



HORSES TO FOLLOW 2010



Michael Jarvis 18%- £1.2m

Residency – Newmarket, Suffolk

Retainer - Philip Robinson



Laaheb

4YO BAY GELDING £49,990

Cape Cross (IRE) (8.7f) — Maskunah (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA))

OR
112

FORM
11211-

DI
1.32

CD
0.27

Our View

After fracturing a pastern as a two-year-old, Laaheb finally made his debut in the middle of June at Newmarket. He was relatively un-fancied in the market and was given an ideal introduction to racing by Tadgh O'Shea who kept him out the firing line throughout and allowed him to come home in a time which suited the son of Cape Cross.

Clearly all the better for his debut outing, Laaheb then went to Yarmouth a track which Michael Jarvis has some degree of success at over the years – and after being an eye-catcher in both the market and the betting he put in a much improved effort under Richard Hills and sauntered to a ready success with the minimum of fuss in shaking aside some average rivals. The next logical step was into Handicap Company, and with a change of tactics this time saw him cut out the running in what was potentially a trappy affair, he had the run of things from the front under Richard Hills and was able to see off Sopranist (who then went close at Goodwood off 4lbs higher) with a certain degree of authority.

Next followed a third race within six weeks for Laaheb, and back on the July course he was expected to account for his field of five opponents but the exertions of his previous races appeared to take their toll as he was beaten by the fresher Broomielaw who was having his first run in two years, himself a one highly regarded individual. Back in third was Mick's Dancer who himself was on a three-timer and collected the spoils next time out off the same mark, a solid piece of form.

Laaheb was then given a break of around seven weeks, and that appeared to do him the world of good as he came back better than ever when winning a fair handicap up at Pontefract in a very quick time on the speed figures. He followed up this success with a win back at Newmarket, this time in Listed Company over the 114 rated Prince Siegfried who had previously broke the clock when winning a Listed race up at Ayr.

SUMMARY

A very progressive year 2009 was for Laaheb who managed to climb 30lbs in the official handicap ratings since his first victory in handicap grade. 2010 however can be even better for this gelded son of Cape Cross, who being out of a mare from the family of Luso, Warrsan and Needle Gun who all improved with age, he looks sure to be a major player in the lower echelons of pattern class to begin with, before perhaps progressing to around Group 2 level. He is still lightly raced for his age and can only improve given his pedigree and is worth following until he shows his level.



Opinion Poll

4YO CHESTNUT COLT £66,241

Halling (USA) (10.4f) — Ahead (Shirley Heights (12.3f))

OR
104

FORM
3171-

DI
0.81

CD
-0.11

Our View

A horse which had looked clueless on debut, stepped up markedly on that effort (like Laaheb did above) when landing the odds when unfavoured in the market at Leicester at the backend of 2008. He returned to Newmarket for his three-year-old career over twelve furlongs on fast ground something which he clearly didn't like as he wandered around markedly in the finish and was beaten on merit in what should have been a race on ability he could have won.

He then made a return to a softer surface on heavy ground at Haydock for a competitive handicap over twelve furlongs, where he returned to form with an impressive win in the conditions. Held up early he made his challenge wide after getting into a slight bit of trouble on the rails and won going right away from his rivals. The second placed Distant Memories was no match for Opinion Poll despite getting 9lbs from the son of Halling, but has since twice sluiced up on softer ground earning an official rating of 109.

Opinion Poll then disappointed back on firm ground at Royal Ascot in the King George V handicap, where he could manage no better than seventh place on the faster ground, which clearly blunted his ability to take a hand in the finish. That wasn't a bad run in the context of the race, but the real Opinion Poll returned to form with a real authoritative success back with juice in the ground on his final start of the season at Ascot, when defeating stable-mate Kings Destiny over twelve furlongs.

The son of Halling raced alone on the far rail in the early stages from a poor draw, but when he joined the remainder of the field he was in a handy position and travelling ominously well in his favoured ground. This run came after a break of almost fourth months, which can only suggest a minor injury picked up at Royal Ascot on unsuitable ground had slowed him down.

Connections appear to have finally realised he is a horse which needs juice in the ground, and when getting these conditions he is a very decent animal.

SUMMARY

Lightly raced still for a four-year-old, this son of Halling appears to come from a late maturing line which suggests he can only get better this year providing he gets his conditions. With the weather the way it is at the moment we look sure to get some tailor made opportunities for Opinion Poll to strut his stuff, and he can make the jump from handicap grade into listed company, and perhaps even Group 3 level given his expected improvement over the winter months.



Rainbow Peak

4YO BAY GELDING £26,835

Hernando (FR) (12.4f) — Celtic Fling (Lion Cavern (USA) (7.8f)

OR	FORM	DI	CD
103	111-	1.00	0.04

Our View

Was always a well regarded sort in the Michael Jarvis yard but was entered up in a tough race well supported by the major Newmarket yards on debut at Kempton Park. The favourite was the one enigma that is Invisible Man (who'd believe now they thought he was group class back then). We had a tip for the Sir Michael Stoute trained Mohtashem in the race who was expected to take to the all-weather well and was plenty forward on his debut run. As it turned out Richard Hills gave our horse plenty to do but looking back he wouldn't have beaten Rainbow Peak anyway, who despite having a poor draw took up a position just off the leaders and kept turning the gears as the pace quickened, he eventually managed to hold off all challengers by a length to win on debut in what was a decent maiden.

When a Michael Jarvis horse wins on debut, it is usually pretty good because they are not unduly knocked about on their first outings, so obviously Rainbow Peak had improvement to come on the back of this run and that came at Ascot four months later when putting up a taking performance to get up close home against seasoned handicappers on the back of just one run, four months previous.

Looking back at that run it was quite an achievement, as Kieran Fallon got the gelded son of Hernando into all sorts of trouble before finally getting the gaps and motoring home to a head success over Greylami (a horse who tends to down tools when he hits the front). A length back in third was Tryst, a horse who had been working better than Guineas hope Evasive early in the year and the grey certainly turned out to be a frustrating sort in 2009 – he is now with Paul Webber and I wonder if he realises half the problems he comes with.

On his final start of his three-year-old campaign, Rainbow Peak put up an eye-catching performance in running away from decent rivals in workmanlike fashion in Handicap Company off a mark of 97. The way he closed down the ground on the leaders was the style of a group horse in the making and he is certainly worth following.

SUMMARY

In what was a good year for the lightly raced Rainbow Peak, 2010 can only really get better. He improved with each run as a three-year-old, and has proven effective on a variety of surfaces. He also looks capable of staying twelve furlongs given his pedigree and running style and certainly can make his mark in Pattern Company before the year is out. He is related to Celtic Swing via his dam (half sister) and is also a full brother to useful miler Celtic Heroine who herself improved with age.



Alainmaar

4YO BAY GELDING £17,242

Johar (USA) (10.0f) — Lady Elgar (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f)

OR
102

FORM
211-

DI
1.67

CD
0.57

Our View

A lightly raced individual from the Michael Jarvis team who has a lofty reputation and of whom big things are expected this year.

He made his debut in August on the July course at Newmarket, and was very much an un-fancied second string. There were rumours aplenty that the Richard Hills ridden Tafaool would take some beating that day, and that the Jeremy Nosedo trained Stoic was a touch useful, so you'd expect a nice quiet run from Alainmaar out the back of proceedings. As things happened he was dropped out in rear, but made eye-catching late progress under Phillip Robinson to take second but the winner Stoic had already got first run.

Alainmaar was then despatched up to Pontefract for his next racecourse appearance and a track we've seen Michael Jarvis use to good effect with the likes of Laaheb amongst others, and this gelded son of Johar couldn't have been more impressive. Alainmaar this time ridden by Tadhg O'Shea duelled for the lead with Mystic Academy in the first few furlongs of the race but managed to settle in command shortly after, travelling smoothly Tadhg O'Shea kicked for home two furlongs out and he blasted clear to a twelve length success under hands and heels – confirming the promise of his debut second.

Fifteen days later Alainmaar was back on a racecourse, back down south at Newmarket tackling Handicap Company for the first time. The race had a trappy look to it with just the three runners and had the potential to turn into a tactical affair, but Richard Hills was wise to this settling his mount in second place tracking the leader, coming to the 2f pole the front runner Rumble Of Thunder had kicked for home with Alainmaar still travelling well, Hills issued an ultimatum to Alainmaar to go and catch the leader, and after a quick crack with the whip he picked him up in good style to win going away. He did wonder a little inside the final furlong showing signs of greenness, and can only improve on this.

SUMMARY

Another lightly raced individual for Michael Jarvis who has plenty to offer this year and ranks far better than the 102 OR that he lies on at present, the 10F trip looks to be an absolute minimum for Alainmaar who is a half brother to group 1 winning middle-distance horse Grand Couturier, and could really come into his own when stepped up to that sort of distance himself. He looks one to keep on the right side of and looks sure to advance into Group Company before the end of the season.



Pekan Star

3YO BAY COLT £361

Montjeu (IRE) (11.6f) — Delicieuse Lady (Tremolino (USA) (11.7f))

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FORM

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DI

0.90

CD

0.15

Our View

Ran a race full of promise against some more 'streetwise' sorts on debut. Wasn't overly fancied in the market but is a horse with a future, he was slow away but made up ground during the race to get himself into contention but that effort took its toll entering the final furlong and he kept on one paced. A nice introduction to racing and he'll learn from this experience.

SUMMARY

A half brother to Blue Ksar and French Derby winner Blue Canari, Pekan Star looks certain to come into his own when upped in trip in excess of ten furlongs. Being by Montjeu would suggest that middle distances are his trip and with this being the case looks sure to win races and could well make up into a useful colt for connections.



Sheklaan

3YO BAY COLT £0

Kingmambo (USA) (9.9f) — Eswarah (Unfuwain (USA) (10.7f))

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DI

3.00

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0.90

Our View

First foal out of Eswarah who herself was trained by Michael Jarvis en-route to success in the Epsom Oaks back in 2005. Herself a backward filly, she didn't make the racecourse until three and it looks like her son will follow suit. He holds an entry in the Epsom Derby but wouldn't read much into that at this early stage, his dosage profile suggests ten furlongs might be more his trip and Eswarah despite winning the Oaks showed a decent turn of foot in her races

SUMMARY

Being unraced there isn't really much to say about what we can expect from Sheklaan on the racetrack, all we know is that he is working well enough in the limited work he has done, his pedigree is excellent and his dosage profile suggests he'll be most effective at around ten furlongs. A Derby entry suggests they might try going down the Derby route and it'll be interesting to see just how good he is (if any good at all?).



Thaahira

3YO BAY FILLY £0

Dynaformer (USA) (11.2f) — Mehthaaf (USA) (Nureyev (USA) (8.1f)

OR

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FORM

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DI

1.42

CD

0.30

Our View

Made a decent debut in a hot little race at Salisbury where the John Gosden trained winner was one we'd had the word for after it had been working well in the run up to that race. She may have been totally friendless in the market but Thaahira ran a race full of promise under Richard Hills and showed enough to suggest she'll be much better for the experience and when upped in trip.

SUMMARY

Thaahira a filly by Dynaformer, she should come into her own when upped in trip and looking at her pedigree is one who will improve with age. She was pitted against some decent 7f-8f prospects on her debut where on a day the front runners had the advantage and she wasn't put out of sight after travelling well enough throughout, she looks sure to pay her way this year and should win a few races along the way.



Decorative

3YO BAY FILLY £4,289

Danehill Dancer (IRE) (8.0f) — Source Of Life (IRE) (Fasliyev (USA) (7.1f))

OR

87

FORM

1-

DI

2.43

CD

0.67

Our View

A very impressive winner on debut when landing the odds in a Yarmouth maiden last August. She has always been held in the higher echelons of the Michael Jarvis two-year-olds and had impressed in her work prior to this debut. Has been kept off the track since that victory, perhaps with a few niggling problems but if showing the class of her victory on debut she should pay to follow.

SUMMARY

Decorative is a filly which had a lofty reputation as a two-year-old can look to build on her debut success when entering her three-year-old campaign. She currently holds entries in the Irish 1000 Guineas and the 3yo Trophy at Newmarket, judging by her pedigree she'd be better off on soft ground despite winning on good-to-firm on her debut and that could be a reason why connections will opt for the Irish guineas instead of the English equivalent.



Super Collider

3YO BAY GELDING £2,168

Montjeu (IRE) (11.6f) — Astorg (USA) Lear Fan (USA) (10.3f)

OR
81

FORM
623-

DI
0.81

CD
0.05

Our View

Made a pleasing debut at Newmarket in July when ridden by Darryl Holland. Settled early in midfield, he was a little keen and green early on in the race but travelled very nicely into the final three furlongs and didn't really seem to have a clue what was required when asked for his effort but stuck on one paced to chasing the leading pack and was pushed out to finish sixth.

Next was a run up at Thirsk in August after his decent debut effort, and he was seriously well backed to win this race and was strongly fancied by connections this day. On reflection the track was probably too sharp for him as he is a horse which appears to need a long straight to get into a stride. Neil Callan took the ride and had to sit 4-5 horse widths wide throughout which isn't ideal at a track like Thirsk, and despite this he was still pulling double turning into the home straight. When asked for his effort to go past the Godolphin runner Passion For Gold he was unable to make any further inroads into his lead but drew clear off the remainder of the field. It is interesting to note that Passion For Gold has since gone on to win the Criterium De Saint Cloud (Group 1) over at Saint Cloud.

His third and final run of the season he was again well supported in the market with Phillip Robinson on board for the yard. The race looked easier than his last two runs and he broke well from stall 2 to lead at a decent pace. Still going well he was pressed again by Star Right inside the final two furlongs who won the battle as Super Collider didn't have any answers in what was a disappointing effort. It could have been down to the ground being on the quick side for him, his pedigree suggests he'd enjoy a little juice underfoot so the firm conditions at Haydock wouldn't have been ideal.

SUMMARY

Super Collider is a very interesting proposition for Handicap Company this year if his hype is to be believed. His pedigree points to him being a middle distance prospect and having been gelded throughout the winter that could bring out the improvement needed to improve through the ranks. He was well regarded before he hit the racecourse so has disappointed somewhat but his second to Passion For Gold reads quite well and he will win some decent handicaps this year from his current mark of 81, one would expect to see him end up somewhere in the mid to high 90s before the end of the season.



Henry Cecil 19%- £689,926

Residency – Newmarket, Suffolk

Retainer – Tom Queally 19%



Timepiece

3YO BAY FILLY £22,458

Zamindar (USA) (8.0f) — Clepsydra (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f))

OR
99

FORM
211-

DI
1.60

CD
0.58

Our View

A half sister to both Passage Of Time and Father Time, Timepiece made her debut at Newmarket at the backend of the season and was well supported in the market to open her account at the first time of asking, however she found the battle-hardened Golden Aria too tough to pass on the day. She was up with the pace and got outpaced three furlongs out but she responded well to pressure (if a little green) and held everything at bay most notably Gertrude Bell but was unable to repel the late challenge of Golden Aria.

Timepiece wouldn't spend too long off the track after that effort, and was then entered up in a maiden on the polytrack at Lingfield. There was a reluctant quartet who refused to set the early pace meaning Tom Queally made the decision to come through the pack to make the running, still going well past the 3f pole Queally gradually wound up the pace and pushing for home entering the straight were the filly lengthened her stride and kept on well to win in commanding fashion to confirm the form with Gertrude Bell who coincidentally went off favourite.

Henry Cecil didn't mess around about getting another run into this filly, and she was out again in the Montrose Fillies Stakes (a race Cecil won with Passage Of Time in 2006, and was 4th with Midday in 2008). Eddie Ahern taking the honours for the first time on this filly and he settled her in a prominent position between Marie De Medici and Flip Flop at the head of the field and encouraged her to hold her position at the half way stage. Coming into the final 3 furlongs Ahern had a narrow advantage along with Marie De Medici to his right, she took a long time to grind down the latter who weakened approaching the final furlong when Timepiece found another challenger coming down the stands rail entering the final furlong in Nurture, the two had drawn clear of the field and it was a ferocious battle with Kieran Fallon giving his mount everything but the daughter of Zamindar was just too gutsy, willing and determined to give up the fight in which she gained a victory by the shortest of margins, a nose.

SUMMARY

Timepiece has shown a really likeable and determined attitude in all her races to date, and for a filly she is quite big and masculine. Henry Cecil has been quoted to saying "I promise you haven't seen the best of her yet" and if this is the case we are in for an exciting 2010 with this filly. It is very rare that you get a horse with class and courage together, but this filly looks to be another to go into that elite band of performers that have both traits and should have a very good year all being well.



Jacqueline Quest

3YO BAY FILLY £6,626

Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE) (8.9f) — Coquette Rouge (IRE) (Croco Rouge (IRE) (11.4f))

OR
97

FORM
217-

DI
1.20

CD
0.27

Our View

The daughter of Rock Of Gibraltar made her debut at Newbury, and despite being easy in the market and slow away from the stalls, Tom Queally positioned her towards the head of the field. Coming past the half-way stage she travelled ominously well under Irishman however Queens Grace came with a challenge to the left of Jacqueline Quest and already managed to sneak ahead by a length. It was to be between these two as both were giving strong rides inside the final furlong, Queens Grace was in no mood to be overcome with the benefit of experience on her side, and it wasn't until Jacqueline Quest changed her legs 100 yards out, that she began to close down the advantage held by the winner, and went down fighting by a diminishing neck.

She then went to Chester, and her place in the market of very short favourite was rewarded with an easy success. This was to be a different test for the daughter of Rock Of Gibraltar who was racing on a sharp track for the first time with ground on the quick side. She held a good draw in stall 2 and was able to settle into a nice rhythm early on. She was taken on for the lead by Marie Cuddy but that rival was burnt off at the 3 pole, and Jacqueline Quest went further and further clear to win by an easy nine lengths – eased down for the final furlong.

A step up in class would be the order of attack for Jacqueline Quest's next run. The Radley Stakes at Newbury; the ground was significantly testing and signs of a bias towards the stands rail. There was a jockey change with Ian Mongan booked to ride and he faced a difficult opening furlong as Jacqueline's Quest pulled in a very keen manner but he managed to settle her out near the front in 3rd position, the daughter of Rock of Gibraltar pulled herself into a strong position disputing the lead approaching the 2f pole when asked to find she was still battling away in 4th entering the final furlong but was unable to fight on with conditions softer than ideal for her, and dropped away under hands and heels riding when Mongan realise she had nothing left to give.

SUMMARY

Jacqueline's Quest is a very nice filly who came up against a quick experienced sprinter out of the Hugh Morrison yard on debut; she battled on well that day closing every inch towards the line indicating she is going to need further. Queens Grace (the filly who beat her on debut) has since placed, and then won in Listed grade so her ability is clear for all to see. Her run at Chester indicated her ability to lay up with a quick pace and to accelerate off that to win recording a good time, and only good horses can do that. She looks the type to make her mark in Handicap Company to start off before progressing into pattern class in races for her own sex.



Rigidity

3YO BAY COLT £20,281

Indian Ridge (7.7f) — Alakananda (Hernando (FR) (12.3f))

OR
77

FORM
21-

DI
3.00

CD
0.38

Our View

Rigidity made a pleasing debut at Newmarket in mid-August and despite showing signs of greenness he also showed signs of ability. Steadied at the start, the Indian Ridge colt took a keen hold into the bit in the early stage and was dropped out in the rear with a view to try and get him settled and to drop the bit. Niggled along at the three furlong pole, he began to close on the leaders and gradually made his way through the field under pressure to go after the leader who by this point had already got the advantage needed and the benefit of experience under his belt. Nibbled at in the market Rigidity kept on well enough in the closing stages but the winner had already got first run and this was a pleasing first run from the son of Indian Ridge.

After the promise of his debut victory, Rigidity was next seen at Yarmouth up against a well regarded horse in Bab Al Shams. Ridden more prominently this time, he tracked the leaders in the early stages before asked to assert and win his race at the two furlong pole. He came under heavy pressure as they approached the final furlong, and the colt edged left on ground probably quicker than ideal for him. He eventually asserted near the line and will appreciate being upped in trip.

SUMMARY

Rigidity is an interesting proposition for the season ahead, as the half-brother to Dragon Dancer and Ajaan will clearly improve for the longer trips he will encounter this season. From a strong family built up over the years by Kirsten Rausing, this son of Indian Ridge will surely start off in handicap grade off what is a very lenient mark of 77. This enables connects to get more experience into the horse and to dip their toe into the water to see exactly what they have on their hands. It wouldn't surprise me to see him in the top handicaps towards the end of the season and perhaps in the region of approaching Group Company.



Kithonia

3YO BAY FILLY £6,152

Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f) — Ratukidul (FR) (Danehill (USA) (9.1f)

OR
77

FORM
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DI
1.10

CD
0.20

Our View

A warm looking fillies maiden in which there was plenty of hype surrounding the Henry Cecil newcomer who went off a warm 15-8F after opening up around the 5-2 mark. With that expectation it was down to Tom Queally to produce in which he and his partner duly obliged. Racing comfortably in 4th on the rail behind the pacemaker Dreamy Eyed, Tom Queally waited with her until Blue Sparkle had committed for home, there was a little jink approaching the 2 pole showing signs of greenness and she took a while to take down her target in sight but entering the final furlong the daughter of Sadler's Wells showed a ready turn of foot despite wandering off the rail to win a shade cosily.

SUMMARY

Kithonia has a very lucrative pedigree with her dam Ratukidul related to 5 black type winners including Johann Quartz, Adnaan, Walter Willy, Res Judicata and the infamous Hernando who have all been top class 12f horses. With that abundance of stamina in riches it was very pleasing to the eye when seeing Kithonia find a ready turn of foot over 7f in testing ground off what was a farce of a pace, she won going away in easy fashion despite running green. There are entries for the Irish 1000 Guineas and the Irish Oaks with the later being a more realistic representation of the sort of trip she'll be needing (1m4f), with her untapped potential she'll undoubtedly show more as a 3yo and will have her say in Group company at some point next year.



Principal Role

3YO BAY FILLY £4,100

Empire Maker (USA) (10.0f) — Interim (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f))

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FORM
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DI
1.30

CD
0.26

Our View

Slow upon leaving the stalls, Principal Role was held up and allowed time to gradually get back into the race. Tom Queally moved up travelling really well on the filly to the two-furlong marker, and she took the lead under hands and heels riding at the furlong pole. Ridden out inside the final furlong she was always holding her rivals at bay and had Meeznah, a horse who finished third on debut behind the well regarded Tabassum behind her in third despite having the benefit of experience.

SUMMARY

Half sister to the high class US middle-distance winning Midships, Principal Role looks capable of going a lot further than a mile, and it wouldn't be surprising to see her turn up in an Oaks trial somewhere down the line, but maybe ten furlongs will prove her best trip.



Acquisition

4YO BAY FILLY £24,434

Dansili (9.1f) — Quota (Rainbow Quest (USA) (11.1f)

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87

FORM
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DI
1.15

CD
0.25

Our View

Acquisition started off her career in a Windsor maiden under Jimmy Quinn, and after being slow away she appeared to not really have much clue what the game was about in the early stages, but she began to get the hang of things in the closing stages in a race which was slowly run and would surely have won with another few strides.

She then opened her account upped 2f in trip in a Leicester maiden and won it in the style of a filly on the improve and one with a future. Handicap Company was next on the agenda where she kicked off in that sphere off 74; she noticed up three wins in Handicap Company with her last win coming when beating the Mark Tompkins trained Omokoroa off a mark of 81. Her next race she was third behind Rosika on faster ground, and she is definitely a filly who likes juice in the ground and in fairness was probably feeling the effects of a long season.

Her final effort for 2009 was a disappointing down the field effort on the all-weather at Lingfield behind Baila Me in the River Eden Listed Fillies Stakes. She shaped as though she'd had enough for the season and quite possibly didn't handle the polytrack either.

SUMMARY

Despite ending 2009 with two disappointing performances, Acquisition definitely has the ability to win more races. She remains well handicapped still off 87, and she is from a family that get better with age which suggests she'll be even better this year. A softer surface looks to be her preferred going and her form when beating Omokoroa reads quite well. Given her current rating she can begin 2010 in Handicap Company once again, hopefully in a 14f race which can bring on her abundance of stamina and she could well be the type to end up in something like the Ebor, or maybe if she has improved significantly the Park Hill Stakes towards the end of the year.



Bouvardia

4YO BAY FILLY £55,916

Oasis Dream (7.2f) — Arabesque (Zafonic (USA) (8.6f))

OR
98

FORM
2112-

DI
1.67

CD
0.38

Our View

Bouvardia made her return as a three-year-old at Yarmouth in April, dropping down to 5f for the first time she was backed in the market to make a successful reappearance after ending her two-year-old campaign on a low at Warwick. Tom Queally was to take the ride and Bouvardia was held up towards the rear, still travelling well alongside Aakef towards the rear the pair had yet to make their moves, Queally's original gap had shut on him approaching the final furlong as Aakef got a clear run towards the rail with Bouvardia now 2 lengths to make up she ran on strongly in the final furlong to only be denied a neck but looked the best horse.

After a rattling finish at Yarmouth the step back up to 6f looked ideal and had to deal with a 3lb rise and she just about did after being well supported again, getting warm in the preliminaries Ian Mongan was in the saddle this time around, and another small field where she was held up but wanted to pull hard and run around a bit in the early stages, soon settled approaching 3f out Ian Mongan pulled Bouvardia out for a challenge coming there comfortably but the filly hung badly into the 2nd horse Servoca causing him to tighten up but he managed to straighten out the filly inside the final furlong to lengthen away a shade cosily.

After a heart in mouth moment at Nottingham, Bouvardia would have to sharpen up her antics drastically if she was to have any chance of landing this field of highly progressive 3 year olds and she did, Tom Queally was away to a good start from draw 11 tracking the pacemaker Shaw's Diamond, still not relatively straight forward she came well into the final 3 furlongs comfortably as the low drawn horses had already committed for home, with a few lengths to make up on the stands rail horses she was asked for an effort and responded well quickening a length away from her nearest rival Proclaim entering the final furlong before idling out in front as she was challenged down her inside right by Akhenaten with a strong run and stuck her neck out to find a bit more to resist the challenger.

Just over 12 weeks off the track Henry Cecil was confident enough to compete in a listed event at Pontefract despite her absence and she nearly repaid his faith, the daughter of Oasis Dream broke well and raced in 5th, approaching 3f out she wanted to get on with things hanging her head to the left for a gap but Tom Queally, just showed her the gap between Red Dune and Pusey Street Lady which she settled well for a few strides, before coming around the outside of Red Dune in 3rd turning into the straight in making her challenge, she came down the centre of the track staying on under a strong drive inside the final furlong with, the winner coming with a run down the stands rail to quicken clear easily in the last 100 yards, Tom Queally wasn't harsh on her when he knew her chance had gone and pushed out for second towards the line.

SUMMARY

Bouvardia has a pretty promising full-brother in Showcasing, and a good half-brother in stallion Camacho but that shouldn't detract from the season she could potentially have. A filly that has certainly got plenty of character which her trainer doesn't mind, and won't try iron out which is pleasing as she clearly obtains plenty of ability and her antics don't detract from her performances albeit they may not help her fulfil potential as top class status she still remains a sprinting filly to keep on the right side of especially after a very promising return to action at Pontefract after a long absence, it will be good to see how she develops as a 4 year old as she can only really improve on what she has done already and could be a real force in races for her own sex over the sprint distances.



Aviate

3YO BAY FILLY £3,238

Dansili (9.1f) — Emplane (USA) (Irish River (FR) (9.3f))

OR

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FORM

1-

DI

1.86

CD

0.45

Our View

A full sister to the ill-fated Wingwalker, this daughter of Dansili made a winning debut on the all-weather at Kempton. A well supported 7/4 favourite, she was held up in rear early under Tom Queally before making steady headway down the outside 3f out. He asked her for her effort and she quickened in the style of a smart animal to the 2f pole and gradually wore down the leader Clairvoyance under minimal assistance from Tom suggesting this filly will go on to better things.

SUMMARY

A performance with such promise on debut, suggests this filly is high up in the pecking order of Henry Cecil trained three-year-olds. Her turn of foot was reminiscent of her brother Wingwalker, and it wouldn't be a surprise for her to make her mark in Group Company before the end of the season. The Nell Gwyn at Newmarket would be an ideal starting point for the daughter of Dansili who could well develop into a Guineas prospect.



Bullet Train

3YO BAY COLT £3,469

Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f) — Kind (IRE) (Danehill (USA) (9.1f))

OR

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FORM

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DI

0.92

CD

0.08

Our View

The son of Sadler's Wells came in for strong support on his racecourse debut, and managed to get the job done despite showing distinct signs of greenness in doing so. Settled in mid-field, he travelled very kindly under Tom Queally. He travelled up strongly to dispute the lead and was still going well at the two furlong pole and had most of his rivals off the bridle. He quickened up smartly approaching the furlong pole, but showed signs of greenness once again and just when it looked like the more forward Lion Mountain was about to go past him, he pulled out more and knuckled down when it mattered for success on his first start.

SUMMARY

Out of a real speed merchant in Roger Charlton's old horse Kind, Bullet Train should be able to use those gears in what looks like being a middle distance campaign. Kind, a half sister to Powerscourt was a real speed-freak but her first son looks like going the way of his sire, Sadler's Wells. His dosage suggests he'll be best over 10-12f and he has a really eye-catching pedigree. He ought to do well and could pop up in a Derby trial somewhere down the line.



Sir Michael Stoute 22%- £2.2m

Residency – Newmarket, Suffolk

Retainer – Ryan Moore 23%



Glass Harmonium

4YO GREY COLT £51,438

Verglas (IRE) (9.1f) — Spring Symphony (IRE) (Darshaan (11.7f)

OR
112

FORM
56142-

DI
0.89

CD
0.05

Our View

Glass Harmonium started his season in The Craven at Newmarket, sent off a 9/1 change, he never really landed a blow and the decision was then made to try the grey son of Verglas over further.

After a run out in the Craven Stakes this step up to 10F in the Dante looked more of an ideal trip, known for being a Derby Trial, Glass Harmonium was weak in the market at 25-1 but a better run was hoped. Held up towards the rear, he was a little keen early on but got down to business at the end of the race and threw down a brief challenge at the two furlong pole. Those on the front end had already poached an advantage and Glass Harmonium got tired in the closing stages racing out wide on a track which was favouring the inside rail at the time.

Royal Ascot was next and the Hampton Court Stakes (Listed Race) and a big run was expected from the grey son of Verglas, and he didn't let his supporters down with a battling display holding off French challenger Cashelgar and landing the odds at 8/1.

Thirteen weeks off the track, Glass Harmonium returned for a conditions race at Newbury over 9F. He was expected to take care of business but took an age to quicken and close down the leader Charlie Farnsbarns who had already poached the advantage needed to score and with Glass Harmonium one paced and laboured back in fourth, it was a sign the galloping grey was in need of the appearance.

A return to Group Company at Newmarket would see an improved performance from Glass Harmonium, and one which he came within inches of victory. Turning around the form with Charlie Farnsbarns in the process, the grey son of Verglas sat more handily this time, and was travelling well at the 3f pole. He was checked for his run momentarily, but Ryan Moore decided to go for the inside rail route, however Steel Tango had already poached an advantage and was a length up. Hard driven Glass Harmonium got to a nose up 100yds out but the Roger Teal trained Steele Tango fought back as the line came and nailed it.

SUMMARY

A horse of which big things were expected, Glass Harmonium has yet to do the business his ability suggests he can on the track. He is however from a late maturing line and can make amends in his four-year-old campaign where opportunities are sure to fall his way. Ten furlongs looks like being more his trip this year and he is expected to have improved over the winter and can be a major player in his races, he looks like being one of Sir Michael Stoute's flag bearers this season.



Strawberrydaiquiri

4YO GREY FILLY £85,238

Dansili (9.1f) — Strawberry Morn (CAN) (Travelling Victor (CAN))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
113	211114-	1.86	0.40

Our View

Strawberrydaiquiri made her debut at Windsor with a win expected. She had been burning up the gallops at Freemasons Lodge however the Michael Jarvis trained Cartoon already had the benefit of experience and was able peg back and then hold off the grey who wasn't going down without a fight.

With racecourse experience now on side, Strawberrydaiquiri was backed to recoup losses of her debut defeat, and under Ryan Moore she returned back to Windsor for a Class 5 maiden in May. Tracking the leaders early, she was pulled out with her effort 2f out and drew right away under hands and heels in the final furlong in the style of a horse on the up.

Awarded a mark of 90 for her maiden win at Windsor last time, Strawberrydaiquiri returned from a six week absence to contest a Fillies listed race at Sandown. Tracking the leading pair early on, the well backed 6/5 favourite quickened up nicely to put the race to bed in a matter of strides and readily asserted her authority in the closing stages. She cemented herself as a filly on the upgrade and another try in Listed company was on the cards.

With a comfortable success at Sandown, Strawberrydaiquiri would continue to ply her trade in Listed Company when entered in the Valiant Stakes at Ascot, another race in which Sir Michael Stoute has had a fine record and it would be another good opportunity for him to enhance that with this fast improving filly. There would be no surprise to see the best filly in the race going off odds on at 4/6F and despite carrying a 4lb penalty she didn't let backers down by holding off the Michael Jarvis trained Balaagha by a length to the good.

Back to Sandown for the Atlanta Listed Stakes, Strawberrydaiquiri was once again sent off a short priced 4/6 chance, but she rewarded her trainers faith in her ability with yet another Listed victory, this time even more impressive than before. Tracking the leaders again, she quickened up stylishly to put the race to bed in a matter of strides. Clear inside the final furlong she had now put her name into the fray for Group race honours.

After six weeks off the track, Strawberrydaiquiri came back to the track to contest the Sun Chariot Stakes (Group 1). A change of tactics this time held up in the last trio, she gradually began to close on the leaders who had poached an unassailable lead and she was unable to quicken past them but plugged on well to snare fourth. The combination of a long season and perhaps an unfavourable position attributed to her defeat and she can be seen in a better light next year.

SUMMARY

Strawberrydaiquiri had always hinted of her ability at home, but after an impressive first season on the track she looks to come back stronger and perhaps better than ever in her four-year-old campaign. Not short of stamina it wouldn't be a surprise to see her stepping up to ten furlongs at some point to see if she improves further, but she will be a force to be reckoned with in all fillies and mares group races over a mile given the expected improvement between three to four.



Patkai

5YO CHESTNUT **GELDING** £170,718

Indian Ridge (7.7f) — Olympienne (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f))

OR
117

FORM
4/122-

DI
2.53

CD
0.47

Our View

Patkai returned to the track for his four-year-old campaign with hopes high of him making a real mark as one of the top staying racehorses around. He started off in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot with an emphatic success winning by an easy nine lengths over a moderate field but the bookmakers reacted favourably by slashing his Gold Cup odds to 4/1 after that success.

Next up was the Henry II Stakes in which Patkai was expected to account for his seven rivals and was sent off a short price to do so. However on a rare going day Geordieland had other ideas and stretched right away from Patkai who looked laboured back in second. He would need to improve significantly were he to play a hand in the finish in the Ascot Gold Cup – his next intended start.

After a disappointing showing in the Henry II Stakes, Patkai returned in good health for the Ascot Gold Cup in which he wasn't expected to go as well as he did. Sent off a general 9/2 chance from an opening 7/2, he made giant strides to go after the legend that is Yeats and in the process drew fifteen lengths clear of Geordieland, his Sandown superior. With Yeats now retired, a replication of this performance should be enough to see Patkai win his first Ascot Gold Cup.

SUMMARY

Has been gelded over the winter and without Yeats in the Ascot Gold Cup this year, paves the way for Patkai who gradually improved over staying distances last year and with him being gelded to keep his mind 100% focused on the job can get the job done for Sir Michael Stoute at Royal Ascot after such a promising run last year when not overly fancied and he will be a major player in all distance races this season.



Total Command

3YO BAY COLT £1,445

Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f) — Wince (Selkirk (USA) (8.9f)

OR

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FORM

62-

DI

1.05

CD

0.21

Our View

Total Command, who proved to be weak in the market, would make his debut in what could prove to be a decent Maiden in time, the first 5 home had previous experience. Away smartly enough Ryan Moore settled in 4th position, notably green and looking about the full-brother to Quiff never really settled for Ryan Moore, and as the pace picked up coming past the 2f pole he was under a hard drive and going backwards, the race was long gone and was allowed to come home at his own leisure inside the final furlong suggesting he'll benefit greatly from this experience.

A Maiden at Newbury was next on the cards, and would prove to be right up Total Command's street, upped in trip with an evident test of stamina on ground that was on the heavy side. The son of Sadler's Wells looked to have got a bit warm beforehand but broke well enough from stall 18. He was tucked away out the back by Ryan Moore despite running around a little, pushed along to gain positions from the rear of the field he soon managed to gain seven positions approaching 2f out, as Multames had kicked clear approaching the final furlong, with seven lengths to make up on the leader inside the last furlong Total Command stayed on into second position aided by the rail and given a little tap by Ryan Moore was unable to get to the winner although reducing his advantage to 3.5L, he was allowed to come home under hands and heels and another performance he will improve from.

SUMMARY

Being a full brother to Quiff, a Yorkshire Oaks winner and St Leger runner up. Total Command is always going to improve when allowed to go further. Both Quiff and Arabian Gulf (Total Commands full brother) were unable to win at two-year-old but improved significantly between two to three, which suggests Total Command's decent second placing at Newbury reads well in the context of his backward late-maturing pedigree. With an excellent pedigree he looks sure to show significant improvement this year over middle-distances and could well pick up a Derby Trial along the way, providing the ground isn't too quick.



Markazzi

3YO BAY COLT £6,302

Dansili (9.1f) — Bandanna (Bandmaster (USA) (6.8f))

OR
92

FORM
210-

DI
3.00

CD
0.75

Our View

A colt with a lofty reputation at home, he was fancied to make a winning debut after pleasing in home work and ran a race full of promise behind the race-hardened Pounced from the John Gosden yard (*Pounced has since placed in the Gp1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagadere and won the Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf Gp2*). Markazzi pulled nicely clear of the remainder of the field and was given just one tap with the whip by Richard Hills before being allowed to come home under a sympathetic hands and heels ride.

He was next seen at Leicester in a decent maiden for the track, and he once again confirmed form with Cultivar beating him even further than at Newbury, and also beat a smart prospect in Smart Skier for Mark Johnston who went on to run well in Nursery company off a mark of 87. Markazzi went about his business well in this maiden, held up in touch he was ridden to take the lead a furlong out and went away from his rivals in good style before being eased at the finish.

His final run of the season was in the Tattersall's Million at Newmarket, and after being slow away from the stalls he was always fighting a losing battle in such a competitive race. On the look of things it probably came too soon for him as he had looked babyish in his races prior to this and despite being chased up to sit handily, he came under pressure just before two furlongs out and suffered interference when trying to look for a gap. Richard Hills accepted defeat and allowed Markazzi to return in his own time finishing in eleventh (5th of 13 in his group).

SUMMARY

With a mark of just 92 it'll be interesting to see where Sir Michael Stoute goes with Markazzi, but the thoughts are that he'll pitch him straight into Group Company. Always held in high regard at home he has shown twinkles of what he could potentially do on the racecourse, and shows plenty of zest and pace in his work. He looks sure to be a major player in races this year, but it is unsure if he will be a miler as he has plenty of pace and could turn out to be a sprinter or in that gap in-between both and a real 7f specialist – he is one worth keeping a close eye on.



Giants Play

3YO BAY FILLY £1,451

Giant's Causeway (USA) (9.5f) — Playful Act (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f))

OR

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FORM

24-

DI

1.18

CD

0.29

Our View

On her debut, Giant's Play faced a field of smartly bred newcomers in which Giant's Play would hold the honour of being most expensive, Ryan Moore's filly dwelt in the stalls before being pushed along into midfield tracking the leaders in 5th, nudged along slightly on the bend to hold her position she travelled comfortably into the home straight tracking Damietta, strongly driven approaching the final couple of furlongs, Damietta had already poached a three length advantage under Frankie Dettori. The penny finally dropped inside the final furlong and Giant's Play began to stride home powerfully under hands and heels of Ryan Moore putting in a debut display with distinct promise.

Giants Play a daughter of Giant's Causeway would spend 10 weeks off the track after her debut at Kempton but returned on the turf at Doncaster and was sent off 2/1 favourite in what looked a hot contest. Settled in midfield, Ryan Moore began to make his move and threw down an effort at the 3f pole, but the filly could only muster one pace thereafter and couldn't quicken any closer to the leaders.

SUMMARY

After a highly promising debut at Kempton, Giant's Play somewhat disappointed later on in the season at Doncaster. However this is a filly that is going to need a minimum trip of 12f and has the pedigree to be a serious player over that trip. Quite whether she will be up to that class is unknown, but she should be able to win races and also has the potential to develop into a smart staying prospect and is worth keeping on side for the season ahead.



Workforce

3YO BAY COLT £3,562

King's Best (USA) (8.7f) — Soviet Moon (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f)

OR

FORM

DI

CD

1-

1.44

0.50

Our View

Won his maiden in the style of a class animal. Something which King's Best rarely throws up these days. He comprehensively slammed Oasis Dancer who then went on to win the Tattersall's Million at Newmarket (£541,000 Prize Fund). Slowly into stride, the son of King's Best was pushed along in the early stages to try and take up a position and gradually got the hang of things at the half-way stage. He began to make headway to the 2f pole, and under Ryan Moore was switched to the inside where he asserted readily clear to account for his rivals.

SUMMARY

Out of an unraced sister to St Leger winner Brian Boru, and unbeaten juvenile Listed winner Kitty O'Shea, Workforce clearly has a bright future ahead of him if his debut promise is to be believed. Connections haven't entered him in the Derby although his pedigree suggests that will be more his trip as opposed to the Guineas which is being pencilled in as his target. The horse will probably be best at 10f later in the season, but wouldn't rule out a tilt at middle-distances later in the year, he looks an exciting prospect.



Nibani

3YO CHESTNUT COLT £433

Dalakhani (IRE) (10.9f) — Dance Of The Sea (IRE) (Sinndar (IRE) (11.9f))

OR

FORM

DI

CD

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4-

0.85

-0.17

Our View

Made his debut in a nice maiden at the backend of the season at Newmarket and ran a race full of promise to make ground up late on experienced rivals. Finishing just three lengths behind Munsarim who had form with Al Zir and Coordinated Cut, Nibani showed plenty of promise despite being green and clueless about his racing in the early stages. Out the back and pushed along to stay with them early on, the penny finally dropped as his stamina began to kick in and he came home with a real rattle in the closing stages making ground hand over fist. He looks to be a sort capable of making his mark over middle distances this year and looks every inch a Derby prospect, with even a possibility of the St Leger being on his agenda.

SUMMARY

Out of an unraced mare who is half sister to Spectrum and Lincoln winner Stream Of Gold, Nibani has shown distinct promise in his only racecourse start. Out of Arc winning Dalakhani, looks to have an abundance of stamina and the Derby looks a right option for this smart chestnut colt. He will most probably be out in the early part of the season to take in a maiden, and then progress via a Derby Trial, most probably following the route of Tartan Bearer a couple of years ago.



Revered

3YO BAY FILLY £5,290

Oasis Dream (7.2f) — Arrive (Kahyasi (12.8f)

OR
82

FORM
31-

DI
1.40

CD
0.28

Our View

Is bred to be exceptional being a full-sister to high-class UK later US recruit Visit. She is also a half sister to the impressive Promising Lead, so the pedigree is there for all to see.

She was sent off an un-fancied 15/2 chance in the market on debut and ran a race full of promise having being held up early, she stayed on really nicely in the closing stages to grab third and would most likely have gone a lot closer with a more prominent ride. The winner Thrill of John Gosden's is a well regarded filly who also had racecourse experience so to run how she did on her first run was very pleasing.

Next came a trip to Newmarket for a maiden and she did the job in workmanlike style under Kieran Fallon and used her experience to good use to see off her rivals with a bit in hand. The ground was probably a little bit on the easy-side for her on debut and here (after some overnight rain) so it'll be interesting to see how she'll go on a quicker surface.

SUMMARY

From what she has done on the track at the moment, Revered can only really improve on what she has done thus far. If following along the lines of her siblings, then improvement will come with age so you can expect her to be holding some lofty entries this year. She looks a potential Guineas type and is well regarded at home, and could make her three-year-old debut in the Nell Gwyn before a potential tilt at the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. It'll be interesting to see how she develops.



Safina

3YO CHESTNUT FILLY £722

Pivotal (7.7f) — Russian Rhythm (USA) (Kingmambo (USA) (9.8f)

OR

FORM

DI

CD

3-

1.59

0.50

Our View

Being a full-sister to the frustrating Barynya, it was always worth watching how she would get on, on her racecourse debut. Held up in the early part of the season with a string of niggling problems, she finally made the track at the end of October and ridden by a man who got on really well with her mother, Kieran Fallon. She shaped with plenty of promise without her pilot having to get too hard on her and looked one who will improve from two to three.

SUMMARY

A full sister to the yards frustrating Barynya who once the master of Freemasons had big hopes for, unfortunately she didn't do it on the track. Her full sister Safina looks a more promising sort and shaped with plenty of promise on debut. She will enjoy a little juice in the ground and will be at her best at around a mile and she will win races this year.



Nouriya

3YO BAY FILLY £289

Danehill Dancer (IRE) (8.0f) — Majestic Sakeena (IRE) (King's Best (USA) (8.7f)

OR

FORM

DI

CD

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4-

2.60

0.72

Our View

Un-fancied and expected to improve for her debut, an impressive performance from Nouriya saw her finish fourth on debut on the polytrack at Lingfield behind the Henry Cecil trained Timepiece. However that doesn't tell the full story, as Nouriya got no room inside the final furlong and jockey Ryan Moore had to settle and take a pull on this son of Danehill Dancer and she came home full of running in fourth place, she'd have finished second with a clear run.

SUMMARY

It is currently unclear what the plan will be for Nouriya in her three-year-old campaign, but she showed enough pace on debut to suggest she'll be competitive at a mile, and she should be seen out nice and early in the season to win her maiden (easily) before moving into pattern class. This is a classy filly with a real future ahead of her all being well, and we can expect to see her in the winners' enclosure of a Group race before the end of the year.



Roger Charlton 15% - £366,397

Residency – Beckhampton, Wiltshire

Retainer – Steve Drowne



Border Patrol

4YO BAY COLT £105,752

Selkirk (USA) (8.9f) — Ffestiniog (IRE) (Efisio (7.8f))

OR
114

FORM
111192-

DI
2.11

CD
0.64

Our View

After finishing third in his only race as a two-year-old, Border Patrol returned to the track at three at Newbury where he was taking on some smart horses. Well supported in the market, he was settled just behind the leaders by Steve Drowne and was allowed to get into a nice lengthy stride, he travelled up smoothly into second 2f out, and then when asked for his effort, edged left under pressure and took the lead and stayed on strongly to land the spoils. A green performance and one in which he will clearly improve from, the second South Easter went on to win the Dee Stakes (Gp3) at Chester beating Gitano Hernando.

After his win Roger Charlton made a point of saying the horse will stick to soft ground and straight tracks until he learns more about the game, expecting him to improve plenty for this maiden win. He was next entered up back at Newbury, this time in a Listed race over 6f. Many thought he wouldn't have the pace to lie up with some of the better three-year-old sprinters about, but he was held up early and let them cut each others throat in-front before striding through with purpose to win going away, from a horse called Triple Aspect a Gp3 winner and a horse which ran with credit all year in Group races.

Back up to a mile at Sandown, his next task was to beat the one time Guineas prospect Ashram and the well regarded Racketeer of John Gosden's. Keen early he was held up in rear before making steady progress into the race before taking the lead just inside the furlong pole. Driven out by Steve Drowne he kept galloping all the way to the line to continue his upward curve.

Over to Ireland next for the Solonaway Stakes (Gp3) at the Curragh, and he was taking on Poet, a Gp3 winner who was on a bit of a roll for Aidan O'Brien. Held up early, he travelled up noticeably well to dispute things and take a narrow lead a furlong from home, but Poet wasn't for passing and made him fight all the way to the line, but Border Patrol had too much class for the son of Pivotal and continued his upward curve.

SUMMARY

After a poor performance in the Prix de la Foret, Border Patrol returned to form with a solid second placing behind Zafisio at Saint Cloud in the Prix Perth. He had probably had enough for the season after a long campaign, and given how he has been well handled, he can only improve between three to four, and rates an interesting prospect for the major mile races this year providing he gets his softer ground.



Avertor

4YO BAY GELDING £6,577

Oasis Dream (7.3f) — Avessia (Averti (IRE) (7.5f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
83	214-	1.67	0.44

Our View

Made his long awaited debut at Pontefract after sparkling in his homework, and was back as if defeat was out of the question. Backed from around 9/2 earlier on in the morning, he was sent off the 13/8 favourite and things were looking good for the son of Oasis Dream until he started to flag out in front when the gun was put to his head. He kept on well enough into second, six lengths clear of the third but was no match for the winner on the day.

Taken to Doncaster next, Avertor finally repaid his followers at a measly price of 30/100F and he did the job in style. Making all, he gradually stacked them up in-front and was shaken up to go about his business at the furlong pole and he readily stretched away under Steve Drowne.

Finally, his last run of the season came just 20 days later at Newmarket, pitched into a handicap for the first time off his mark of 83, he was held up in the early stages but when asked for his effort he hung across the track like a gate, and trailed in last.

SUMMARY

It is hard to believe that on his homework this gelded son of Avertor is rated in the low 80s, and if you can forgive him his one poor run last time, he'd be pretty much one to get on nice and early in handicap company. It could be that he might be another Pike Bishop who worked like an absolute machine at home but failed to produce on the track, but off his current rating of 83, it is worth giving him another chance with experience under his belt and another year to strengthen up his sprinting muscles.



Bated Breath

3YO BAY COLT £0

Dansili (9.1f) — Tantina (USA) (Distant View (USA) (7.8f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
-	-	3.00	0.83

SUMMARY

An unraced son of Dansili, this half-brother to Cityscape and Scuffle is one of whom big things are expected. Has impressed in all of his homework to date and will be out in an early season maiden en-route to better things. He can be expected to come on and improve for his first run, but if he does what he does at home on the track then he'll have no problem winning his maiden at the first time of asking. This horse has the potential to be a class act.



Spoken

3YO BAY COLT £5,080

Medicean (8.8f) — Spout (Salse (USA) (10.4f))

OR
79

FORM
41-

DI
2.56

CD
0.88

Our View

Made a pleasing start to his career with a fourth placed effort in a Sandown maiden. Rearing in the stalls he was slow away and behind early, but managed to keep on through beaten horses in the style of a horse who will win races to take fourth place. The second placed Morana has since won a Gp3, and Hot Prospect is a well regarded sort who disappointed in a Listed race when last seen.

Next Spoken appeared at Salisbury in a race where a few horses from different yards were fancied. Youm Jamil a well regarded horse of Brian Meehan's, and the Sir Michael Stoute trained Longliner who was expected to go close on his racecourse debut, and wouldn't lack for fitness. However it was Spoken who landed the money for Roger Charlton and Steve Drowne. Ridden more prominently this time, he was close-up throughout before being ridden to lead at the furlong pole and kept on well for his rider to win by three-quarters of a length.

SUMMARY

Spoken improved considerably from his debut effort and looks a horse with ability to go to war with this flat campaign. He holds a Derby entry and although he beat some nice horses on his second run that might be a touch optimistic, however that can't be totally written off at this stage. Large field handicaps could well be his aim for next year as he clearly does possess plenty of ability and enough stamina to run middle-distances and it'll be interesting to see what Roger Charlton has planned for him, because if campaigned correctly he'll win plenty of races.



Soul Station

3YO BAY GELDING £5,080

Starcraft (NZ) — Allumette (Rainbow Quest (USA) (11.1f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
82	51-	0.91	0.14

Our View

Soul Station made his debut on the all-weather behind some fair sorts. Tracking the eventual winner on the inside, he was switched to make his effort 2f out but didn't have the pace to quicken on at the furlong pole and plugged on in fifth not beaten overly far, will surely improve for that outing like majority of Roger Charlton's do.

Sent to the turf at Salisbury for his next start, Richard Kingscote decided to make use of the horses' abundant stamina by trying to draw the sting out his rivals by making all under a well judged ride. Ridden and hard pressed 3f out, he had challengers aplenty approaching the final furlong but managed to keep grinding out in-front and asserted 100yds from the line to a ready enough success in the grade.

SUMMARY

In fairness probably won't be no stable star, but he has shown enough on his two starts to suggest he has ability and that he'll be able to land a few handicaps off his current rating when sent over middle-distances. He has shown an abundance of stamina in his two races to date with no real turn of foot, he'll be better on stiff, galloping tracks with a long straight to enable him to get into his stride and off a mark of 82, he'll win a few.



Too Putra

3YO BAY COLT £3,328

Oratorio (IRE) (9.8f) — Urgent Liaison (IRE) (High Estate (9.7f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
71	1-	0.87	-0.07

Our View

Too Putra was a well backed favourite on debut and went off at 5/2 (from 7/2) and although taking a while for the penny to drop, he eventually got the hang of things and was ridden to go through a gap to assert in the final 75yds. He doesn't look to have beaten much but can only improve on this performance next year.

SUMMARY

Half brother to listed winner Imoya, Too Putra was well supported in a poor race on debut. It took a while for the penny to finally drop on this son of Oratorio who got up in the closing stages to score, and improvement can only be expected on this effort. His pedigree suggests he'll be better over much further than a mile, and middle distances of around 12f look to be what's required. One doubts he'll be top class but a mark of 71 leaves some room for manoeuvre and Roger Charlton can find a race or two for him.



Brian Meehan 12%- £1.2M

Residency – Manton, Wiltshire

Retainer – Martin Dwyer / Jamie Spencer



Lady Of The Desert

3YO CHESTNUT FILLY £112,375

Rahy (USA) (9.4f) — Queen's Logic (IRE) (Grand Lodge (USA) (9.8f))

OR
113

FORM
16113-

DI
1.86

CD
0.60

Our View

A very pleasing debut from the daughter of Queen's Logic when winning at Leicester in Maiden company on her first start. Slow away from the stalls, she gradually got the hands of things during the race and after squeezing through a narrow gap at the furlong pole to dispute thing, quickly settled matters with an authoritative turn of foot.

After that pleasing win on debut, the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot was her next target and although she finished sixth showed plenty of promise. Travelled strongly after a slow start, she gradually moved into second place in pursuit of leader (and winner) Jealous Again. The exertions of trying to catch the American sprinter told as they ran out of petrol inside the final furlong and dropped from second to sixth, but a decent performance nonetheless.

She returned to Ascot for her next outing where she was up in trip to 6f for the Princess Margaret Stakes (Gp3). Well supported in the market she was held up early but made eye-catching progress to get into contention at the half-way stage under Martin Dwyer. Travelling so well in fact she took the lead at the two furlong pole and quickened nicely clear approaching the furlong pole to post an impressive success and her first in Group Company.

York was next, and the Lowther Stakes (Gp2) and she did a demolition job on a decent field of fillies in a very quick time indeed. Ridden more prominently this time, she showed her trademark high cruising speed throughout the race before being ridden to lead at the two furlong marker; she quickened up smartly approaching the final furlong and settled matters in a few strides.

Her final start of the season came in the Cheveley Park Stakes (Gp1) at Newmarket and although she didn't have the class to match the French trained Special Duty, she ran like the second best filly in the race despite losing second close home. A little free early on, she was ridden to press Special Duty, however she didn't appear to handle the dip that well and the exertions of trying to match Special Duty told late on as she lost second place on the line to Misheer.

SUMMARY

With the inability to cope with the dip at Newmarket in mind, Lady Of The Desert could well be off to France for the French 1000 Guineas but could start off in the Gp3 Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury, like stable recruit Super Sleuth did last year when close second to Lahaleeb. It will be from there where Brian Meehan decides to go with this filly as she has shown so much speed to date it could be that she wont stay a mile, all will be seen this year and she looks a horse to help fly the flag for her stable against her own sex.



Arcano

3YO BAY COLT £244,762

Oasis Dream (7.3f) — Tariysha (IRE) (Daylami (IRE) (11.3f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
118	111-	1.33	0.21

Our View

Well supported in the market for his racecourse bow, Arcano made an impressive debut at Newbury when landing the odds in what turned out to be a hot maiden. Sat in midfield early, Martin Dwyer made headway to track the leaders at the furlong pole and was driven into the lead shortly after. Arcano hit the front but was handed a late scare when the John Gosden trained Showcasing came home with a late rattle to press Arcano as the line came but the Brian Meehan trained colt had enough in the tank to hold on.

After an impressive debut whereby he was expected to come on a ton for the run, Arcano returned to action in the July Stakes (Gp2) at Newmarket and won in the style of a top class animal clocking a time quicker than Canadian Danehill could run over a furlong shorter at the track. Held up early, he made headway approaching the two furlong pole, ridden to chase the leader approaching the final furlong he picked up well under Martin Dwyer to lead inside the final furlong and ran on well all the way to the line for a cosy success.

His final run of what was to be an impressive debut season came in the Prix Morny (Gp1) at Deauville on lightning quick ground, something which would probably have been a disadvantage to Arcano looking back. Held up in last place early, he was driven along to make ground on the leaders just inside the final two furlongs, but gradually drew closer approaching the final furlong. Ridden strongly inside the final furlong by Richard Hills, Arcano gradually wore down the leaders to get up and lead inside the last few strides to record his third success in three runs, this time in Group 1 Company.

The form of his Prix Morny win saw eventual Cheveley Park Stakes (Gp1) winner Special Duty in second place, Coventry Stakes (Gp2) winner Canford Cliffs back in third. Prix Du Bois (Gp3) winner Dolled Up in fourth, and finally Prix De Cabourg (Gp3) winner Zanzibari back in fifth and last place.

SUMMARY

The form-lines of his latest victory couldn't be any stronger at this level, and he heads into his three-year-old campaign in a strong position for top honours in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. Purchased by Hamdan Al Maktoum (something which he seldom does these days), he has obviously shown plenty at home to suggest he's going to make into a real top-class racehorse this year. Brian Meehan believes we haven't seen the best of this horse yet, and is still said to need to mature mentally until we get the very best from him, he remains one of the most exciting flat prospects to run in the 2010 season and one in which this year will be a very big one for him providing he stays free of injury.



Crowded House

4YO CHESTNUT COLT £415,662

Rainbow Quest (USA) (11.1f) — Wiener Wald (USA) (Woodman (USA) (9.9f))

OR
118

FORM
86-22

DI
1.04

CD
0.22

Our View

Big things were expected of Crowded House in his three-year-old campaign, a winner off the Racing Post Trophy at two, Crowded House was a short priced favourite over the winter for the Epsom Derby, however things didn't seem to plan out as they had hoped.

Weak in the market for his seasonal debut in the Dante, Crowded House put in a below par performance on return to the track. Held up out the back in a steadily run race, he made nice headway approaching the two furlong marker but found absolutely nothing under pressure.

Brian Meehan suggested he may have needed the run more than they expected him too, and Jamie Spencer reported that he simply, ran flat. With that in mind, this was a poor performance from an exciting prospect and better was expected/hoped for in his target, the Epsom Derby – it was later found that he had scoped badly after his run at York.

Crowded House was not seen again until the Epsom Derby, where he was sent off a 20/1 chance, and again ridden by Jamie Spencer. Held up early, he made some headway on the outside to Tattenham Corner, and gradually made ground on the pace setters in what was a slowly run Derby. He was making ground on the leaders to the 2f pole when badly hampered when running into the back of Rip Van Winkle, and his effort petered out thereafter.

Not seen since sixth in the Derby, Crowded House re-appeared at the Meydan Carnival in the Al Rashidiya (Gp3). Jamie Spencer had hinted beforehand that the horse would benefit greatly from this outing, and with that in mind Crowded House ran a race full of promise to finish second, off a moderate pace.

After his run in the Al Rashidiya, Crowded House returned to action on the Tapeta surface in the Al Maktoum Challenge R2, and was very unlucky in his run. His victor, Allybar got a dream run through down the outside under Ahmed Ajtebi and got first run on Crowded House in the straight but to his credit Crowded House kept on takingly in the finish to press the winner all the way to the line, another positive performance from the son of Rainbow Quest for which a good year awaits.

SUMMARY

After not producing the goods in his classic season, Crowded House has returned to the racecourse in good style at Meydan this winter, and with his latest effort suggesting he is on the way back to his best he is an interesting prospect for the flat 2010, especially if he were to win the Dubai World Cup. He looks an interesting type for some of the decent 10f races this season, and could potentially take in a 12f race along the way. He looks sure to win races and will be one of the yards flag-bearers.



Super Sleuth

4YO BAY FILLY £68,228

Selkirk (USA) (8.9f) — Enemy Action (USA) (Forty Niner (USA) (8.1f))

OR
107

FORM
52/230-

DI
3.00

CD
0.95

Our View

A filly which ended her two-year-old career when second in a Listed race at Newmarket behind the Sir Michael Stoute trained Enticement; she had shown clear improvement throughout her two-year-old career she returned to the track as a three-year-old with promise expected to play a hand in the fillies division in her classic season.

She started off in the Fred Darling (Gp3) at Newbury in soft ground, she went down in a head bobber to the Mick Channon trained Lahaleeb (EP Taylor, Gp1 winner at Woodbine). Back in third was soon to be Listed sprint winner Danehill Destiny and in fourth future Oaks winner Sariska who kept on nicely at the finish from an unpromising position.

Super Sleuth then went to Newmarket for the 1000 Guineas, and ran a smashing race at big odds to snatch third near the finish but wasn't good enough on the day to catch Ghanaati. This was a big step up on her Fred Darling form which confirmed Super Sleuth despite not entering the winners' enclosure so far in her career as a very classy filly.

On the back of this connections supplemented her for the Irish 1000 Guineas, at a cost of €40,000. Frankie Dettori was confirmed to take the ride (he rode her at Newbury) with the ground on the heavy side, there is a massive difference between soft at Newbury, and Heavy at the Curragh as they found out as Super Sleuth tailed in a well beaten 13th behind eventual winner Again, ridden by Johnny Murtagh.

Frankie Dettori reported after the race that "the filly didn't like the ground".

SUMMARY

What started off impressively Super Sleuths season ended in the Irish Guineas with a poor performance in the heavy ground. With connections having lost the €40,000 they used to supplement her into the big race, it will be a logical step to bring her back to the track as a four-year-old in a division where a couple of the big fillies have retired last season. She is still eligible for maiden company having not won a race, and it'd be wise for breeding purposes to get a win under her belt and given she only had three runs at three, she can show improvement as a four-year-old and return to win some nice races.



Field Day

3YO BAY FILLY £4,857

Cape Cross (IRE) (8.7f) — Naval Affair (IRE) (Last Tycoon (9.5f))

OR

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FORM

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DI

1.12

CD

0.06

Our View

This daughter of Cape Cross had always been held in high regard by those at Manton, and she made her racecourse bow at Newmarket at the end of October in a hot little Fillies maiden with rivals from various big stables each expecting bold runs from their runners.

However despite being untouched in the market, she put up a solid performance to win in the style of a horse that will be competing in pattern class races next term. Settled in mid-field early, she made eye-catching headway on the run towards the two furlong pole. Pushed along and ridden to chase the leader approaching the final furlong, she picked up Scorn in impressive fashion and ran on strongly all the way to the line.

SUMMARY

With improvement surely to come on the back of this victory, Field Day can have a very profitable year in 2010 and looks sure to be one to follow. Always regarded as a top class filly by her stable, she could well develop into a Guineas filly and will be out in the spring for a Guineas trial, in which she should be backed to open her seasonal account and could well be stretched to get ten furlongs in time given her breeding line.



Aultcharn

3YO BAY COLT £0

Kyllachy (6.5f) — Nuit Sans Fin (FR) (Lead On Time (USA) (7.8f))

OR

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FORM

06-

DI

1.50

CD

0.30

Our View

A £120,000gns purchase for some high profile connections, Aultcharn was well backed for his debut at Newbury but when put under pressure he looked absolutely clueless about what to do and weakened – obviously in need of the outing.

Upped to a mile on his next outing, Aultcharn was ridden more prominently this time and lead throughout until around two furlongs out. The trip was clearly too much for him at this stage and he weakened in the closing stages into sixth place

SUMMARY

With those two racecourse appearances under his belt, and another winter to strength up, you can imagine Aultcharn turning into a very decent handicap sprinter/miler in his three-year-old season. It is debateable he has the class to venture into pattern company but he is clearly well regarded by the stable and is worth following in handicaps after his next run, should if he win, he'll be given a handicap rating in the low to mid 80's from which he can win a race or two.



Dancing David

3YO BAY COLT £16,994

Danehill Dancer (IRE) (8.0f) — Seek Easy (USA) (Seeking The Gold (USA) (8.8f))

OR

110

FORM

214-

DI

2.71

CD

0.81

Our View

A half brother to Ordination, a winner over 12f, Dancing David made his debut in a Novice Stakes facing three previous winners. He was held up early on before making headway at the three furlong pole to get into contention 2f out, he was ridden to chase the leader inside the final furlong but couldn't peg back Raines Cross who had the benefit of experience on his side.

Dancing David then went to Salisbury and ridden with different tactics this time. Made all under the stands side railed (until the field merged 4f out), driven in front at the 2f pole and continued his gallop out in front to win going further away inside the final furlong.

With Tamaathul franking his form earlier on the card when landing the Maiden, Dancing David was to appear in the Racing Post Trophy (Gp1) in what was a marked step up in trip but a chance he had earned by his performances to date. Ridden prominently Dancing David tracked the leaders early on, driven to press the leaders at the two furlong pole, before no impression at the final furlong he looked like dropping away but kept on nicely enough to suggest he'll have no problem getting a trip next year.

SUMMARY

Dancing David, another horse with a big reputation for Brian Meehan. His jockey Martin Dwyer quoted "He's a big strong colt who does everything asked of him very easily and he's definitely up to the grade required for a Racing Post Trophy. He was still green here and has more to learn, and therefore I've no doubt that another race this year will do him the world of good. He looks the part in every respect, and he'll be exciting next season." Whilst he might not have the pedigree to stretch out to a Derby trip, he looks sure to be a major player in some nice races this year, but will probably find 10f his best trip. He looks one to keep a close eye on, and is expected to improve from two to three.



Mr David

3YO BAY COLT £13,021

Sky Mesa (USA) (10.0f) — Dancewiththebride (USA) (Belong To Me (USA) (8.0f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
104	414-	1.44	0.18

Our View

A horse with a nice reputation after working with the likes of Arcano and Radiohead and after needing the run on debut, he did the business at the second time of asking when winning at Newmarket in a decent maiden. He won despite what connections believed to be unsuitable ground and improvement was expected next time.

His next and final run of the season came in the Gimcrack Stakes (Gp2) at York. Ridden on the outside of the field throughout he showed some good pace in the middle part of the race but had no answer as they quickened out in-front. The winner is the highly regarded Showcasing from the John Gosden yard who looks to have a bright future in the sprinting division.

SUMMARY

Regarded as a very nice horse, Mr David has yet to really do it on the racecourse. A nice win in a Newmarket maiden before a fourth in the Gimcrack Stakes – a horse of his ability in working well with much better horses at home a little better could have been expected. He is however an interesting prospect for this three year old season, and he could potentially stretch out to a mile at some point during the season. He could end up racing over in the US however given his American connections, and this is worth bearing in mind.



Cockney Class

3YO BAY COLT £1,926

Speightstown (USA) (5.7f) — Snappy Little Cat (USA) (Tactical Cat (USA) (5.7f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
-	33-	4.00	1.00

Our View

A lovely big son of Speightstown from the same connections that had David Junior with Brian Meehan, this horse made a pleasing debut when third behind Black Spirit and Prompter on debut in a fast time at Ascot.

Well beaten on his second outing when beaten over ten lengths by Poet's Voice, the second placed Pallantes Cross has since run third in a Nursery off a mark of 91, so the form gives Cockney Class some hope of improvement.

SUMMARY

With just two appearances under his belt, Cockney Class has looked in need of strengthening up to fill his big frame. The son of Speightstown is expected to have a good season this year after filling out over the winter and is regarded by some as a potential group class horse. He'll need to come out and win his maiden before progressing down that route and looks one to be with when he returns to the track, as a better performance will be expected than what we've seen to date.



Dangerous Midge

4YO BAY COLT £14,195

Lion Heart (USA) (10.4f) — Adored Slew (USA) (Seattle Slew (USA) (8.9f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
88	0131-	1.91	0.63

Our View

Very green and out with the washing on debut, Dangerous Midge put a step in the right direction landing a maiden at Salisbury on his next start. Always working well at home, the son of Lion Heart was up against more fancied rivals but that didn't matter as he came home better than any to win going away from his rivals.

His next outing came in a handicap at Bath, in a race which was steadily run and nicked from the front by Chris Catlin on Point Of Light, Dangerous Midge was out the back throughout and outpaced but stayed on takingly in the closing stages to finish fast into third place.

His final start of the season was at Doncaster after two months break, Dangerous Midge returned better than ever and ridden a slight bit closer to the pace, was able to pick up the leaders inside the final furlong under strong riding to win going away, in the style of a horse that will improve for further.

SUMMARY

A very nice horse on what he has done so far, and with plenty of room for improvement. His current rating of 88 gives him plenty of room for manoeuvre and is a horse that will win some top handicaps this year over middle distances.



Champagne Style

3YO BAY COLT £11,274

Lion Heart (USA) (10.4f) — Statute (USA) (Verzy (CAN))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
103	221-	1.29	0.25

Our View

A horse which has improved with each run, Champagne Style ran better than expected on debut, and that promise was confirmed when second to the very highly regarded Zaahy from the Peter Chapple-Hyam yard on the all-weather at Lingfield next time.

However his third run told us a lot more about him, and the son of Lion Heart was pitched into a hot little conditions race at Newmarket, having been outpaced 3f out, he picked up really well approaching the final furlong to draw right away from his rivals for an impressive success over decent horses.

SUMMARY

A gradual improver in his three runs to date, Champagne Style ended his two-year-old campaign in style with a cosy success at Newmarket. It is still unclear where he will go in his three-year-old career, but middle distances should be his trip, so he could potentially pop up in a Derby trial somewhere. His connections are American, as is his pedigree so he could end up racing over in the US. If he does continue in England at three, he should win a race or two.



Peter Chapple-Hyam 14%- £596,062

Residency – Newmarket, Suffolk

Retainer – Alan Munro / Adrian McCarthy



Sayif

4YO BAY COLT £16,994

Kheleyf (USA) (6.4f) — Swards Folly (Rudimentary (USA) (9.3f))

OR
115

FORM
14541-

DI
1.67

CD
0.42

Our View

Always held in high regard, Sayif made his return to the racecourse at three still a maiden after a string of decent performances in Group Company as a two-year-old. He went to Leicester for a conditions race in which he was sent off a short priced favourite to get off the mark, however he made hard work of what should have been easy work on official figures but he got the job done beating Sneak Preview by a neck.

He was reported to need the outing, and a month later returned to the racecourse, favourite again in a Listed race at Haydock Park. However he didn't cover himself with glory and was beaten on merit by the front three. Slightly outpaced early on, he was keeping on when hampered towards the finish but one would have hoped for a more promising performance than this.

A break of almost four months appeared to work wonders for Sayif, who was sent over to France for the Prix Maurice de Gheest (Gp1), run over 6.5F. Considering the break and his performances to date he ran a race full of credit to finish a close up fifth behind King's Apostle. With second placed Mariol going on to win a Gp3 after, third placed Lesson In Humility winning a Gp3 prior, and fourth placed Varenar going on to win the Prix de la Foret (Gp1) on Arc weekend, suggested a win was imminent for Sayif.

Sayif returned to England to contest the Betfred Sprint Cup (Gp1) at Haydock Park in September and ran a race full of credit once again signalling a return to his better form. He was ridden up with the pace but lacked the gear change needed to go in pursuit of the leader but kept on one paced, a return to better ground should bring out the improvement needed to land a win.

His final start of the season came at Ascot, ridden by Richard Hills for the first time (who was in fine form) Sayif was sent off an 11/1 chance, and after racing prominently he quickened up smartly on the faster ground and won very handsomely to cement his place as a very decent Group sprinter. In doing so he reversed the Prix Maurice de Gheest form with Mariol.

SUMMARY

After starting off the season in a low key conditions race Sayif gradually improved towards the back end, following a three month break – he returned over in France for the Prix Maurice de Gheest and that signalled his return to his best form. Rounding his season off with a victory in the Diadem Stakes (Gp2) at Ascot he looks to come back with every chance of landing some decent prizes this year now they've got the key to him and his likely starting point looks like being the Duke Of York (Gp2) at York in May.



Blast Furnace

3YO BAY FILLY £0

Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f) — Race The Wild Wind (USA) (Sunny's Halo (CAN) (11.8f)

OR

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FORM

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DI

1.00

CD

0.18

SUMMARY

A well regarded unraced filly from the Peter Chapple-Hyam operation. She was due to make her debut at the backend of last year but failed to hit the racecourse due to one reason or another. She has plenty of stamina in her pedigree and could well make up into a useful middle distance prospect in time. She will most definitely be out for an early season maiden, and should then progress from there.



Zaahy

3YO CHESTNUT COLT £3,719

More Than Ready (USA) (8.2f) — Sangam (USA) (Majestic Light (USA) (9.4f))

OR

92

FORM

41-

DI

2.14

CD

0.64

Our View

Always held in high regard, Zaahy was expected to make a bold show on debut in a conditions race which saw some smart horses in opposition. Subsequently won by Poet's Voice by some way, Zaahy finished last of the four runners but showed plenty of promise despite being quite green on this first run, and a maiden win in time looks a formality en-route to better things.

His next run was a better indicator of his ability, this time on the Polytrack at Lingfield, Zaahy put away a very smart rival in Champagne Style who went on to win a decent conditions race at Newmarket on his next run. Held up early, he was pulled out to the outside into the straight and swept by his rivals to win drawing clear, this was a stylish performance from a colt with a future.

SUMMARY

An Irish 2000 Guineas entry is a fair option for Zaahy who has confirmed he is a colt with some promise indeed. Being by More Than Ready and his already apparent liking for the Polytrack, the logical Guineas trial would be the Easter Stakes at Kempton Park in May. This would be an indicator as to what they're dealing with in terms of his ability in line with other Guineas prospects from other stables but rest assured Peter Chapple-Hyam thinks quite a bit of this young chestnut.



Valley Aunt

3YO CHESTNUT FILLY £0

Pivotal (7.7f) — Aunt Pearl (USA) (Seattle Slew (USA) (8.9f))

OR

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FORM

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DI

2.69

CD

0.83

SUMMARY

Another well regarded unraced filly for the St Gatien handler, and for the same owner Andrew Black. This filly has more pace in her pedigree than Blast Furnace and should be much more a Guineas type. Quite whether she has that class is unknown and very doubtful, but she should be able to win a race or two during the season and will be out early for a maiden.



Open Sesame

4YO BAY GELDING £9,066

Key Of Luck (USA) (9.2f) — Chiquita Linda (IRE) (Mujadil (USA) (7.8f))

OR

87

FORM

111-

DI

1.89

CD

0.42

Our View

Made his debut at Great Leighs back in January 2009, Open Sesame has put himself forward as a handicapper to follow for the 2010 season. Peter Chapple-Hyam may have lost a few of his most talented horses in the yard recently, but he still has a few sorts to go to war with. Held up early on, he made headway to track the leaders 2f out, ridden to lead as they approached the final furlong Open Sesame quickened up well against some admittedly average horses.

His next run came at Newmarket and on the turf for the first time; Open Sesame was slowly into stride but got himself into contention at the half-way stage. Ridden to lead at the furlong pole, the son of Key Of Luck quickened up smartly and galloped all the way to the line to put the handicap to bed in a few strides.

His third outing came just a week later on drastically differing conditions. Upped in trip to ten furlongs after his win over a mile at Newmarket, he was racing on Heavy ground for the first time instead of the good-to-firm encountered at Newmarket. He however took this in his strides and although a touch keen early, he was ridden to lead at the two furlong pole and was driven out to score by almost four lengths.

SUMMARY

Although his wins came off lower marks the gelded son of Key Of Luck still has improvement in him and unraced since he can only improve into his four-year-old career on what we have seen so far and should be placed to effect by Peter Chapple-Hyam.



Barry Hills 16%- £1.95M

Residency – Lambourn, Berkshire

Retainer – Michael Hills / Richard Hills



Ouqba

4YO BAY COLT £140,703

Red Ransom (USA) (8.9f) — Dancing Mirage (IRE) (Machiavellian (USA) (9.2f))

OR
114

FORM
1642-

DI
1.96

CD
0.53

Our View

After an average/good two-year-old season, Ouqba made his return to the track for his classic campaign in the Free Handicap (Listed) at Newmarket in the spring. Settled early in a race where many of his rivals were very free in the early stages, Ouqba made smooth progress to press the lead approaching the two furlong pole. Quickening up smartly just inside the two furlong pole, Ouqba went a couple of lengths clear in near effortless style and maintained his advantage all the way to the line in the style of a smart horse on the up.

He wasn't supposed to run in the Guineas at Newmarket but his work at home had been so impressive, connections thought they had to take their chance with the son of Red Ransom. However he proved unable to match the class of Sea The Stars and co, and dropped away at the two furlong pole suggesting a drop back in trip was needed.

His third run came at Ascot in the Jersey Stakes (Gp3), his intended target. He was sent off an unfavoured 12/1 chance and after being held up early he began to struggle at the half-way stage until picking up smartly just outside the furlong pole to close on his rivals. He picked up Deposer inside the final furlong to win going away in a very smart time.

A below par run at Goodwood in Lennox Stakes (Gp2), Ouqba returned to form in the Park Stakes (Gp2) at Doncaster going down by 0.75L to Duff in an excellent piece of race-riding from Fran Berry. He was driven to chase Duff who made a kick for home alone down the stands rail, and from last place Richard Hills sent Ouqba in pursuit of Duff, however the effort taken to close down on the leader probably cost him second place in the end.

His final run of the year came back at Newmarket in the VC Challenge Stakes (Gp2), and was arguably unlucky not to add this Gp2 as he was short of room behind Ashram and Cuis Ghaire at around the two marker. He ran on strongly when in the clear, but the winner had taken first run and the line just beat him. A bump at the start did not help his cause as the intention had been to make more use of him.

SUMMARY

With Ouqba staying in training for his four-year-old season, he can repay his connections faith by returning to the track to win some nice races this year. He has clearly become somewhat of a specialist at 7f, and races in that sphere aren't as hotly contested as some of the bigger races at a mile, so it will be interesting to see what route they take with him. If he sticks to 7f this year, he'll win two or three Group races at the level and earn his keep.



Redwood

4YO BAY COLT £32,023

High Chaparral (IRE) (9.6f) — Arum Lily (USA) (Woodman (USA) (9.9f))

OR
107

FORM
119-

DI
1.15

CD
0.29

Our View

Always highly thought of, Redwood made his debut on the track at Newmarket at the backend of 2008. A decent maiden at the time, he was sent off a massive 22/1 in a race where he was expected to benefit for the experience. Held up early, he was travelling really well in-behind rivals and when Richard Hills asked him to go and win his race, he ran on really nicely despite hanging to his left to win going away from his rivals in the style of a good horse.

With just the one run as a two-year-old, Redwood would return at Newmarket again for the Fielden Stakes (Listed) with a host of decent opponents such as Ballydoyle Derby prospect Drumbeat, Henry Cecil's On Our Way and a couple of other decent sorts – however with just one run under his belt, Redwood was slowly into stride like he was on his debut, still green he was pushed along at the three furlong pole despite hanging right he quickened up smartly to lead at the furlong pole, and then begun to hang left under Michael Hills but galloped all the way to the line to confirm his debut promise.

His third and final run to date came in the Dante Stakes (Gp2) at York, in which has turned out to be quite an odd race. In touch early, he made some nice headway under pressure to the two furlong pole, edging left and showing his inexperience he weakened inside the final furlong to finish ninth. His rider reported that he ran flat so would be worth another try in this sort of grade.

SUMMARY

With just the three runs under his belt, Redwood is still very much unexposed. His last run he was reported to have run flat by Michael Hills and with that in mind is worth another chance. Has not been seen since this effort so something has obviously come to light after this race they weren't happy with. Given a whole year off to strengthen up and improve this lightly raced son of High Chaparral could win some real nice races this year for his stable.



Rashaad

3YO BAY COLT £4,533

Smart Strike (CAN) (11.2f) — Martinique (USA) (Pleasant Colony (USA) (11.8f))

OR
87

FORM
1-

DI
2.79

CD
0.67

Our View

Rashaad made his debut at Doncaster in a Class 4 Maiden that consisted of 13 runners, 6 of those had previous experience with the race being surrounded by Michael Jarvis's £100,000 purchase Robinson Crusoe who had finished 6th in the Tattersalls Timeform Million Sprint at Newmarket in his previous race.

There was support all day from 10's into 3's for Rashaad and Tadgh O'Shea had the pressures of landing the gamble, dwelling slightly in the stalls Tadgh made it clear he was going to track Robinson Crusoe who had sweated up badly beforehand but eventually made the running out in front, entering the final 3 furlongs still in a handy position Tadgh refused to give the front runner an easy lead who had at this stage began to stride on out in front with the rest of the field behind in trouble, approaching the final furlong Rashaad was still yet to get upsides the leader but the colt began to eat up the ground with some giant strides inside the final furlong to run down the eventual 2nd going away strongly past the post in what was a taking debut effort.

The race was run 1 and ½ seconds slower than the first division in which impressive stable mate Tamaathul won from pillar to post, this shouldn't detract from the winner's performance as that 1 and ½ second was lost in the first 4 furlongs where the pace was deceptively slow as none of the jockeys were sure on who wanted to take the lead.

SUMMARY

Rashaad is a son of Smart Strike who was a classy miler in America but most notably sire of Curlin; he has also produced 21 Group 1 wins Worldwide. Rashaad is out of Martinique a decent miler in America and is a full brother to Communique, a winner twice over 10 & 12 furlongs in Group Company in America and placing 5 times in his 13 career starts.

There is a heavy association with the US in Rashaad's pedigree but he handled the turf impeccably at Doncaster showing a decent turn off foot looking like he'll appreciate even further. He's a lovely sized colt who has plenty of room for improvement and will get better with age which will bring him on further in distance; there are no big engagements for Rashaad and given his official rating off 87 he'll remain a big danger in handicaps, there should be plenty of opportunities in 2010 to bring him on to become a potential Group Class animal in the future.



Critical Moment

3YO BAY COLT £7,248

Aptitude (USA) (10.6f) — Rouwaki (USA) (Miswaki (USA) (8.3f)

OR
100

FORM
315-

DI
2.76

CD
0.78

Our View

Critical Moment made his debut at Newmarket in a Class 4 Maiden over 7 furlongs which featured the well fancied odds on favourite Awesome Act from the Jeremy Nosedo yard. The Barry Hills runner was weak in the market at 18-1 with Robert Winston taking the ride, held up in rear and green in the early stages Robert Winston followed the free running Awesome Act, travelling well until coming off the bridle as the pace lifted entering the final 3 furlongs Critical Moment was still in 4th approaching the final furlong before a grinding finish up the hill to finish 3rd although he still put 5 lengths between himself and 4th inside the final furlong as the front three came clear.

There would be a return to the track at Newbury in September competing in a Class 4 Maiden over the 7 furlongs were Critical Moment would only be one of four in the 13 runner field that had previous experience and was no surprise to see him go off even money favourite after his exploits at Newmarket last time out. There was a change in tactics with Michael Hills taking it upon himself to set the pace out in front with Michael Stoute's Lay Claim, slowly he wound up the pace as the front two were both under a strong drive entering the final furlong, briefly headed with 150 yards to go Critical Moment fought back to claim a tight success by a nose from the runner up Lay Claim as the rest of the field were unable to get on terms with the pair.

Stepped up to Group 3 Company in the Horris Hill at Newbury, the ground was on the testing side where Critical Moment would be up against a very speedily breed field of runners as Michael Hills quiet rightly settled for a position in midfield, still travelling well past the 3f pole Michael Hills found himself trapped behind a wall of runners and was unable to find a gap until just outside the final furlong were Critical Moment stayed on creditably down the centre on the unfavoured part of the track to finish a staying on 5th.

SUMMARY

Critical Moment is a son of Aptitude a top class dirt horse over 10 furlongs, out of Rouwaki whose a half sister to Kentucky Oaks winner Flute, his half brothers Rattan and Cornish Castle were winners over 8f on the flat and are now applying their trade in National Hunt racing.

There is no doubt that Critical Moment will be a much more stronger horse this year and will apply his trade over middle distances, he showed determination to win last and resolution to handle different tactics and ground conditions equally as each other.

There are no big engagements for Critical Moment but given his trouble in running in the Horris Hill and the need for further his Official Rating of 100 doesn't reflect his ability, he'll remain a consistent type next year.



Tamaathul

3YO GREY COLT £5,978

Tiger Hill (IRE) (11.0f) — Tahrir (IRE) (Linamix (FR) (10.9f))

OR
87

FORM
21-

DI
1.50

CD
0.30

Our View

Tamaathul made his debut over the mile trip at Newbury in Class 4 Maiden were only 5 runners of the 16 had previous experience, the betting was all about Brian Meehan's Dancing David who is highly thought off and went on to finish 4th in the Racing Post Trophy. There was 16mm of rain the night before making conditions on the testing side, the field split into two groups and Richard Hills settled for a position down the centre in midfield and came more towards the stands rail to follow Dancing David's path past the 3 pole, niggled along past the two pole Richard Hills didn't ask Tamaathul any serious question but never remained more than 1-2 lengths off the eventual winner staying on well towards the finish, this was a very pleasing effort

After his exertions at Newbury Tamaathul would take his chance in a Class 4 Maiden at Doncaster were he would encounter a drop to 7 furlongs and much faster ground which proved to be to his liking, going off a well backed 5-4F Tadhg O'Shea had the responsibility of riding Tamaathul and he gave the horse a very positive ride. The grey colt burst out of the gates with Tadhg happy to leave him out in front, he set a decent early gallop down the centre of the track when wandering about approaching the 2 furlong pole but he still retained an impressive margin with the runners in behind well spread out and continued this relentless assault being pushed out hands n heels in the final furlong and eased towards the finish.

SUMMARY

Tamaathul is a son of Tiger Hill a top class German 10-12 furlong horse who can sire decent milers to strong middle distance progeny with the odd stayer like most recently Darley Sun. He's out Tahrir who was a decent 6-7 furlong performer for Barry Hills, she's from a family which consists of 4 black type winners including herself, full sister to French runners Mister Charm and Green Channel both winners over 7-8 furlongs and half sister to Mister Sascha who came 5th in the Prix Jean Prat behind eventual Arc winner Bago.

There is a lot to like about this striking grey colt who has such a lovely action, he made a pleasing debut when well looked after by Richard Hills and he wasn't weakening at the finish either which suggests he can get further than the mile, looking back through his bloodline there has been a liking for the testing conditions he encountered. The run at Doncaster emphasised the horses speed brought out by his mother and the different class bracket that he was in on the day compared to his rivals.

Tamaathul holds an entry for the Derby but there are stronger contenders at this stage, with an Official Rating of 87 he will be able to take down a handicap or two on route to what looks like a career in Group company and he'll remain a formidable opponent over 8-10 furlongs next year.



Sent From Heaven

3YO BAY FILLY £50,495

Footstepsinthesand (6.5f) — Crystal Valkyrie (IRE) (Danehill (USA) (9.1f))

OR
105

FORM
1314-

DI
1.10

CD
0.14

Our View

Sent From Heaven made her debut at in a Class 4 Fillies Maiden at Kempton over the 7 furlongs where she was well backed into favouritism, Michael Hills landed the with the burden of getting her home which couldn't have been an easier job. The filly was slowly away although no panic as Michael Hills urged her along into midfield, approaching the straight and still on the bridle towards the rail he waited with her for as long as possible until letting her go approaching the final furlong and after a few sharp reminders she powered away towards the finish.

She was kept to 7 furlongs in the Sweet Solera on her next outing at Newmarket, Michael Hills faced with another slow break held her up towards the rear although she wanted to go faster by sending a message to Michael Hills flashing her tail, he eventually let the filly come into the race entering the final 2 furlongs but unable to gain any ground on the leaders as her best work came in the last 150 yards staying on strongly for 3rd.

Kept to Group 3 Company and 7 furlongs, she would run in the Prestige Stakes at Goodwood this time with Robert Winston taking the ride, she broke smarter this time and hit the front to make the running were she looked happy, Robert Winston began to wind up the pace past the 3 pole and still going easy past the 2 but she began to idle out in front as 3 runners closed her advantage down to a Nose, Short Head, Head finish but she held on to claim victory.

Stepped up in distance to a mile and in class to Group 1 Company in the Fillies Mile at Ascot and Michael Hills was retained for the ride, breaking well there was a reluctance from other riders to set the pace which saw Hills go to the front with Sent From Heaven, still with her lead and flashing the tail past the 2 furlong pole she saw off Lady Darshaan briefly before Hibaayeb came up the stands rail to mount her challenge, she was badly impeded inside the final furlong although looking beat she stayed and held on well for 4th.

SUMMARY

Sent From Heaven is a daughter of Footstepsinthesand, a 2000 Guineas winner who had a good start with foals in 2009 most notably Steinbeck 4th in the Dewhurst, she's out of Crystal Valkyrie an average 10 furlong handicapper. The filly is a half sister to Above Average who won the Sandown Classic Trial and Spinning Crystal a winner over 6f.

She's a confident and lovely sized filly who'll come on stronger with age; the mile will be her absolute optimum next year with 10-12 furlongs more in her radar. There are no big engagements for Sent From Heaven and off 105 we might see her go for one of the early trials like Above Average.



Esaar

3YO BAY COLT £2,649

Mr Greeley (USA) (8.1f) — Al Desima (Emperor Jones (USA) (8.8f))

OR

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FORM

32-

DI

3.00

CD

0.86

Our View

Esaar made his debut in a decent looking Maiden at Newmarket in August over the 7 furlong trip; he was well supported beforehand being backed in to 3-1 from 8-1 in the morning. Richard Hills had no troubles breaking from the stalls and rode him and he found him up in 3rd, still going comfortably past the 2 furlong pole Richard Hills waited for the challengers either side to lighten up his mount before asking a question and the response wasn't immediate briefly checked entering the final furlong but made steady headway towards the finish under a hands n heels ride.

There was no surprise to see Esaar go off odds on favourite on his reappearance which was over the same course and distance as last time out, Richard Hills cut out a decent early pace with Invincible Soul and the two were still out in front past the 2 furlong pole with Richard Hills most notably going the smoother on the bridle, Esaar kicked into a 1 length lead inside the final furlong before idling out in front to be caught by the staying on Swiss Cross near the death.

SUMMARY

Esaar is a son of Mr Greeley who's a top class 6-7 furlong performer in America, he's out of Al Desima a black type mare over 7 furlongs and is a half brother to Qeyaada a 5-6 furlong winner in Ireland, Altilhar a 130 rated Hurdler for Gary Moore and Rublevka Star a winner over 5 furlongs.

This is a nice moving horse who has shown plenty of pace in his two races and no doubt his absolute optimum trip will be the mile, he will come on leaps and bounds this year with the winter under his belt and an entry in the Irish 2000 Guineas entry at this stage is a little optimistic but isn't a far cry from the horses potential level of Racing in the future, eligible for handicaps it's going to be interesting to see if Barry Hills will blow that out the way by targeting an early season race such as the Craven and will know a little more then..



Cultivar

3YO BAY COLT £722

Xaar (7.9f) — New Orchid (USA) (Quest For Fame (11.3f))

OR

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FORM

36-

DI

1.22

CD

0.25

Our View

Cultivar was weak in the market at 20-1 for his debut at Newbury over the 7 furlongs in a class 4 Maiden, the race was centred around John Gosden's Pounced who went off odds on favourite and later went on to win a Group 2 over at Santa Anita. The reins were handed to Robert Winston who dropped the colt out towards the rear of the field early on; approaching the final furlong front runner Pounced had kicked clear off the front with Robert Winston having 3-4 lengths to find from way back as the field appeared well spread out, Cultivar stayed on towards the finish for a well held 3rd behind Markazzi and easy winner Pounced.

The reappearance to the racecourse would see Cultivar come up against a familiar face in Markazzi whom both would appear better for the experience; this 7 furlong class 4 Maiden would come on a day were Leicester hadn't seen ground so fast as course standards were being broke all over the place. The responsibility was left with Michael Hills who dropped the colt out towards the rear, still going better than the rest past the 2 furlong pole he was asked to start picking off those around him but he failed to set any impression weakening in 6th position.

SUMMARY

Cultivar is a son of Xaar the Champion 2 year old of 1997 who produces decent 5-7 furlong progeny and has a good record with 2 year olds; he's out New Orchid a winner over 10f and placed in listed company over 12f who is a sister to Distant Music a classy multiple Group winning mare for Barry Hills but is most eye catching is Cultivar is a half brother to multiple Group winner African Rose.

There is no doubt that Cultivar is going to appreciate more give in the ground, a really nice individual who has a decent sized frame to fill and he can become a greater threat this year especially off such a lenient mark. There should be no problems in seeing out the 6 furlongs this year and could be a potential danger in heritage handicap sprints before working his way towards black type, I do though feel the give in the ground may be imperative to his chances.



Sunrise Shuffle

3YO BAY FILLY £0

Danehill Dancer (IRE) (8.0f) — Silky Dawn (IRE) (Night Shift (USA) (8.0f))

OR

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FORM

9-

DI

1.75

CD

0.45

Our View

Sunrise Shuffle made her debut in the back end of the season at Newmarket in class 4 Maiden over 7 furlongs were 20 other runners would take their chances, the ground was on the softer side after a flurry off overnight rain and the market was speaking in favour of Sir Michael Stoute's Revered. With two other runners in the race for Barry Hills Sunrise Shuffle was the least favoured out at 40-1 in the market and William Buick was given a chance on the filly, she broke away well enough and settled towards the rear travelling well to the 3 furlong pole when coming under pressure, with 6 lengths to make up on the leader she wasn't doing anything quickly and found herself badly hampered bringing her to the unfavoured stands rail but to her credit despite running green she done a lot of good work towards the finish to come 9th and took a while to pull up at the end.

SUMMARY

Sunrise Shuffle is a daughter of Danehill Dancer; a champion sire of progeny ranging from 5-10 furlongs, she's out of Silky Dawn a decent miler who came 5th in the Rockfel. The 3 year old filly is also a half sister to Sun Ship and Catbang who were winners over 6-7 furlongs respectively.

This isn't a filly without ability, one who'll appreciate a faster surface and a more positive riding style next year who will see out the mile trip no problem.



Mark Johnston 18%- £2.8M

Residency – Middleham Moor, North Yorkshire

Retainer – Joe Fanning / Greg Fairley



Awzaan

3YO BROWN COLT £166,370

Alhaarth (IRE) (10.2f) — Nufoos (Zafonic (USA) (8.6f))

OR
117

FORM
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DI
3.00

CD
0.80

Our View

Awzaan made his racecourse debut in June at Hamilton over the 6f trip, very coltish in the preliminaries he made a solid impression when making all for Greg Fairley as he never saw another rival. The yard considered stepping him up in trip after his victory at Hamilton but decided to enter him in a tough looking 6f Conditions event at Newmarket under the owners wishes yet he made it look all too easy, held up off a decent gallop Richard Hills brought the colt wide for his efforts 2f out and he ran away with the race after shooting clear by 5l inside the final furlong.

Mark Johnston would give Awzaan a month off when deciding to enter him for the Mill Reef at Newbury in September; the race was much surrounded by Brian Meehan's Radiohead who had run a fantastic 3rd in the Nunthorpe previously yet it was an impressive performance from Awzaan that stole the headlines, held up off an average clip set by Quarrel the Mark Johnston colt came upsides the leaders in effortless fashion before being asked to go lengthen clear and he duly obliged in taking style showing a clean pair of heels to those in behind.

There was no getting away from the fact Awzaan was a pretty serious horse and his next port of call would be the Middle Park at Newmarket which despite just the 5 runners it was a pretty strong contest, not the smartest away Richard Hills settled Awzaan more prominently alongside Arctic and Poet's Voice and the race unfolded inside the final 2 furlongs as Awzaan hit the front he only needed one sharp reminder entering the final furlong before holding off his rivals a shade cosily despite hanging to the left.

SUMMARY

Awzaan is a son of Alhaarth who was a top class miler and a classy sire who produces a solid variety of progeny, he's out of Nufoos a black type winning mare for Mark Johnston winning 3 out of her 13 starts coming over 5-7f.

The Mark Johnston colt isn't the biggest in the world yet he's very athletic and holds a potent turn of foot, his cruising speed last year was impressive and even more so was his turn of foot which really leads you to believe he's going to be a sprinter, there are far more stronger candidates for the 2000 Guineas at this stage but if he does take his chance then Awzaan wouldn't be disgraced.



Electioneer

3YO BAY GELDING £4,312

Elusive Quality (USA) (7.8f) — Secret Charm (IRE) (Green Desert (USA) (7.9f))

OR
76

FORM
419-

DI
3.00

CD
0.77

Our View

Electioneer made his debut at Bath over the 6f trip which the track proved to be too sharp for him on the day, Royston Ffrench on the 5-2 shot was slow away when dwelling at the start and continued to run very green at the rear of the field losing his place on bend, given a smack he began to understand more and straightened up when making headway inside final furlong along the rail but the race had gone. Mark Johnston would enter him over 5f at Beverley were the colt enjoyed the straight course, settled in share of the lead Jean Pierre Guillambert travelled well in front when still sharing 2nd approaching the final furlong Electioneer changed legs and found more staying on well at the finish when receiving a few smacks.

The route into Nurseries beckoned with an entry at Newmarket in August over 5f, Electioneer would prove to be restless in the stalls for Joe Fanning but broke well to settle for a position in midfield, surprisingly he came off the bridle early when pushed along 3f from home, outpaced entering the final furlong he stayed on without threatening into 5th before being eased and finishing in 9th.

SUMMARY

Electioneer is a son of Elusive Quality; a top class 6-8f dirt performer in the States who can produce very strong milers. He's out Secret Charm a top class 2yo who won 3 of her 9 races including 5th in both the English and Irish 1000 Guineas, she's also a half sister to Relish The Thought an Oaks 3rd in 2001.

Electioneer put up an unexplainable performance at Newmarket but showed enough at Beverley to be hopeful especially the time which was recorded, he's a nice sized individual with plenty of strengthening up to do and he remains a very unexposed horse off 76 and will prove to be a progressive miler this year.



Bowmaker

3YO BAY GELDING £4,038

Dubawi (IRE) (8.0f) — Viola Da Braccio (IRE) (Vettori (IRE) (10.9f))

OR
85

FORM
13-

DI
2.00

CD
0.50

Our View

Bowmaker made his debut at Southwell on the 27th of October over 6 furlongs which was a rather late appearance to the racecourse yet made up for lost time in what was an easy victory; Royston Ffrench chased the early leaders before coming into the lead casually 1 furlong from home when pushed out towards the line for a 7l success.

Mark Johnston withdrew Bowmaker from a 3 year old handicap near the turn of the year when the ground was extremely testing, however Bowmaker would shortly make a reappearance at Lingfield going off a short 4/9 favourite, Joe Fanning employed the same tactics as Royston Ffrench last time out and travelled well behind the leader Raddy 'Ell Pauline when turning into the home straight Joe Fanning decided to go for a gap down the rail which was abruptly ended by the leader hanging left causing a Bowmaker to be snatched up severely when going for what looked like a strong winning run.

SUMMARY

Bowmaker is a son of Dubawi who won the Irish 2000 Guineas and had a encouraging start in 2009 with his first crop including Group 2 winners Sand Vixen and Poets Voice. He's out of Viola Da Braccio who was unable to win in her 5 starts but is a half sister to Offshore Boom who is dam of Rock Of Gibraltar.

Bowmaker is a very promising sort who was unlucky not to remain unbeaten after the fiasco at Lingfield; he put up a good time at Southwell and should develop into a progressive miler this year.



Comedy Hall

3YO BAY COLT £12,877

Valid Expectations (USA) — Comedy At The Met (USA) (Metfield (USA))

OR
92

FORM
52171-

DI
3.00

CD
0.93

Our View

Comedy Hall made his debut at Newmarket on the 18th of July over 6f; Greg Fairley took the ride on the 8-1 shot where he was too green to do himself justice as he could never get on terms when weakening inside the final furlong into 5th with the front three who all had previous experience. There would be much more promise when returning to the racecourse at Southwell in August, still kept over the 6f trip he bumped into one too good on the day in Circumvent who's gone onto become a Group horse although he didn't do his chances any good by being slow away yet he railed for pressure inside the final furlong although it was far too late, beaten a short head.

Catterick would be Comedy Hall's next stomping ground, yet again odds on favourite but dropped in class and in trip which made all the difference despite the desperate ground conditions, Greg Fairley made no bones about contemplating race tactics when bouncing out the stalls to lead at a strong gallop, he wouldn't see another rival when pushing the colt out to a 5 length win. The step up to a Class 3 Nursery at Ayr would be all too much for Comedy Hall as he had to carry top weight and matters weren't helped as he missed the break which Greg Fairley could never get the horse back on terms.

The faith in Comedy Hall had been lost as twice he was odds on favourite this season yet when appearing in a Class 3 Nursery at Warwick he would be left to go off at 11-1 after his recent exploits at Ayr which the handicapper left him on an Official Rating of 87. A lot tidier away for Greg Fairley this time as he would lay up with the pacemaker Mdawee, losing his position approaching the straight as he tried to find the right lead Comedy Hall held his head to the right entering the straight before finally getting the hand of things as he changed his legs inside the final furlong and stayed on strongly to beat Ongoodform by a ½ length, recording a good time in the process.

SUMMARY

Comedy Hall is a son of Valid Expectations who is a high class 6-8f dirt performer in the states; he's out of Comedy At The Met who is an unraced half sister to Kela a multiple 8-9f Group winner on dirt. There is a lot to like about Comedy Hall who has shown plenty of speed in his young career yet looking so fresh and novicey at Warwick on his last start which puts his potential into perspective, there is a lot more to come from the 3 year old colt who has showed his versatility on contrasting grounds and will prove to be far better than his 92 mark.



Colepeper

3YO BAY COLT £5,042

Cape Cross (IRE) (8.7f) — Autumn Wealth (IRE) (Cadeaux Genereux (7.8f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
95	2715-	2.20	0.56

Our View

Colepeper made his debut at Hamilton on 19th of August, the ground was described as soft and the Mark Johnston runner went off a supported 5-2 chance but there was little to separate between the front two on a day when it took some getting up the Hamilton hill, Colepeper under the guidance of Greg Fairley set out ahead of affairs going a decent clip when coming under pressure 2f out and tiring towards the finish hanging to the left in the process when beat ½ a length. There would be a step up to 7f when tried at Thirsk in maiden Company next time out but he was found wanting inside the final furlong for Andrew Elliot after missing the break he could never get back on terms from his rear position.

When entered at Catterick 2 weeks later Colepeper would improve tremendously for the faster ground recording a ferocious time in the process, dropped back in trip to 6f he went off 7-4 with Gregg Fairley back on board who bounced from the gates to set a good gallop, he was green when looking around taking the bends but still with a solid advantage coming inside the final furlong he lengthened clear in impressive fashion being eased towards finish with his ears pricked. This was an encouraging run from Colepeper who would be given a mark of 95 for his exploits at Catterick which meant he was Nursery bound and that decision came at York in October as he would carry a top weight of 9-7 and put in a brave display, drawn out wide in stall 2 he wasn't the fastest away as Greg Fairley looked happy to settle him in behind the leaders, following Flaneur Colepeper came under pressure entering the final two furlongs when briefly coming into the race for his chance in a 4 way lead entering the final furlong but the weight told towards the finish despite showing tremendous resolution not to fold away near the finish.

SUMMARY

Colepeper is a son of Cape Cross; a sire renowned for producing Sea The Stars but a superb miler in his own right with an excellent range of progeny from 5-12f, he's out of Autumn Wealth a cracking black type mare of Amanda Perrett's who won 3 of her 11 races including coming 5th behind Ouija Board at Newmarket.

Despite being from such a stamina influenced mare his speed and size would lead you to believe he'll be a black type winning 5-7f horse in 2010, he looks a fast ground performer when bouncing off the surface at Catterick and with undoubted ability plus resolution there's plenty more to come from Colepeper.



Guest Book

3YO BAY COLT £5,614

Green Desert (USA) (7.9f) — Your Welcome (Darshaan (11.7f))

OR
83

FORM
612-

DI
1.62

CD
0.69

Our View

Guest Book made his debut at Newmarket on the 29th of August over the 6f where he went of 20-1 outsider under the hands of Royston Ffrench, he was well enough away and settled in midfield but soon come under pressure past the 3f pole, hanging left under pressure Guest Book stayed on the steadily towards the finish.

He would step up to 7f at Chepstow next time out as a short priced favourite under Jean Pierre Guillambert, a more positive style saw Guest Book race closer to the pace in 4th were he run around a little but he came through strongly to lead inside the final 2f and ran on for pressure to win by ½ length as he really bounced off this surface.

Later that month Guest Book would be tried in a class 3 Nursery at Ascot with his 3rd different jockey in Richard Hills who wasn't helped by the horse sweating up badly before the off yet he wasn't deterred from racing up with the pace alongside Astonishment, Guest Book was the last to come of the bridle as he was going easily inside the final 2f but came under pressure entering the final furlong and run around when swamped by the eventual winner Pleasant Day who's subsequently gone on to run 2nd in a Group 3.

SUMMARY

Guest Book is a son of Green Desert a top class sprinter and miler but also a legendary sire, he's out of Your Welcome who only run the 3 times placing over 12f at Longchamp. He is a full brother to thankfully who only managed 2 racecourse starts and unsuccessful in both.

This 3 year old colt put back to back efforts in the clock last year that signalled his promise and potential beyond his current Official Rating, he looked a little bit weak and lazy up the hill at Newmarket but strengthened up for the run when looking a complete different horse at Chepstow, his sweating up fiasco at Ascot is a worry but he still ran well for 90% of the race and will be a danger off his mark in handicaps over 6-8f especially on quicker ground.



3YO BAY FILLY £12,901

Intikhab (USA) (8.6f) — Banaadir (USA) (Diesis (9.5f))

OR
90

FORM
121-

DI
1.74

CD
0.38

Our View

Hafawa made her debut at Pontefract in a class 4 Maiden over the 6f in June, Tadgh O'Shea was riding the 6-1 shot who was held up towards the rear after being slow away, she was unable to handle the bends and lost his position coming past the 2f but Tadgh O'Shea kept on bringing her wide for a run in the straight where she took a while to change legs but found her stride inside the final furlong despite lugging to the left, she took a while to stop past the post.

Mark Johnston would enter this filly in a Conditions event at Ripon in August over the 6f, slow away Tadgh O'Shea settled towards rear where she was a little keen and had to be niggled along, brought to wide Hafawa came upside the leaders entering the final 2f but drifted right when asked a serious question although she stayed on well towards the finish and was beaten a short head, there was plenty more in the tank as she ran past the eventual winner past the line.

There would be an inevitable step up to 7f at Leicester in October in a strong little Conditions event, Richard Hills had his first ride on the filly and decided to let her race up with the pace alongside Godolphin's Dawnbreak in 2nd, she was still keen but travelled well into the final 2 furlongs as the front two fought out the finish with Richard Hills's mount staying on stronger to win by 4l.

SUMMARY

Hafawa is a daughter of Intikhab who was a top class miler and he produces real durable sorts especially good with fillies, she's out of Banaadir who raced the three times over 10f for John Dunlop without managing to win. Hafawa is a half sister to Jidaar a 9f winner at 3, Alaneed a 9f winner at 3 for Dermot Weld and Hukba a 10f winner in France.

Hafawa is a real headstrong filly who knows she has something about herself, she's has a lovely compact conformation with a deep girth and Mark Johnston would have been trying to settle her down over the winter. There is no doubt she is far better than the mark of 90 that she currently enters the season with and a larger field with a stronger pace may be right up her street making her a big danger this year over 8-10f.



Karaka Jack

3YO CHESTNUT COLT £13,207

Pivotal (7.7f) — Mauri Moon (Green Desert (USA) (7.9f))

OR
90

FORM
4011-

DI
1.32

CD
0.14

Our View

Karaka Jack began his career at Pontefract on the 24th of September over 6 furlongs, the race was much geared around Sir Michael Stoute's odds on shot Racy, weak in the market and the only runner in the field without experience and Royston Ffrench task was made harder when Karaka Jack missed the break, running green throughout the race was over turning into the home straight but he made some steady headway.

Mark Johnston's confidence in this horse was as such he entered him into the Tattersalls Time Form Million at Newmarket over 7f despite holding 2 other entries in this race, there was somewhat of a bias favouring high draws and Jimmy Quinn on Karaka Jack was drawn in 6, prominent towards the stands side Karaka Jack came under pressure and was soon short of room coming inside the final 2 furlongs which put pay to his chances.

Things came a little easier when dropped back into Maiden Company at York next time out over 7f, Greg Fairley broke well to lead and had no intentions of messing around as Karaka Jack showed great speed n determination to make all and fiend off some well fancied challenger's in behind.

His 3rd race in October would come at Southwell over the 7f in a Nursery, given a mark of 76 the well backed Karaka Jack under the hand ride of Greg Fairley would make a mockery of his mark, not messing about as he set the early pace Greg Fairley would not see another horse as those in behind couldn't get on terms with Karaka Jack who ran away inside the final furlong for an 8 length win.

SUMMARY

Karaka Jack is a son of Pivotal who was a high class sprinter that produces progressive progeny; he's out of Mauri Moon who was a black type mare over 6-7f for Geoff Wragg winning 4 of her 15 starts. The 3 year old cot is a full brother to Shamayela 7f winner at 2, half brother to Capannina a 7f winner at 2 and Kiwi Moon an 8f winner at 2.

Karaka Jack progressed nicely towards the end of last year who showed a lovely temperament and will be even stronger for his break over the winter; with a mark of 90 he should be looking at competing in a heritage handicap or two and possibly on route to listed company.



Andrew Balding 14% - £783K

Residency – Kingclere, Newbury

Retainer – David Probert / Jimmy Fortune



Bernie The Bolt

4YO BAY GELDING £35,315

Milan (16.0f) — Chaparral Lady (IRE) (Broken Hearted (10.1f))

OR
95

FORM
33131-

DI
0.52

CD
-0.25

Our View

A horse which began his year racing over ten furlongs at Windsor, Bernie The Bolt gradually improved throughout the year when upped in trip. His first notable piece of form was the third to Alanbrooke at Ascot. Kept well off the pace in a moderately run race, Bernie The Bolt made up plenty of ground in the closing stages but the front two had already gotten away from him.

After going to win his maiden next time, he then faced a trappy handicap at York with the likes of Alanbrooke in opposition again along with Akmal, a gelded son of Selkirk who, after winning this race went on to record victories in both Listed and Group 3 company. Held up again early he made good progress approaching the five furlong pole, but once again they'd already gone in front and he plugged on well at the finish to secure third spot.

His final run of the season came at Newmarket over the extra distance of 18f. Against Alanbrooke for the third time, and ridden in very much the same way as he previously had, Bernie The Bolt relished the step up in trip and readily picked up Alanbrooke just outside the furlong marker before skipping away readily to a cosy and authoritative success.

SUMMARY

As a son of Milan, Bernie The Bolt can only really improve on what he did last year as a three year old but it looks like extreme trips are going to be what's needed to get the best out of him. The Queen Alexandra at Royal Ascot could be an ideal race for him, as could the Ascot Stakes depending on his handicap mark. He looks the type to progress once again throughout the year and a potential tilt at the Cesarewich could be on the cards – it wouldn't be surprising were Andrew Balding to give him a spin over hurdles either later in the year.



Victoria Montoya

5YO BAY MARE £68,110

High Chaparral (IRE) (9.6f) — Spurred (USA) (Robellino (USA) (10.2f))

OR
96

FORM
122327-

DI
0.79

CD
-0.04

Our View

The mare started off her campaign with victory in a Newmarket handicap where the form has since worked out really well. She had clocked a very quick time in winning that handicap signalling there was still some improvement to come.

Second when well fancied at Sandown next time, she then returned to Sandown in a Listed race where she found one too good in Desert Sea on the day but battled all the way to the line to gain some black type for her connections.

A third at Goodwood next time in the Lillie Langtry Stakes (Gp3) she ran a really game race behind the Henry Cecil trained Sevens and once again picked up more black type.

She then returned to Goodwood for a Listed race and found Mourilyan too good on the day but she kept on stoutly in second place beating some smart horses in the process.

SUMMARY

A lovely game and honest finally she doesn't have much in the way of gears but she will continue to grind things out when things get tough. She had a good four year old season but appears to be getting better with age. Connections may well have covered her over the winter and she could return to the track in the early part of the season in rude health and is worth following if she does.



Pipette

3YO BAY FILLY £9,383

Pivotal (7.7f) — Amaryllis (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f))

OR
96

FORM
13-

DI
0.81

CD
-0.07

Our View

The daughter of Pivotal showed plenty of promise when winning on debut at Salisbury, and in the process beat off some smart horses. She was a little slowly away but made up ground to sit just off the leaders, but she hung markedly left when asked to go and win her race but once Liam Keniry straightened her up she kept on takingly to record an authoritative success despite showing signs of greenness. The third placed Golden Aria went on to beat the highly regarded Timepiece of Henry Cecil's next time out, and the fifth placed Lenkiewicz came third in the big Watership Down Stud Sales Race at Ascot.

After an impressive debut Pipette was pitched into Listed Company at Newmarket taking on a few smart fillies, and despite finishing third pulling clear of the fourth she would have won the race in another few strides. Still showing signs of greenness in the early stages, she got outpaced at a vital stage but kept on takingly once she met the rising ground.

SUMMARY

With just two runs under her belt Pipette definitely has scope for further improvement based on what she has already shown. A ready winner on softer ground at Salisbury she was a little unlucky at Newmarket in the sense that she would have won had the trip been a little longer which would suggest she is going to need at least ten furlongs this term and could well develop into a potential Oaks candidate. She is however worth keeping an eye on and is said to have improved over the winter months, she looks a smart filly.



Lord Zenith

3YO BAY COLT £6,847

Zamindar (USA) (8.1f) — Lady Donatella (Last Tycoon (9.5f))

OR
96

FORM
615-

DI
2.00

CD
0.78

Our View

Made a pleasing debut at Newbury in a very hot maiden won by Prix Morny winner Arcano, second was Gimcrack winner Showcasing, third listed placed Party Doctor, and back down in fifth Goffs Million Sprint winner Lucky General. With those sort of names in the bunch it was an impressive debut from Lord Zenith given Andrew Balding usually leaves a bit to work on.

He confirmed the promise of his debut with an impressive success at Salisbury, drawing clear from his rivals under hands and heels urgings.

His final run of the season came in the Superlative Stakes (Gp2) at Newmarket in July, and based on what we had seen so far this was a disappointing effort from the son of Zamindar. He was already pushed along when he was hampered in his run and looked to be struggling at the time but in fairness he kept on well enough and wasn't beaten very far in what was a messy race.

SUMMARY

Just the three runs for this smart son of Zamindar, Lord Zenith looks the type to improve this season and with a mile looking like his bare minimum he should pay his way for the Kingsclere team. He holds entries for the 2000 Guineas where he is currently 100/1; he is probably not in that class bracket but he will win races and is worth keeping an eye out for particularly on flat tracks.



Dromore

3YO BAY GELDING £2,914

Traditionally (USA) (8.1f) — Try To Catch Me (USA) (Shareef Dancer (USA) (9.9f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
75	7199-	4.33	1.09

Our View

Very green and slow away on debut, Dromore was out the back and out with the washing early but he kept on nicely enough in the closing stages of the race to suggest he had some ability.

Fresh from the experience of his debut outing, Dromore went to Salisbury next for an Auction Maiden where he got off the mark in a battling finish, where he was always holding his rivals at bay.

Two runs since at Doncaster in Nursery Company, ridden differently both times he still disappointed in never really getting involved and it will be interesting to see if he has improved over the winter after the handicapper has dropped him 5lbs in the weights.

SUMMARY

After a nice maiden win, Dromore has since run disappointingly the last twice, but he was made far too much use of at Doncaster the first time, racing wide throughout before dropping away and later when held up out the back he never got into the race under David Probert staying on at the finish. He has plenty of speed in his pedigree and it could be that seven furlongs is his preferred trip this year, he looks sure to have improved given his pedigree from the break in ages and he can pick up an early season race or two off this mark.



Tartan Trip

3YO BAY GELDING £1,573

Selkirk (USA) (8.9f) — Marajuana (Robellino (USA) (10.2f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
76	443-	1.57	0.44

Our View

Slowly away and green on his debut over six furlongs at York, Tartan Trip stepped up on that performance at Newmarket next time. Upped to seven furlongs in a race with some smart sorts he was out the back before making headway at the halfway stage, he plugged on well to the final furlong and got tired in the closing stages.

His third and final run came at Kempton where they tried to make more use of him, and that put paid to him in the closing stages losing second place. Chasing along the leader Golden Shaheen in a very good pace Tartan Trip didn't have the turn of foot to match the Godolphin runner and could only plug on at one pace.

SUMMARY

His breeding is littered with quirks from both his dam and sire side, but Tartan Trip has shown a decent attitude to date and with a break over the winter should have shown enough improvement and strengthened up to win a race or two off this mark for Andrew Balding this year.



Jeremy Noseda 18%- £1.15M

Residency – Newmarket, Suffolk

Retainer – Shane Kelly / Tom Queally



Leahurst

4YO GREY GELDING £109,709

Verglas (IRE) (9.1f) — Badee'A (IRE) (Marju (IRE) (9.2f))

OR
109

FORM
121-11

DI
3.00

CD
0.80

Our View

Always held in high regard, Leahurst is still pretty much lightly raced for a four-year-old and the gelded son of Verglas has shown plenty of ability on the track to date.

Starting off in a Yarmouth maiden, Leahurst was well supported but blew the start under Ryan Moore. He was chased along to get closer to the pace but dropped away inside the final furlong suggesting he was in need of the run.

Not seen until the following April, Leahurst made his return on the all-weather at Wolverhampton where he blasted away from smart rivals in a spectacular time on the clock in a race which has since worked out really well.

Second on heavy ground on the turf next time, Leahurst then returned to the all-weather when recording an easy on-the-bridle success under Darryl Holland off a mark of 89 to cement his claims as a top class all-weather horse.

Two runs this winter in Dubai on the Tapeta surface has further enhanced that claim, having won both of those he is still improving and looks a top class dirt performer.

SUMMARY

It remains to be seen if Leahurst will come back to the UK after his exploits in Dubai as he has shown a liking for the artificial surfaces and being a gelding it could be wise to send him over to the USA to take on some top prizes on his favoured surface. It'll be interesting to see where they go with him but he remains a top class racehorse with plenty of improvement still to come.



Sans Frontieres

4YO CHESTNUT COLT £33,381

Galileo (IRE) (11.2f) — Llia (Shirley Heights (12.3f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
112	123-	0.62	-0.23

Our View

Keen on debut, Sans Frontieres was very well backed to open his account on his first start on the racecourse and he did just that, just about. He was held up just behind the leaders until mounting his effort whilst edging left to the furlong marker. Ridden to lead inside the final furlong by Shane Kelly, Sans Frontieres managed to knuckle down and hold off the late challenge of Rasaan who might well have won with a clearer trip through.

Put away for the season after that success Sans Frontieres returned to the racecourse in the Craven Stakes (Gp3) and ran a massive race to finish second to Delegator over a trip short of his best and showed plenty of promise despite still being green.

His third and final run was in the Dante Stakes (Gp2) at York, where he made up late ground down the outside from a position at a disadvantage on the way the race panned out and showed plenty of promise once again here staying on at the finish to come home in third place.

SUMMARY

Injury then curtailed his three-year-old career but there is still plenty more to come from this son of Galileo. A gradual improver who doesn't do anything flashy, Sans Frontieres is a strong striding galloping sort who has further scope for improvement. His second in the Craven is a class run given his pedigree suggesting he wants a mile and a half minimum and he can win some group races this year over that distance for Jeremy Nosedo.



Rebel Soldier

3YO CHESTNUT COLT £2,457

Danehill Dancer (IRE) (8.0f) — En Garde (USA) (Irish River (FR) (9.3f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
-	1-	2.29	0.59

Our View

Made his debut on the all-weather at Lingfield and was a well backed favourite in the hands of George Baker. Held up early in midfield, George Baker allowed Rebel Solider to make ground on his rivals to track the leading pair two furlongs out and when shaken up to lead at the furlong pole he quickened right away in effortless style, with the prospect of more to come he rates an exciting prospect.

SUMMARY

Held in high regard by the Jeremy Nosedo camp, the son of Danehill Dancer made a pleasing winning debut on the all-weather under George Baker. A half brother to some minor winners he has plenty of scope for improvement and showed a real class turn of foot to put his rivals to bed. He has the look of a miler and wouldn't want to go much further than that in the early part of the season but he will continue to improve and will win a few races before the end of the year.



Awesome Act

3YO CHESTNUT COLT £109,709

Awesome Again (CAN) (6.8f) — Houdini's Honey (USA) (Mr Prospector (USA) (8.7f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
114	23194-1	3.57	1.03

Our View

Another which has been well touted by the Jeremy Nosedo camp, and he started off his career in a decent maiden at Newmarket but despite being well fancied to win at the first time of asking he was far too free during his race and in the end proved no match for Al Zir.

Once again he was expected to do the job at Newmarket and after pulling very hard again he found one too good, this time another Godolphin inmate Ameer who was just too strong in the closing stages.

A disappointment on the all-weather at Kempton next time, he then went to Goodwood for a Maiden and he finally put together the good work he had been showing at home when decisively striding away from Morana (who would go on to win a Gp3 at Ascot).

Dwelt and hampered at the start in the Dewhurst next time, Awesome Act never really got into the race but got his career back on track with a solid fourth placed finish behind Pounced in the Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf. He kept on well from a position off the pace suggesting he was going to improve from going longer next year.

His next run came as a three-year-old just a week ago in fact in the Gotham Stakes (Gp3) on the dirt at Aqueduct and under Julian Leparoux, Awesome Act quickened up smartly to go and win his race in the style of a top class dirt animal he will now be aimed at the Kentucky Derby.

SUMMARY

The plan was always the same for Awesome Act given his pedigree. He had always been a flashy worker at home but the signals were that he had improved even further over the winter and given his good run at Santa Anita in the winter, he was sent back over for the Gotham Stakes with a view of taking in the Kentucky Derby should he win. A few of the clients took some 40/1 about him winning the Kentucky Derby for which he now ranks at around half those odds, he is a top class horse and one work looking out for.



Point North

3YO BAY COLT £0

Danehill Dancer (IRE) (8.0f) — Briquette (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) (11.3f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
-	-	1.24	0.29

Our View

Out of a Lingfield Oaks Trial winner, and a half sister to Pilsudski in Briquette. Point North has been doing some good work on the gallops since they've begun to work again for the season and he looks a colt with a future and could make up into a nice middle distance type in time.



John Gosden 17%- £2.3M

Residency – Newmarket, Suffolk

Retainer – William Buick / Rab Havlin



Showcasing

3YO BAY COLT £108,043

Oasis Dream (7.2f) — Arabesque (Zafonic (USA) (8.6f))

OR
114

FORM
2113-

DI
2.00

CD
0.50

Our View

Showcasing made his debut at Newbury in the summer and he fought out a finish with what we now know to be an excellent horse, he was taken down early on the day and the 6-1 shot ridden by Jimmy Fortune was ridden in midfield when making eye catching headway to chase Arcano inside the final furlong where he was eating up the ground every second by the line came too soon.

There would be no doubt that he would go off short on his next run and he would be 4-11f favourite for his maiden at Yarmouth; a track in which John Gosden has a tremendous record on. There was no complications for Jimmy Fortune as he hit the front and probably knew he wouldn't see another rival and that turned out to be the case winning from pillar to post by 3 ¼ lengths.

A harder test would come when stepped up to Group 2 level in the Gimcrack at York, this would only feature 6 runners but without a shadow of a doubt the best 6 sprinters to date in; Monsieur Chevalier, Taajub, Orpen Grey and Corporal Maddox. There was a change in tactics for Jimmy Fortune as he didn't one to go hell for leather out in front with Orpen Grey so he held Showcasing up which proved decisive, coming past the 3f pole he was shaken up from the slumbers in behind and began to scythe down the field in impressive fashion coming abreast with the leader approaching the final furlong it was all over with a electric turn of foot to win by 2 lengths.

A wise decision to leave Showcasing with a month off the track after his efforts at York on very firm ground and his next trip would be an entry in the Middle Park at Newmarket were he would try and emulate his sire Oasis Dream, 6 of the best 2yo sprinters around took part and Showcasing was unable to find an extra gear up the hill for Jimmy Fortune when having every chance and lost 2nd near the finish.

SUMMARY

Showcasing is a strong powerful colt who exuberates plenty of confidence when running with his pounding action, he did have 2000 Guineas entry last year but they have been squashed and his game will definitely be sprinting and it will take a good horse to beat him this year.

A half brother to Camacho who ran third in the Jersey Stakes a few years ago, and also a full brother to the Henry Cecil trained Bouvardia, Showcasing looks a sprinter to keep on the right side of.



Thrill

3YO CHESTNUT FILLY £3,612

Pivotal (7.7f) — Irresistible (Cadeaux Genereux (7.8f))

OR	FORM	DI	CD
81	318-	2.27	0.56

Our View

Thrill made her debut at Kempton over the 7f in September, the race was all about Godolphin's Magic Doll and she put up a brave fight on debut as 3 of the first 4 home had all previous experience with Thrill coming 3rd, she was ridden to the fore of the field before losing her position and slightly outpaced but rallied gamely for Nicky Mackay finishing well.

She would be stepped down from class 4 to a class 5 Maiden at Salisbury but it would be just as competitive if not a stronger field, Jimmy Fortune would take the reins on the 11-8f who hit the front and controlled the tempo as he wound up the pace past the 2f pole and quickened clear going away towards the finish leaving nothing in behind to get on terms.

19 days later she would run in the Montrose Fillies stakes which you can be assured will feature a strong bunch of fillies and it was a race that would prove disappointing for all concerned although there did seem to be a bias favouring the rail, Jimmy Fortune kept things simple when chasing the leaders but saw plenty of daylight on the testing part of the track although she travelled well before coming under pressure 2f out when she had nothing left to give inside the final furlong and it was a trip too far for her at this point of her career.

SUMMARY

Thrill is a daughter of Pivotal; high-class sprinter, excellent sire, can get fast, high-class 2yos, progeny often progress well. She's out of Irresistible a decent sprinter for Michael Bell who picked up a listed win and placed in Group 3 company over in Ireland, this makes Thrill a full sister to the superb Infallible a horse whom caused so much debate in 2008 as to whether she saw out the mile or not but remained one of the top 10 fillies in 2008 when coming 4th in the 1000 Guineas and 2nd in the Coronation Cup.

Thrill is one of the better horses in the yard at present, she's a real compact filly with a lovely temperament who should have no problems getting the mile this year with the winter on her back and there is no doubt Thrill will cause some debate this year given her relations to Infallible but her sire Pivotal has increasingly been getting progeny that can stay and you just have to look at a few such as Sariska, Emerald Commander and Leocorno.

There are no current big race entries for Thrill at this stage of the year which is a surprise but she does have a mark of 81, the feeling would be to give her an easy entry into life as a 3 year old race horse than thrown into pattern company given the yards high regard for her ability and longevity in racing.



Commissionaire

3YO BAY COLT £3,469

Medicean (8.8f) — Appointed One (USA) (Danzig (USA) (7.9f))

OR

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FORM

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DI

3.80

CD

1.00

Our View

Commissionaire made his debut at Yarmouth in the backend of October over the mile trip, it was a race which had Sir Michael Stoute's odds on favourite in Longliner who was much touted in making an impression on his 2nd racecourse start but it was John Gosden's Commissionaire who pulled out all the stops. The colt was a drifter in the market opening up at 7-1 going out to as much as 14-1 in places but that didn't stop Jimmy Fortune from landing the spoils, he was very slow away giving away 3 lengths at the start but was kept towards the rear, running around looking very green Fortune didn't panic at any stage as he kept slightly nudging his mount reminding him what it's all about and he found himself with a real chance entering the final furlong coming up on the worst part of the track there was a line of 3 but given a few taps it was Commissionaire who run on powerfully towards the finish in a 1 ¼ length victory and taking some time to pull up.

SUMMARY

Commissionaire is a son of Medicean; unraced at 2, later top class over 8-10f, high-class sire inc. Dutch Art & Nanina, he's out of Appointed One an 8f winner on turf in the US whose family are all black type winners including being a full sister to; Emperor Jones, Majlood and Qui Danzig.

Commissionaire is the 7th foal of Appointed One, he's a full brother to Officer a winner over 8f three times, half brother to Battle Chant a tough horse for Amanda Perrett winning a listed race over 8f at 2 and a half brother to Appointed Day who was 3rd in a Group 1 in Japan on Debut only racing the 3 times.

There is so much to like about Commissionaire, a very athletic and sleek mover with plenty of scope who can really become anything he wants in 2010. There is an entry in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket and he will need another run before the race which could see the current 66-1 on offer go very quickly, the 8f trip would be his optimum.



That's My Style

3YO GREY FILLY £0

Dalakhani (IRE) (10.9f) — Pearl Dance (USA) (Nureyev (USA) (8.1f))

OR

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FORM

6-

DI

1.26

CD

0.19

Our View

That's My Style made her debut at Doncaster on the 23rd of October over the mile trip in what looks like it could turn out to be very strong back end fillies Maiden. There was little support for the John Gosden filly that was ridden by Robert Havlin, she missed the kick by 2-3 lengths as she settled towards the rear on the rail with 10 lengths to make on the leader, turning into the straight she was still travelling well and made up significant ground into 8th when she was hampered by Barry Hills' Bebopalula losing her stride but she was never given a hard ride and driven out hands and heels towards the finish staying on the one paced in 14th.

SUMMARY

That's My Style is a daughter of Dalakhani, multiple Gr1 winner over 7-12f at 2-3, winner of Arc, sire of Conduit & Moonstone in first crop. She's out of Pearl Dance a decent 2yo for George Strawbridge who placed 3rd in the Moyglare Stud. That's My Style is a half sister to Ridge Dance who won two races over 7f as a 2yo before coming 4th in the Royal Lodge at Ascot.

That's My Style is a typical Dalakhani filly with plenty of scope but a bit slow to come to hand, she made a decent impression on debut when not given a hard ride by Robert Havlin, this year she will begin to make her mark on racing over the staying distances especially working her way up the handicaps and I think her dam and half brother's usefulness at 2 over 6-7f will hopefully be a vital trait when looking for a finishing effort over staying trips, they didn't progress after 2 but that's not a worry with That's My Style when bringing Dalakhani influence into the pedigree.



Mujdeya

3YO GREY FILLY £153

Linamix (FR) (10.9f) — Majhud (IRE) (Machiavellian (USA) (9.2f))

OR

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FORM

5-

DI

3.00

CD

0.88

Our View

Mujdeya made her debut at Yarmouth on the 20th of October over the mile trip, Richard Hills was riding the filly who got off to a bad start by dwelling in the stalls but soon found a comfortable position in midfield, she travelled well throughout when finding trouble approaching the 3f pole but Richard Hills never looked concerned and let her find a gap in her own time, she came to the rail and rallied for the last furlong and half to finish a flying 4th under a hands and heels ride.

SUMMARY

Mujdeya is a lovely mover with a good stride on her, she wasn't knocked about on debut and showed enough promise to be hopeful of becoming a very good racehorse, at the moment Mujdeya holds a 1000 Guineas entry which is a little premature and she'll pick up a nice maiden before moving onto better company with her future over 10f or further but she remains a filly to keep your eyes on especially as she will get better in time.



Oriental Cat

3YO BAY COLT £0

Tiger Hill (IRE) (10.9f) — Sentimental Value (USA) (Diesis (9.5f))

OR

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FORM

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1.29

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Our View

Oriental Cat made his debut on the 23rd of October at Doncaster over 7f where he ran into a very useful sort in Tamaathul but he wasn't disgraced in his efforts on debut, under the guidance of Jimmy Fortune Oriental Cat went of 9-1 when coming in for a little bit of support but he was slow away and had to be roused along early into midfield showing signs of greenness, he soon settled about 8 lengths of the leader when coming under pressure past the 2f pole and unable to make any ground but showed decent headway in the last 50yards when getting the hang of things.

SUMMARY

Oriental Cat is a son of Tiger Hill; top-class German 10-12f colt, has sired high-class 2yos, better with 3yos+ over 8f+, He's out of Sentimental Value a winner over 8-9f including a listed success in the states, Oriental Cat is also a half brother to Barwell Bridge who was a progressive stayer on the flat last year and now applies his trade over hurdles. He's a nice compact individual who should make into a decent middle distances prospect this year starting off in Handicap Company.



John Dunlop 14%- £770K

Residency – Arundel, West Sussex

Retainer – Richard Hills / Eddie Ahern



Waseet

3YO CHESTNUT COLT £38,623

Selkirk (USA) (8.9f) — Najayeb (USA) (Silver Hawk (USA) (11.0f))

OR
110

FORM
312-

DI
1.67

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Our View

Waseet made his debut at Newmarket in July over 7f in what has turned out to be a very decent Maiden producing some decent sorts; he missed the break for Richard Hills and was settled towards the rear against the far rail when making stealthy progress 2f out, he was showing signs of greenness but this flashy colt was the only one to make headway from in behind and rattled home up the hill to finish 3rd in what was a very decent time, the front 2 Simenon and Timely Jazz both had previous experience.

He was heavily backed for his return to the racecourse at Sandown going off 4-11f for Richard Hills who got off to a much quicker start this time, pressing the leading pair they soon buckled approaching the final 3f as he found himself in front and kicked on for home winning going away in easy fashion by 4l.

There would be a step up in class at Ascot when entered into the Royal Lodge as Waseet made very big movements, he went off 6-1 on the day as Richard Hills took the ride and decided to hold him up, he travelled well when getting checked coming into the home straight as the eventual winner came past him but he ran on well inside the final 2 furlongs to put up a brave fight but he was always being held, the race was run in a very slow time.

SUMMARY

Waseet is a son of Selkirk; top-class miler, decent sire, can sire smart 2yos from summer on over 6-8f, progeny progress well, he's out of Najayeb an unraced mare who's a half sister to fantastic Sakhee.

Waseet eclipsed all expectations last year given his backwardness but he has a very nice walk on him which transfers to his lovely flowing stride and such an athletic colt that'll be ten times better in 2010. There is a Derby entry for Waseet which could prove a little too far in distance for him but he'll have the class to hold his own in that race and could prove to be a good stepping stone to 10f races later on in the year.



Aalya

3YO BAY FILLY £0

Peintre Celebre (USA) (10.4f) — Weqaar (USA) (Red Ransom (USA) (8.9f))

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DI

1.18

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Our View

Aalya made her debut at Leicester on the 1st of September over the 8f trip and was fractionally supported in the market, Richard Hills was on board and he couldn't get off to a worse start as she missed the kick by 4 lengths and had to be settled towards the rear, still behind turning into the straight she made some steady headway when brought to the rail but was never able to get on terms with the leaders as she kept on the one paced for 6th.

SUMMARY

Aalya is a daughter of Peintre Celebre; outstanding 10-12f 3yo, can sire smart autumn 2yos and progeny progress well. She's out of Weqaar who won over 10f for John Dunlop but also she's a half sister to the fantastic Sakhee.

Aalya was never going to achieve much in 2009 given she would come into her own this year and it was a decent experience for her at Leicester although never looking like winning. The filly is quite liked and has plenty of scope for improvement and will be aimed for middle distances this year hopefully picking up a few races on the way.



Alhudhud

4YO BAY COLT £0

Swain (IRE) (9.3f) — Wasnah (USA) (Nijinsky (CAN) (11.2f))

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1.61

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0.53

Our View

Alhudhud is a son of Swain; top class 10-13f on turf and dirt, by Nashwan, can sire useful 2yos but better record with 3yos+, he's out of Wasnah a decent 10f mare for John Dunlop placing in the Pretty Polly as a 3yo. He's a half brother to Bahri; winner of the Queen Elizabeth and St James Palace and half brother to Bahhare; winner of the Champagne Stakes as a 2yo and 3rd in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket.

Alhudhud was a big strong and backwards 2 year old who had a major setback at 3 and the yard have worked extremely hard getting him back to full fitness, they have showed a lot of faith in Alhudhud who should hopefully begin his life at the races in 2010 and given his homework he should be one to watch.



Naasef

3YO BAY COLT £0

Pivotal (7.7f) — Hathrah (IRE) (Linamix (FR) (10.9f))

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0.85

CD

0.00

Our View

Naasef is a son of Pivotal; high-class sprinter, excellent sire, can get fast, high-class 2yos, progeny often progress well, he's out of Hathrah who was a superb filly for John Dunlop coming 3rd behind Attraction in the 1000 Guineas in 2004 and she comes from a family that boasts 7 black type winners from 9 foals including; Ivan Luis, Zero Problemo, Stagelight, Von Jawlensky, Amathia and Viscaria. He is a half brother to stable mate Itlaaq who was a progressive stayer last year despite picking up a few injuries along the way.

Naasef hasn't run to date with the plan to run him during the second part of the season but he picked up a slight knock and now the attentions turn to 2010, he's a really attractive looking colt and highly rated within Arundel with an Irish/English 2000 Guineas entry but he has to transfer his homework onto the racecourse and he remains one to keep very much on the right side of especially as he should progress with age.



Hajjaan

3YO BAY COLT £770

Mr Greeley (USA) (8.1f) — Danzig Island (USA) (Danzig (USA) (7.9f))

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FORM

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DI

3.73

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0.92

Our View

Hajjaan made his debut at Newbury on the 30th of October; he was 3rd choice of the Hamdan Al Maktoum trio when sporting the pink cap for Ted Durcan and this looked a competitive 6f maiden with 16 runners. There was some support into 16-1 from 25-1 for John Dunlop's colt who was held up towards the rear running a little green as he tracked Godolphin's runner Asraab, into the final 2 furlongs there was a line of 6 across the track as Hajjaan had come to the girths of leader Asraab but was unable to finding the winning turn of foot inside the final furlong finishing a promising 3rd being beaten only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length with the second being a beneficiary of experience.

SUMMARY

Hajjaan is a very attractive and racy colt who was brought for \$400,000 at the Keenland's sale, he remains a horse to keep on the right side of especially if targeted for a handicap campaign although he probably wouldn't last long in that sphere given his potential, and he should be aimed for some black type but he will have no troubles getting 6-8 furlongs this year.



Haatheq

3YO BAY COLT £770

Seeking The Gold (USA) (8.8f) — Alshadiyah (USA) (Danzig (USA) (7.9f))

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70

FORM
975-

DI
2.60

CD
0.72

Our View

Haatheq made his debut at Newbury over 7f where the ground was horribly testing for 2 year olds at this time of year, he missed the break for Alan Munro and was ridden along in rear early, given a tap he made headway 2f out finishing 9th staying on the one pace.

There would be a reappearance at Newmarket in August over the 7f, he raced in midfield for Tadhg O'Shea and came there travelling well 4f out but he was hampered by eventual winner Awesome Act losing his stride before staying on the one paced for 7th, not given a serious ride.

His most promising race to date would come at Goodwood, he saw plenty of daylight on outside for Richard Hills having to race 3 wide but he travelled smoothly past the 4f, still there on bridle entering final 2f he began to tire and started lugging right inside final furlong but he wasn't given a hard ride and stuck to his guns under hands and heels to finish a game 5th.

SUMMARY

Haatheq is a son of Seeking The Gold; top-class US dirt runner, very good record with European runners, capable of getting top-class 2yos and strong progeny over 5-12f but most famous for being the sire of Dubai Millennium. He's out of Alshadiyah who was a listed winning 2yo and 3rd in the Fred Darling as a 3yo, she is 1 of 4 black type winners in her progeny including; Imtiyaz, Bint Shadayid and Teeba. He's a half brother to Wid a decent black type mare winning 2 of her 3 starts as a 2yo over 6f including a 2nd in listed company and a half brother to Badweia who won over 6 and 7 furlongs for John Dunlop.

Haatheq was a big and backward 2 year old with anything gained during the season being a bonus especially as the 3 horses that have beat him to date look to be Group performance, but the yard will be expecting him to be featuring more prominently in races this year. There is a lot of speed through the dam's side of his pedigree that doesn't really translate to his style of running, often he was caught out for a turn of foot last year but travelled well in his races. He has been given a mark of 70 which given he will be needing something in the range of 10-14f this year it looks a pretty decent starting point in handicaps and will be a danger especially early on in the season.



Mufarrh

3YO BAY COLT £7,493

Marju (IRE) (9.2f) — What A Picture (FR) (Peintre Celebre (USA) (10.4f))

OR
92

FORM
321-

DI
0.50

CD
-0.17

Our View

Mufarrh made his debut at Sandown in August over 7f, he missed break for Tadhg O'Shea and was ridden towards the rear where he was running very green tracking Oasis Dancer, making ground turning into home straight into 8th a run was denied up the rail past the 3f pole and was continuously blocked for room throughout the rest of the furlong before finding a gap on the rail approaching the final furlong when given a smack bypassing 3 runners staying on the best into 3rd.

He would run again at Newbury in September over the 7f trip again going off 6-4f for Richard Hills, he got very warm and sweaty before hand and was restrained in mid division, still looking around all over the place he was very green, he came there cruising into the lead inside the final 2f with 3 other horses, Beauchamp Yorker and Mufarrh came clear of the rest to fight out a finish which was decided by a short head in Beauchamp's favour.

His antics before hand at Newbury done him no favours despite his gutsy finish but it was a more professional and straight performance at Leicester, again in Maiden company over 7f he broke well for Richard Hills, raced in 2nd and pulling double on the bridle 3f out with everything else in trouble, he had to be pushed out entering the final furlong and run away a clear winner by four lengths.

SUMMARY

Mufarrh is a son of Marju; top class over 8-12f, decent sire, can sire high-class 2yos over 7f+, progeny generally progressive over any range of distance. He's out of What A Picture who was unplaced in France as a 2 and 3yo, she's well related being a half sister to top class 2yo Night Style and decent 10f performer Maid of Dawkins. He's a half brother to Partner Shift who won 2 races over the mile in France last year.

Mufarrh is a big strong colt from the family of Irish Derby winner Grey Swallow who holds 2000 Guineas and both Irish/English Derby entries, there is no doubt he is a horse of excellent potential who looks sure to get at least 10 furlongs in time but he'll be best seen in an early trial to determine whether he has serious classic credentials, of course he still has been given a mark of 92 and there are plenty of doors open to the Dunlop team especially with Elusive Pimpernel being in the fore front of most markets but Mufarrh is definitely a dark horse to keep on the right side of who should exceed all expectations.