

NICK BRADLEY RACING NEWSLETTER



THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

After a whirlwind January, it was inevitable that our results would slow down somewhat as the racing becomes a little harder and simply our “available team” was decimated as a result of the January Sales. In total, over a dozen horses were sold, with Bedazzling been bought back and relocated to Roger Fell’s yard.

Our only win of February came through Look Back Smiling, who gave a NBR career best performance when taking a competitive enough race convincingly off a mark of 69 at Newcastle. LBS cost just £10,000 from the Goffs Doncaster sale and he has already surpassed his price tag in prize money alone, Gemma is of the opinion he’ll be a better horse over a slightly longer trip in time, with his best runs mainly at more demanding tracks. Without any rigorous planning, he has managed to amass 18 points in the ARC horse of the year bonus, and he is a model we will look to revisit later in the year as we plot a strong team for a very rewarding scheme next winter.

Trabajo Detecho recorded our second win since our last newsletter and plenty of his owner’s were on! (Sean Murray even tipped him up at Roger’s open day) The return to a straight track was a huge positive as he’s a big horse who looks sure to continue his improvement as the turf season come’s about. He’s very similar to a lot of Bated Breath’s in truth and his late development comes as no surprise, off a mark of 66 we’d be very hopeful he still lies in front of the handicapper and he can have some success in the coming months.

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£94423**



NICK'S BLOG

I am very satisfied with how the All weather season has treated us to date. We have 12 winners on the board which is a great springboard to start the turf season from. We sold plenty of the AW horses in the January sales and several of the ones we retained are now on a break so I don't see too many more AW runners to come.

Glorious Angel headed out to Deauville to run in a Listed race on Saturday and performed pretty well to finish 5th. Things didn't quite go her way in the race but she still put in a solid performance and probably achieved a career best on the numbers.

I'm looking forward to going to Cheltenham on Thursday to see Coltor run in the Pertemps. Everything is looking spot on for him, he has responded well to treatment at home following his most recent start and Sean is very bullish about his well being. The rain forecast is very welcomed and we go there expecting to run a big race. I had Junior win the Kim Muir in 2011 and we went there expecting to win, I aren't as confident as I was then but not far off those levels.

We head off to Dubai next week to watch Al Qareem run in the World Cup, we feared the draw would scupper us in Saudi and that was the case. Hopefully we can get a better draw and a better passage through the race as a result.

The 2yo fillies are what excite me the most and we are beginning to learn a bit more about them ahead of the start of the turf season in less than 3 weeks. The Brocklesby held at Doncaster on April 1st this year is a race I normally look to avoid for several reasons. However, the race carries £35,000 in prize money this year so it has to be a race we look to consider in 2023.

Any small hold up from February onwards is likely to mean that the Brocklesby comes too soon for a 2yo and thats happened to a few horses in the last four weeks. We currently have a handful of possible candidates with the Mehmas filly named Bellarchi once the favourite to make it, however this looks less likely. Our Belardo filly we bought from Hyde Park would be our best chance of a runner at this moment in time.

Persian Force won last year after been pre trained by Robson Aguiar who is very good at what he does, to win the Brocklesby you need a good horse and more importantly one that has had an excellent pre training routine. The first three weeks of the season is restricted to the horses who were pre trained by trainers, this is before Breeze up horses enter the equation, unless bought privately like our Belardo filly, therefore she could be tailormade for the Brocklesby.

Toshizou had his first away day ahead of the Lincoln last week and both Fast Response and Raising Sand are also on target to line up at Doncaster.

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NICK'S BLOG

On the farm we have had 16 mares foal and have an equal number of colts and fillies. The Lope Y Fernandez foals look particularly exciting and have inherited their sire's good looks. The mares seem to be hanging onto their foals longer than in previous years and the only explanation I can think of for it is the higher number of colts than in previous years. I have looked at our length of pregnancies in previous years and the average length of pregnancy for colts is a full week longer than for mares who foaled fillies.

We currently have a mare who has been carrying her pregnancy for 12 months and 9 days, so I am convinced she is carrying a colt.

As a result of the mares foaling later this year the months of April and May are going to be particularly busier than normally. The foaling mares tend to be coverable around 25-30 days from their foaling date so I hope we can get them all foaled by the end of April.

We usually start rolling, harrowing and fertilising all of the paddocks during Cheltenham week but the weather has scuppered us this year. We are already pretty wet and there is rain forecast for the next 7 days so we are looking like being at least a week behind previous years in terms of getting the horses out on the spring grass.

I've nearly done all of the February accounts and am keen to see the back of them as it's a long and tedious job going through all of the payments. I'd like to thank all owners who kindly split their payments by each individual horse.



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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL COLTOR



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After a fine effort at Kempton on the flat on his yard debut, Tom Marquand stepped off and confirmed what we were all thinking, a step up in trip may be a major positive for our lad. With a run in a Cheltenham handicap the target since we bought him given he has performed best at undulating tracks, the logical move was to get him qualified for the Pertemps final over three miles (only the top 4 from each qualifier this year). After some careful consideration, we opted for Musselburgh with the thought process that should we fail, we still have some races in the bank. Thankfully we didn't need these as Colin ran a mighty race to finish behind an improving type who lead from start to finish, this is a common bias with Musselburgh so we were willing to upgrade our finishing position, our strong opinion was backed up again with the 4th horse, Wakool, winning the Grade two Rendlesham NTO.

Going into Cheltenham, we couldn't be happier with Coltor and now the rain has arrived, we go there with a massive each way chance. The antepost favourite, Shoot First was held in the highest regard by many Irish Shrewdies, so now that's been taken out, the race has a very open look to it.

Over 30 of us will be on course to cheer him home, this will be a first NBR runner at the Cheltenham Festival and we will be hopeful of making it a 100% strike rate!



AL QAREEM & CITE D'OR FOREIGN EXCURSIONS

Cite D'or - UAE 1000 Guineas / Jumeriah Fillies

Cite D'or has enjoyed spending the winter months in the sun and looks a million dollars for doing so. She has been accompanied by Lolly Pike throughout her trip who has been on hand to provide owners with some brilliant updates. On the track, she has ran a shade disappointing, albeit with valid excuses each time. Her first run, in the Guineas, she was handed a poor draw and on the dirt its a tough task especially if you don't fly out the gates. We were slightly more hopeful in the Jumeriah given we reverted back to the turf, the trip was potentially on the short side and with the way the race was run, this proved to be the case. We will look to step her up in trip going forward, with the hope for some softer ground cropping up potentially over the channel in France.

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25th February - Red Sea Turf Handicap \$2,500,000 - Saudi Arabia

After being handed a tricky draw, the race for the lead proved to me a little too much for our lad on his seasonal debut. Ryan took the decision to drop him in rather than be $\frac{3}{4}$ wide, just after this the pace notably slowed down and we had a wall of horses in our periphery.

Approaching the final bend the pace was picked up again and the response from Al Qareem wasn't instant, before we knew it the bird and flown and Ryan gave him a hand and heels ride home, As Karl said it's a long way for a prep run but it turned into the perfect one. Our owners, Jackie and Ian Smith, who had the privilege of travelling out for the race, were blown away by the reception and experience. We will have plenty to look forward to as the season progresses, including a tilt at the Dubai world cup at the end of March.



AVAILABLE SHARES UPDATE

As the flat season creeps ever closer, our investment opportunities are dwindling, the Twilight Son filly is a welcomed return following her small setback and is one we are currently recommending.

Click on any of the headings to view all our recent yard updates and for further information on how you can get involved.

Available Shares

Twilight Son X Sweet and Dandy

Our filly had a small break after a minor setback, she has developed well during her box rest and Alice is very happy with her. She had shown plenty of promise prior to her issue, so much so she is entered in the Weatherby's super sprint as well as the £100,000 Tattersalls Somerville Auction Stakes. She is bred to be quick and she should will be ready for the track by the end of April over 5/6f. We see Alice as a perfect match for her and Alice was delighted to take a leg.

2.5% Share - £1000



TWILIGHT SON
X
SWEET AND DANDY

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Havana Gold X Stella Blue - Grant Tuer

Exceptionally well put together filly who would be right up there with the best physicals we have bought. She wont be early, most likely August, but she'll improve on whatever she does when she's back as a 3yo.

The dam was a black type filly and she has already produced multiple stakes winner Sirius Prospect. With a page as good as hers, she will always be worth a sizeable amount as a broodmare and therefore represents a great opportunity.

2.5% Share - £1550



HAVANA GOLD
X
STELLA BLUE

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Toronado X Lucky Lot - Amy Murphy

A real bargain from the Arqana sale, if she was by anything else other than Toronado she'd of fetched a good bit more.

The dam has already produced a 2yo winner over the minimum trip.

Amy has stated she seem's to have an exceptional wind which can be a common issue with Toronado offspring.

She should be out on the track around June and offer tremendous value for any one wanting a Newmarket based horse.

2.5% Share - £600



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WHERE HAVE WE BEEN AND WHERE NEXT?

Roger Fell Open Day

Nawton in Helmsley, North Yorkshire was the next venue on the road for Nick Bradley Racing 2023 Open Morning show and with nine horses currently stationed up at Roger Fell's many owners arrived in anticipation of seeing their favourites. As always the staff up at Arthington Stables are incredibly accommodating and always willing to give freely of their time. Sean & Lewis were on hand to guide the owners through the string before the obligatory photos were captured by the visitors. Shandy, Large, Maggie and Tosh to name but a few all displayed their well being and we look set for a successful 2023 with Fell & Bradley. Rory Fraser, is a face many of you may see a little more often, he has done some great work over the past months at our open day's. You can see his report and photo's from the pen day by clicking on adjacent photo.



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Grant Tuer Open Day

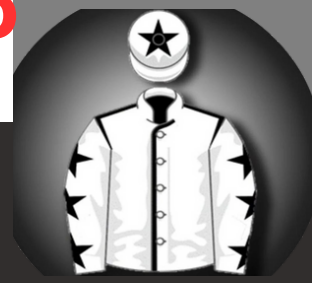
A cold March morning met the team at Grant's, once again they were fully on hand to greet our owners and answer any questions we may raise.

All four 2yo's were well behaved and a credit to Grant's tuition in their infancy.

Glorious Angel & Mersea were both very popular with the guests and look sure to enjoy a fruitful 2023.



NEWMARKET OPEN DAY POSTPONED



OWNERS BADGE ALLOCATIONS

With plenty of new faces for the 2023 season, we thought it would be right to explain the process for your owner's badges!

Declarations are made between 10-11am two days before the race. An email will be sent to owners to confirm the number of badges required. Your entitlement is included in the contract.

**We will confirm your badge request the day before racing.
ALL BADGE REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON THE DAY
BEFORE THE RACE.**

Any requests for badges above the entitlement can ask for discounted badges. The cost/availability varies from course to course. We would encourage you to pay for any additional badges at the course to avoid a large invoice at the end of the year. If there any spares available we will do our best to help.

Please note not all badge requests include food. We will let you know prior to racing if this is the case.

**Please send your badge requests to:
tickets@nickbradleyracing.co.uk**

In the unlikely event that no badges or the incorrect number are at the Owners & Trainers desk please contact Ian on 07976 987224 or email at the above address.

I hope this helps all new shareholders and reinforces the procedure for current members.

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