

# 2 NICE WINNERS IN THE SOUTH WEST

It was great to get winners over jumps with Cave Top winning at Exeter and Quarry Lami winning at Taunton. Cave Top (below) was having his first run of the season and he seemed to relish the soft ground and the stiff track to win comfortably.

Will Biddick rode him which gave me a lot of pleasure as he has been an old friend from my riding days and he was a big help when I first started training by helping me build stables and putting up plenty of new fencing! We then ran Cave Top at Bangor with a penalty finishing a gallant second, the ground and track probably did not suit him and all things considered he ran a very good race, he is a real trier and even though he will go up in the weights there will be more races to be won with him.

Quarry Lami hasn't been with us long but had been going well at home, we were just concerned as he had shown very little on the track. He didn't disappoint at Taunton however and lan gave him a great ride to take it up at the last and win nicely. Sadly, he sustained a tendon injury and will have to be rested now but he will be back and only being 6 has age on his side.

We have plenty of horses to look forward to that have recently made their seasonal debuts. Zalvados made his seasonal debut last week at Bangor and was extremely unlucky not to win.

He looked the winner going to







the last but got in tight and couldn't peg the winner back. The winner is called Whatmore and is highly thought of by his trainer Henry Daly, so hopefully we bumped into a smart horse. The plan with Zalvados now is to head to Cheltenham on Friday 17th November.

Bronzallure and Leskinfere both ran very promising races making their debuts under rules. They were both green and will come on greatly for the experience. They both will have exciting futures and am very much looking forward to seeing them progress through the season and they will both improve greatly with another summer on their backs.



### NEWS

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### In the Spotlight

#### **Ross Turner**



Ross has recently joined us from Julia Brooke where he rode 7 winners. He originates from Pontefract and then decided to go to Northern Racing School. He had hardly ridden before but was hooked and progressed from there. Brian Hughes recommended him having watched him ride and said he used his head well when riding and got horses in a great rhythm. Ross started riding on the flat before switching to National Hunt. He hasn't been here for long but has already been schooling plenty over the hurdles and is very natural, he has a good way with the young horses giving them encouragement and gets them to jump. He has settled in well and I am hoping to give him plenty of opportunities with his 7lb claim will be very handy, it is great when they can get to know the horses so well at home and if they are at all quirky you are one step ahead.

## New Horses from Newmarket Horses in Training sales



I went down to Newmarket last week to find some new recruits to go hurdling with. We had great success with Quids In and Zalvados last year having both come off the flat. There were 1,700 horses selling over 5 days so there are a lot of horses to look at and go through. I used the assistance of bloodstock agent Tessa Greatrex who is a massive help and has a great eye for a horse. The market was extremely strong with plenty of horses going abroad. We did however manage to pick up three very nice horses, two three-year olds and one four-year-old. Katebird came out of Mark Johnston's and was rated 75 on the flat and stays 1m 2f so will be perfect for hurdles. Helf came from Richard Hannon's and is going to

be castrated on Thursday which will improve him no end as he is extremely colty. He ran some nice races as a three-year-old and has loads of size and scope for jumping. He is for sale and once he is gelded we will give him a crash course in jumping. The last horse I bought is a lovely horse by Passing Glance called Fort Jefferson, he stays well and looks a good robust sort for hurdling who copes with soft ground. He is for sale and has been gelded so is ready to crack on with.

## NEW FACILITIES AT THE YARD



We have been busy this autumn getting the yard maintained and up to scratch for a busy winter ahead. We have installed 7 more stables in a new well-ventilated barn, we will use this for young horses and new horses to keep any new bugs and coughs away from the main yard. It is great that more people are sending us horses and we are growing nicely. We have got such great facilities and staff that it is fantastic to be able to take more horses. We have relayed the sand gallop as it was getting compacted and losing its depth, this has made a big difference in making the horses work harder and the drainage has improved allowing the water to get away far quicker. Our main project has been the walkway/water splash on the way to the sand gallop, so we don't have to go on the drive anymore and on the way home they can walk through the water allowing their legs to cool and wash off. This new feature will be especially good for horses who have (or previously had) bad legs. All the horses have already been through and seem to really enjoy it.



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