

NICK BRADLEY RACING NEWSLETTER

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FASTEST MONTH OF THE SEASON

It doesn't seem too long ago we were putting together the last edition of the revamped NBR newsletter, a month consumed by the final major yearling sales of the year along with some long days of preparation for the HIT Sales. Its easy to forget we smashed our season target of a million pound in prize money, we also saw Fast Response run to the form of her life whilst taking two decent handicap pots and erasing her name from the list going to the Tattersall's sales.

We had mixed success over in France, where Secret Angel took the listed Prix Zeddaan, Cite D'or gave a valiant effort despite everything going wrong in the Group One Criterium Saint-Cloud and Al Qareem gave us a fifth place finish in the Group One Royal Oak at Longchamp.

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NICK'S BLOG

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I am delighted to get to the end of the Yearling Sales season in one piece. I pride myself on attending every sale and I cannot think of anyone else in the industry who has attended every sale held this year. I know that as there were very few UK and Irish buyers at the sale in Bordeaux which I attended.

The sales vary hugely in value for money in my opinion from sale to sale depending on which buyers are in attendance and active.

This year the best value sales were the Goffs Sportsman, Tattersalls Ireland, Tattersalls Somerville and the Arqana October Sales. I am going to revise my plans for next year by deliberately missing the Arqana August Sales, Tattersalls Book 1 and be a bit more selective at Book 2 in terms of which horses I viewed. I saw some excellent physicals at that sale by the likes of Kodiak, Mehmas, Havana Grey but they were never going to be buyable and generally sold for at least double my valuation. This is because other buyers put more importance on the sire of the yearling than I would.

We have 28 yearlings purchased and that is probably as many as I am going to buy. I have a Dark Angel filly at home which I own a 25% share of who goes to the Tattersalls December Sales. We like her alot and if she isn't making a premium price we will be looking to buy out the other owners in the horse.

If you look through the 28 yearlings bought they are generally by stallions who aren't the height of fashion with the odd exception. This is because I have focused on buying the very best physicals on offer. This method has rewarded me well in the past and should continue to.

Fev Rover, Dandalla and Corazon were all exceptional physicals. Each of those horses have had siblings pass through the ring who have ran as 2yos or 3yos in 2022.

Fev Rover's 3yo brother Apache Grey didn't make my shortlist and after 9 starts still hasn't won. Dandalla's 3yo sister Nordhalla won last time out off 67 over 11 furlongs so is rated well over 2 stone less than Dandalla.

Corazon's the best horse to come out of the mare Disko but was the cheapest bought due to being by the unfashionable Markaz. The Dandy Man 2yo out of the mare made 68,000 in the ring and is yet to run but again never made my shortlist.



NICK'S BLOG

I've managed to purchase five horses from the Goffs and Tattersalls Horses in Training sale to race in 2022 and 2023. Glorious Angel and Look Back Smiling are set to run at Newcastle on 1st November. There have been 908 2yo fillies run on the all weather in 2022 and to date Glorious Angel's performance at Newcastle was the third best in the year. I was desperate to purchase her, she is going to run on the All weather through the winter but we have also added her to the list of horses who could travel to Dubai for the Carnival held in January and February.

Look Back Smiling's purchase price of 10,000 is truly remarkable and this horse was picked out by Lewis Poskitt who has joined the team in recent weeks. We think we have found a bargain and Gemma Tutty has been impressed with the horse since he arrived into the yard.

Toshizou is a horse we will aim at the Lincoln at Doncaster. He looks hugely talented and interested owners should watch his performance at Limerick. A repeat of that run at Doncaster next March would see him go very close to winning the opening feature handicap of the season.

Constitution looks a hugely talented horse who put in a mighty debut run and then disappointed on his second start. Andrew Balding quite rightly held this horse in high regard and we hope to get him back on track in the hands of Jamie Osborne.

Coltor is a dual purpose horse who will be campaigned over both hurdles and on the flat. We will aim him at Cheltenham in early December and hope he can have the same level of success on the track as I had with Junior and Commissioned who had similar profiles.

I was delighted to cross the £1,000,000 prize money target we set ourselves at the start of the season. We now have 45 wins on the board and our best season to date. I am sure we will get to 50 by the end of the year and we will look to keep around a dozen horses running on the track in the months of November and December.

We have had six Stakes victories in 2022 which is an achievement I am proud of. To put that into context, Havana Grey is leading first season sire and has had 79 2yos run in 2022. Those 79 2yos have yielded five Stakes victories so once again the Nick Bradley Racing horses are outperforming the very best in the game.

Secret Angel's victory at Deauville was expected and I was delighted for everyone involved. Al Qareem's Group 2 victory gave me plenty of satisfaction and was a success put down to good race planning. Cite D'Or is a filly I rate highly and is another success story from the Breeze Ups and from buying from Hyde Park Stud. She ran a gutsy race in the Group 1 in Saint Cloud and will take her owners to Dubai this winter where we will target the UAE Oaks.

On the farm we have 18 foals in who are heading to the foal sales. We had a bug go through some of the more immature ones this time last month but that is now behind us and the foals are progressing well. The Foal and Mares Sales at the end of the November is the last test I face in the year and I am counting down the weeks until the pressure comes off in December and I can live a more normal life that month.

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SECRET ANGEL LEAVES THE BEST TILL LAST



Just 10 days after the disappointment of being a non-runner for the Rockingham at York due to a cut on the hind leg, Secret Angel gave her best performance of the year when picking up nicely for Tony Piccone and landing the Prix Zeddaan at Deauville.

Yet another stakes success for Dark Angel, Nick was especially bullish regarding our fillies' chances in the race given the underfoot conditions and how the race was likely to play out. Secret travelled strongly, up and past California Gem and despite the winning distance over Kerindia only been a nose, the result never really looked in doubt and with that some nice black type for our filly.

Following wins at Carlisle and York, that's her third success of the season and she'll now be kept ticking over at Karl's throughout the winter. Given her revised mark of 98 her 3yo campaign will consist of stakes races both in the UK and France, a shot at the Dubai World Cup may also be lined up.

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DUO TACKLE FRENCH GROUP ONE'S

Both Cite D'or and Al Qareem tackled French Group One's in October, looking to land some huge prize money along the way.

Cite D'or was drastically up in class having contested a conditions race at Epsom only a month before. Despite having only her 6th run she handled conditions perfect and, on another day, could have easily placed, been beaten only a length into third. The race itself never went to plan, on the day the stands rail was the place to be, and we had to come up the centre of the track. In addition to this, in very heavy ground it was always going to be difficult to make up a lot of ground after we found ourselves further back than anticipated early on.

The British handicapper took no chances with our filly and drastically overreacted with his revised rating of 101. She will be aimed at the Oaks both in the UK and in Dubai in February.

Al Qareem has his best days ahead of him, were the words of Ryan Moore after the race at Longchamp. We were hoping for an easy lead due to no apparent front runners in the race, but Rajinsky dictated the pace to our frustrations. Al Qareem was unable to quicken in the very deep ground but did stay on to finish 5th.

He is another horse who may head over to Dubai for a tilt at some eye catching prize money on over, especially at the Dubai World Cup in March.

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FAST RESPONSE GETS HER GROUND

Fast Response lived up to her name and gained the first win of her 3yo career when getting up close home to defeat Lord Riddiford and fav Fantasy Master in the 5f hcp at Nottingham. Confidence was high given First had her optimum conditions and under a masterful Clifford Lee ride she duly obliged to give her owners, who had made the long trip, plenty to cheer about. A bargain buy at 13k that was her fourth victory and took her career earnings over the 47k mark.



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Fast Response made it back to back wins with a convincing win on the ITV card at Doncaster. Given her optimum conditions and with Clifford Lee in the saddle again confidence was high of a good run and Fast Response did not disappoint. Held up behind leaders Cliff asked Fast for a response at the 2f pole and she quickened through the gap to settle the race quickly. 15 owners were on hand to join in the celebrations and there were further joyous scenes when it was revealed she has been taken out of the HIT sales. A nice progressive filly who given her optimum conditions will continue to progress at four and is more than capable of gaining some black type.



A DATE AT PONTEFRACT FOR SHANDY STAR



Shandy Star makes it two from two at Pontefract under a power packed ride from Abbaye winning jockey Hollie Doyle. Jumping well, Hollie was happy to sit in behind the leaders before making her challenge two out. Despite been challenged on both sides in the final furlong, Shandy stuck her head out determinedly and won going away. A great training performance from Roger Fell & the team.

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HORSE IN TRAINING SALES

With over 1700 lots up for sales between the Goff's & Tattersalls HIT sales, there is a fair amount of work to be put into these sales as im sure you can imagine. Nothing would be ruled out without a review of their results and a viewing of their races.

Nick has a tremendous record when buying from the HIT sales and all the horses below have gone on to amass large amounts of prize money and give connections some remarkable memories:

Al Qareem (£27k)
G-Force (£25k)
Penitent (£60k)
Open Eagle (£50k)
Smoothtalkinrascal (£18K)

We purchased five horses from the sales, all which represent tremendous value given the purchase prices, shares information can be found at: www.nickbradleyracing.co.uk/available-shares



HORSE IN TRAINING SALES

Look Back Smiling

Trainer - Gemma Tutty

Purchase Cost - £10,000

An absolute bargain at £10k, he was a winner at Pontefract on his debut before running a credible 3rd under a penalty at Chepstow. The winner of this race is now rated 90 and the 2nd horse won next time out. Gemma has been thrilled with just how well he has settled in, all the work riders have made compliments and we think he'll make a nice horse for the winter. A step up in trip to 8f may come around eventually but we'd expect him to pick up a race over the winter before possibly heading to the sales in February to make a tidy profit.



Coltor

Trainer - Roger Fell

Purchase Cost - £25,000

A fairly lightly raced but talented dual-purpose horse, he's rated 87 on the flat and 131 over hurdles, with this in mind you'd have to say £25,000 represents tremendous value.

Winner of a big pot at Galway in a flat race and a staying on 5th in the 2022 Boodles hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival, he clearly loves undulating tracks, and he opens up so many options for connections.

We'll head to Cheltenham in December and go from there.



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Glorious Angel

Trainer - Grant Tuer

Purchase Cost - £18,000

Twice a winner on the turf, although her best performance would perhaps be her 2nd behind Never Just A Dream. On that day, she recorded the 3rd best performance rating by Hugh Taylor of all 2yo fillies on the all-weather so far this season. If all goes to plan she could well be heading to Dubai in March.

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Constitution

Trainer - Jamie Osborne

Purchase Cost - £18,000

Hugely impressive debut run splitting two horses now rated 110 and 103. He will be given 6 weeks to find his feet before we look for an opportunity for him to fulfil his every promise and Andrew Balding's strong words.



Toshizou

Trainer - Roger Fell

Purchase Cost - £22,000

This 4yo by Galileo has run some mighty races despite only getting his head in front the once. The yard has stated he's made a huge impression already and he'll start in the Lincoln at Doncaster in April.



GEORGE BOUGHEY OPEN DAY



A perfect Autumnal morning greeted us, as over 60 of you congregated on Warren Hill to witness our string canter away. NBR have built up a strong relationship with George in a short space of time since he was granted his license to train in July 2019. This year we had around 15 horses in training with him, with star 3yo filly Oscula been our leading light.



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CRAIG LIDSTER OPEN DAY

Our next open day will see us arrive at Craig Lidster's yard in Easingwold, Sunday 6th November.

The following horses will be paraded on Craig's round gallop:

Tollerton Forest
Dickieburd
Cable Bay X Koduro Filly
Ribchester X Petite Georgia Filly
Adaay X Inspirational Filly
Highland Reel X Bouvardia Filly
Outstrip X Cornlaw Filly

Prior to this, Coffee and pastries will be offered to all visitors from the owners lounge.

Please arrive by 9:45am

A full tour of the yard will then be offered by Craig and the team with a chance to see the rest of the facilities and horses at Eboracum stables.

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MEET THE TEAM

PART ONE

Ian Hutchinson - Racing Manager



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Ian has been appointed as our PR & Racecourse representative where he will be the focal point for owners on the day their horse is running. Ian arrives on the back of nine years in the Middle East as Director of Sport at King's College. Having previously worked for a leading bookmaker, involved in several syndicates and long-standing member of York racecourse Ian will oversee race-day arrangements, liaise with jockeys/trainers and deal with any media requests. Ian has travelled extensively around the world attending many racecourses and highlights Santa Anita and Meydan as two of his most memorable courses. As an existing owner with NBR Ian will already be a recognisable face to many but please do make contact with him when attending the racecourse.

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*If anyone has any suggestions for future newsletter
please feel free to contact us*

