig Lidster's

Roger Fell / Grant Tuer

Newmarket Weekender

Karl Burke's

Andrew Balding

Once dates are cemented in the Diary, the usual expression of interest forms will be listed on the website.

www.nickbradleyracing.co.uk/open-days



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MEET THE TEAM

PART TWO

Lewis Poskitt - Racing Assistant



Lewis has been assisting Nick with a wide variety of tasks which cover anything from sales research to race planning, and everything in between!

He has also taken some back office roles, such as contracts and keeping the website up to date.

Initially, the plan was for Lewis to head up a small National Hunt section of NBR to keep things ticking over the winter months, however after comparing sales notes throughout the summer and a vacancy arising, he decided to join the team in a more formal role.

His initial interest in the game, started like so many, with his father introducing him with stable visits and trips to the races with the horses he owned.

Lewis has had a vast array of experiences ever since, initially combining exchange trading with his job as an accountant before setting up a tipping service and subsequent racing club which he sold after a couple of years.

Since then, it's mainly been HIT Sales he has studied and identified horses for a combination of clients as well as locating lease horses for smaller groups.

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