

# NICK BRADLEY RACING NEWSLETTER



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## NEW TEAM - NEW NEWSLETTER

With a new back office team we decided the time was right to freshen things up with the newsletter, we'd love to hear some feedback from you how we can improve things further!

Its been an exciting month for everyone at Nick Bradley Racing, we kicked things off with an open day at Glebe Farm, we've recorded another 8 winners since our last newsletter and drew closer to that £1,000,000 target we set at the start of the season.

With next season now firmly in our minds we've been very busy at the yearling sales and plan to continue to add to our roster to continue our rapid growth.

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# NICK'S BLOG

September had a combination of highs and lows in the month but a further 6 wins on the board and 2 already for the month of October.

The month kicked off well with the improving Secret Angel winning at York to give us our third victory on the Knavesmire in 2022. She is a progressive filly and I am sure she will make up into a Stakes filly in the next 12 months.

The Twilight Lady led home a 1,2 4 finish at Thirsk with Ladywantaway and Kodi Dancer filling the places. She was wearing the sheepskin cheekpieces and they definitely brought about some improvement in her.

Zebra Star won easily at Yarmouth and is a well handicapped filly when there is give in the ground. Finding soft ground for horses has been very difficult this year and I don't see it any easier going forward. There were a couple of smart fillies in the sale last week who were by Soft ground stallions, I resisted buying them due to climatic change as much as anything!

Raising Sand produced his best piece of work in years prior to running at Newcastle and Saffie was full of confidence going into the race. He won easily and picked up the Racing League £25k pot in the process. He followed that up at Ascot again with a facile victory, and remains a well handicapped horse going forward. It wouldn't surprise me if he won at Ascot one more time!

Cite D'Or won easily at Brighton but Beverley was far from easy and she had to dig deep to get to the front in her final stride. She followed that up with a very good run at Epsom in a Conditions race and has a Group 1 entry later in the month.

Group 1 day at Newmarket was a disappointment with Marshman getting things wrong on the biggest of stages. He will come back next year and we will look to focus on the 3yo only Group races early in the year.

That Group race disappointment was soon replaced with Group 2 delight as Al Qareem came home in front to pick up the £100k prize at Longchamp on Arc weekend. He has an entry in the Group 1 Royal Oak in a couple of weeks and will take on Trueshan et al.

Shandy Star was a good thing back at Pontefract and won despite idling in front to record her third victory of the year. Her victory brought up our 41st of the season and within £70,000 of the million pound target.

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Sales season is well underway and I've already got 18 yearlings bought for the 2023 season. This week is one of the toughest of the year with five back to back days of sales followed by the same next week in France. When a horse walks into the ring, it's not a case of putting your hand up and buying it. For every one horse bought this year, I've viewed another 75 at least once. I've travelled to three French sales to date, twice to Ireland, Doncaster, Newmarket twice and spent four weeks away from home.

This week at Newmarket will be tough to begin with but I am sure some superstars will be lurking in there somewhere. On the farm we have twenty foals in being prepared for the November sales. They are currently walking in hand five minutes a day and fed three times. I'm beginning to sort out a pecking order for them and am liking what I am seeing to date.

October is going to be very busy but once November gets going I can look to start settling prize money accounts and get the pile of paperwork cleared.

## DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

10th - 12nd October - Tattersalls Yearling Book 2 Sales  
13th - 14th October - Tattersalls Yearling Book 3 Sales  
15th October - Tattersalls Yearling Book 4 Sales  
17th - 20th October - Arqana October Yearling Sales  
19th October - Goffs Horses in Training Sales  
22nd October - Cite D'or - Criterium Saint Cloud (G1)  
23rd October - Al Qareem - Prix Royal Oak (G1)  
24th - 27th October - Tattersalls Horses in Training Sales

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# RAISING SAND ROLLS BACK THE YEARS



Raising Sand raised the roof at his beloved Ascot when following up his Newcastle victory a fortnight earlier in equally determined fashion under a power packed Saffie Osborne ride. With plenty of rain falling during the course of the afternoon conditions turned into Raising's favour and having moved to the front early on in the race never looked like been headed to reward backers at a juicy 14/1. Raising is held in high affection by all his owners and in equal measure by his trainer, Jamie Osborne and jockey, Saffie who's worked wonders with the old boy to get him competitive again at the tender age of ten. Can he complete the treble? You wouldn't bet against him.

Just a fortnight before, 10yo Raising Sand rolled back the years with his first victory since 2019 when making all at Newcastle on the last night of the inaugural Racing League competition. Despite been sent off at 40/1 Saffie Osborne, daughter of Welsh/West captain Jamie, was in no mood to be denied and despite facing a number of challengers at the furlong pole Raising pulled out a bit more for the victory. A great night on the Toon as Saffie went on to ride a 12,000/1 treble and Jamie lifted the league trophy for the Welsh/West team

The racing community both on track and on social media were brilliant after both races and showed plenty of support for our old boy. There is a real desire and passion for these older horses to be successful in big races and we were thankful we could be a part of two brilliant occasions.





# FRENCH DREAM FOR AL QAREEM



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After a smooth journey over to France, Al Qareem showed plenty of exuberance and signs of freshness early doors in what was his first outing for two months. Upon settling for the final mile, Ryan Moore who was outstanding in the saddle slowly began to reel in the early pacemaker and make his way for home. In very testing conditions he battled all the way through the line for jubilant connections who had made the trip over.

This victory takes his total prize money for us to over £170k which is astonishing for a horse that was picked up for 27,000Gns at the Horse in Training sales. Once again this strengthens Nick's ideology that you don't have to spend huge amounts to land some valuable races.

All eyes will now turn to a potential tilt at the Group One Prix Royal Oak, again at Longchamp on the 23rd October. Uk 3yo's have won the last three renewals so it looks the perfect option especially as you can presume, we'll encounter soft ground.



# WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT SUPERSTAR?

With our yearling string growing by the day at the moment, we thought we'd give you a snapshot of some of our recruits so far.

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**Dream Ahead  
x  
Arishka**



**Kodi Bear  
x  
Alosha**



**Mehmas  
x  
Drop Dead Gorgeous**



**Trainer: Archie Watson  
Sire: Dream Ahead  
Dam: Arishka  
Expected First Run:  
June 2023  
Expected Trip: 6f  
Value For Money: 8/10  
Physical: 9/10**

**Trainer: Grant Tuer  
Sire: Kodi Bear  
Dam: Alosha  
Expected First Run:  
April 2023  
Expected Trip: 5f  
Value For Money: 9/10  
Physical: 8/10**

**Trainer: Grant Tuer  
Sire: Mehmas  
Dam: Drop Dead Gorgeous  
Expected First Run:  
April 2023  
Expected Trip: 5f  
Value For Money: 9/10  
Physical: 9/10**



**RAVENS PASS  
x  
ATLANTIC QUEEN**



**Ribchester  
x  
Petite Georgia**



**DARK ANGEL  
x  
MAYORSTONE**



**Trainer: Amy Murphy  
Sire: Ravens Pass  
Dam: Atlantic Queen  
Expected first run:  
May 2023  
Expected Trip: 5f/6f  
Value for Money: 8/10  
Physical: 9/10**

**Trainer: Craig Lidster  
Sire: Ribchester  
Dam: Petite Georgia  
Expected First Run:  
May/June 2023  
Expected Trip: 6/7f  
Value for Money: 9/10  
Physical: 8/10**

**Trainer: Karl Burke  
Sire: Dark Angel  
Dam: Mayorstone  
Expected First Run:  
June 2023  
Expected Trip: 7/8f  
Value for Money: 8/10  
Physical: 9/10**





# GLEBE FARM OPEN DAY



On the 11th September we enjoyed our open day at Glebe Farm, Nick was on hand to walk us through our addition to date from:

- Arqana August Sales
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- Doncaster August Sales
- Osarus August Sales.

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The end of summer sun shone on the Nick Bradley Racing Open morning at Glebe Farm and with over forty owners in attendance all were chomping at the bit to see next years potential superstars. Full catering was provided by SJ and the girls and talk was aplenty as the enthusiastic owners discussed all topics racing. Despite a small technical hitch the Boss was on fine form with the mic and in Nick's usual inimitable way kept the crowd engrossed in his deep knowledge of pedigrees and thoughts behind purchases.



Of the existing cohort Kaboo and Ascending Glory were paraded before returning to their respective trainers. Both looking in rude health before a potential AW campaign during the winter. The yearlings were all impeccably well behaved and we were introduced to the Cable Bay, Mehmas, both Dabirism's, Kodi Bear, Inns of Court and Make Believe. Some really nice types to be found and we'd be reasonably confident that there are some stars in there for 2023. Shares are selling well and what remain can be found on the website.



Our next edition will bring you an update from our George Boughey open day which takes place this Saturday (8th Oct)



# NICK'S NEARLY END OF SEASON REVIEW

At the start of the year I set myself 3 targets for the season.

They were 50 winners, £1,000,000 in prize money earned and 10 big days on the racecourse in 2022. At the time of writing we have 40 winners on the board so are on par for the target with 3 months remaining. If we get the ten winners, then we will surely break the £1,000,000 prize money barrier given we are just over £60,000 away. I thought now would be a good time to review the year to date and see have we achieved the target of ten big results on the track.

## 13th May York

Winners at York are very hard to achieve but Al Qareem recorded our first of three victories on the Knavesmire in 2022. The race looked strong enough with Charlie Appleby running two well handicapped horses, but Al Qareem outclassed the field to win with plenty in hand.

## 10th June York

I've often bored owners by telling them the number of times I had finished 2nd at York so to win two races in less than a month gave me a huge thrill. Mersea cost just 5,000 Euros at the sales and is probably the only 2yo who cost so little to ever win at York.

## 18th June Ayr

Guiled had been unlucky at 2 not to win a Stakes race and she rectified that at Ayr when leading home a 1,3, 4 for Nick Bradley Racing with Hellomydarlin and Sophie's Star also placing.

## 22nd June Carlisle

We sent both Oscula and Honey Sweet up to Carlisle for the Listed Eternal Stakes over 7 furlongs. Oscula looked the one to beat and duly obliged to score with ease. It was great to see Honey Sweet chase her home and achieve the 1-2 for Nick Bradley Racing.

## 27th June Pontefract

The Pontefract Spindrifter has been won by some very good horses over the years and the Conditions race is always very competitive. I targeted the race with both Shandy Star and Secret Angel and was delighted to see the former relish the underfoot conditions and come home in front.

## 27th July Goodwood

Oscula had been unlucky at Ascot the previous weekend by going down by the smallest of margins in a Group 3 and we reversed that luck by winning the Oak Tree, Group 3, by a similar margin. William sat in a great early position and our filly loves a scrap and got the better of the leader to get up inside the final 50 yards.

## 15th August Deauville

Oscula recorded her third Stakes win for the season and second Group 3 at Deauville. Ryan Moore took over in the saddle and gave our filly a peach of a ride tracking the pace and then like at Goodwood asking her to go get the leader in the short run in.

## 15th September Newcastle

I'm not a huge fan of the Racing League but that thinking changed when Raising Sand returned to winning ways and win the £50,000 race. Raising Sand would go on to win at Ascot on his next start where he was an absolute certainty given his handicap mark and underfoot conditions.

## 1st October Longchamp

Al Qareem had been off the track since Goodwood in July and was stepping up to Group 2 level on the rain softened ground. Under a great ride from Ryan Moore, the exuberant Al Qareem toughed it out to win and pick up over £100,000 in prize money.

That's nine huge days without mentioning Secret Angel winning at York, either of Marshman's facillie victories or ten other Stakes placed efforts from our 3yo string.

Let's leave it at nine for now, as I am sure that October has more to offer the Nick Bradley Racing owners!!!

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