



Welcome to our November 2016 newsletter...

Horses in great form!

The horses have been in great form recently and we are delighted with the way Rock Warbler has been running. He has won 2 of his last 4 races which could have easily been 4 from 4 but unfortunately he had a troubled passage and a slow start which cost him 2 races. It took a while for us to get to know him and for him to settle into his new yard. However, now with the hood and tongue tie combination, he has improved massively and is a different horse who is holding condition superbly. We plan to run him in some higher class races towards the end of the year before we give him a break ready for the grass in the summer. We have also schooled him over hurdles which is always an option for the future.

Our other dual winning horse, Jaunty Thor, was a little rusty in his first start for us but put that behind him to win easily at Uttoxeter last Saturday under Andrew Glassonbury. He jumped and travelled superbly and the drop back in trip seemed to be the trick. With a big raise in the weights coming our way we chose to run him at Southwell 4 days later. This isn't always ideal, however he came out of the previous race so well we felt it was the right thing to do and he duely went and won under Jake Greenall. Jake gave him a great ride and it was a fantastic performance under a lot of weight. He will probably stick to hurdles this year with a race at Haydock in 4 weeks' time the most likely target. He is a lovely big, scopey horse so fences will be his game long term. Jaunty Thor was Jake's first winner for the yard which meant so much and it has been a real team effort. Jake comes regularly to the yard and his opinion has been invaluable as we have been getting going. Jaunty Thor ran in Dad's colours which was also special for our first National Hunt winner. He is owned in partnership with Michelle Green and John Wilson. Jaunty Thor is their first horse with me and their first National Hunt horse so I couldn't be happier for them.



Jaunty Thor pictured after his win at Uttoxeter



Rock Warbler wins for the second time at Newcastle

Looking forward

Cave Top and Big Brother George ran really promising races at Uttoxeter last weekend. Saturday racing is always a level above any other day so to finish 5th and 6th and as close as they did was very pleasing. There is surely an exciting future ahead for this pair of 4 year olds.



Go Steady (pictured left) has come out of his race at Chepstow well having finished 4th there. The 2nd, 3rd and 6th placed horses in his race have both gone on and won since so let's hope we can do the same. He will be entered in several races at the end of the month and we will look for the best opportunity.

Two other horses on the flat which I am looking forward to running are Arthuredelegator and Spirit Of The Vale. Both ran very promising reappearances last time and will have sharpened up plenty since. Arthur runs on 23rd November and Spirit Of The Vale runs next week in a hands and heels race at Kempton which will suit her more than some as she is very genuine.

New recruits

We have been busy at the sales over the past two weeks. This is the time of year when all the flat horses get bought and sold and it gives us a chance to buy new horses that have perhaps reached a peak for their last yard and can now go on hurdling or perhaps benefit from a change of scenery and improve on the flat.

The key is finding flat horses with plenty of size and scope for the jumping game and haven't been over trained on the level. This isn't easy unless you have big budgets but I feel like I have been able to pick up two exciting prospects to go hurdling with. We bought one horse called 'Quids In' at The Tattersalls 5 day flat sale. He was rated 77 on the flat at his peak and has some impressive form. He has shown he stays and is an athletic type. Since getting him home he has shown a great attitude, lovely action and schools over the hurdles beautifully. He will also be big and brave enough to go chasing afterwards. He is for sale and details can be found on the website.



Some of the horses during a ride around the farm

We have also added to the flat string with 'Anieres Boy' joining the team from Michael Easterby's. They found him a hard horse to train as he can be very headstrong at home but he has settled in well with us and will make his debut at Wolverhampton on Friday. Dan has managed to get a group together who will go by the name 'Spitalized Racing' they seem a top group of lads and I'm sure they will certainly know how to celebrate if he is luckily enough to get his head in front!



The Spitalized Racing owners

We bought our second hurdling recruit in France at Deauville called 'Zalvados'. He has a French rating of 84 and is a smashing looking individual. He has good form on soft ground which is always what we are looking for when buying a NH horse. He also has size and scope to burn. There are plenty of opportunities for these juveniles so it is great to have a good bunch. We are very fortunate to have another juvenile join the yard from France called 'Gris de Pron' who, having been placed twice in France, has been given a rating of 125 over here. Off that mark we will have plenty of fun. He has settled in well and looks a picture. Whilst he is still just getting acclimatised, we will gradually increase his work with a view to run towards the end of the year or early in the New Year.

Visitors From France

We had two horses staying with us last week from France.

They were called Vezelay and Fyrmyin and are trained by Emmanuel Clayeux.

They both ran at the Betfair meeting at Haydock on Saturday and put in good performances.

We hope that Emmanuel will bring other horses over in the future.

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