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Oliver Greenall Racing

NEWS

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ASKING QUESTIONS AND FORT JEFFERSON

Asking Questions has made a fine start to his chasing career since making the transition to the larger obstacles in March. After making a successful debut at Carlisle he headed back to the track 3 weeks later and didn't disappoint when once again victorious under a very good ride by Harry Skelton. We then ran him under a penalty 7 days later at Newcastle, where he ran another solid race to finish 2nd and picked up some more prize money for the Salmon family, who have been patient with him and are now seeing the rewards. He is now ready for his summer break and we are looking forward to next season with him.

We purchased Fort Jefferson from the October Sales in Newmarket after he won 3 races on the flat for Andrew Balding. He was a very close second in a handicap over hurdles at Sedgefield in April before running a very respectable race back on the flat at Chester. We then decided to take the step back into maiden hurdle company at Bangor against horses rated slightly higher than him, but the gamble certainly paid off when running out a comfortable winner by 3 lengths. The Bangor race was his 3rd run in 6 weeks so we have given him a small break and plan to go to Chester at the end of June.



Gearing up the flat team.



We have a select string to go to war with on the flat this summer, but we should definitely have a few winners within them.

We are really looking forward to having Rock Warbler back at his best, which doesn't look too far away now, as he has always taken a bit of time to come to himself but is starting to show the right signs now.

Omatesando was a model of consistency last year and we are glad that he will be coming back for his second season here at Stockton Hall. He made his seasonal reappearance in a good race at Newbury and ran respectably over a trip which is slightly on the sharp side for him. We are looking forward to putting him back over 2 miles.

Our 2 two-year olds are coming along nicely and Pink Porrino (filly by Lethal Force) should hopefully be seen in the next two to three weeks, all being well.

FRANCE TRIP

Oliver and Josh enjoyed a trip to leading French trainer Emmanuel Clayeux in April to look at all of his 3-year olds he currently has in. We may look to buy two with him with the idea of them eventually coming to be trained here at Stockton Hall. We did this with Lord County last year and he won 3 races for us after joining us from Emmanuel's. Our conditional Ross Turner has been out there for four weeks and will have learnt plenty from his trip, which will have included a lot of schooling of youngsters. This will have been a great experience for him.



SEASON ROUND UP



It has been a terrific season with many highlights.

With 16 winners and 18 seconds there were plenty of great days.

To name a few; Cave Top winning first time out at Exeter gave me a lot of pleasure. It is a long way to go and with a very close friend of mine, Will Biddick riding this made it extra special. It is always nice when they win first time out as it shows you are doing the right thing at home. We knew he was a decent horse, but it just showed how much he had improved for a break and to then go

on and win two more races, and finish up with a rating of 132, was a great achievement.

I was so chuffed to see Asking Questions winning two chases. He jumped impeccably and it was a joy to watch on both occasions.

Lord County winning 3 races was very special. We bought him in France last summer after he had unseated when looking like winning. He then ran over in France for us and was a little disappointing, so we brought him over to the UK and he took a little time for the penny to drop but once it had he was away and just kept improving with every run. He will now go novice chasing and I am really looking forward to seeing him doing that. He loves soft ground so is a perfect winter horse.

SALES

We had a very productive week at Doncaster Sales last week purchasing seven horses including these three very exciting Irish point to pointers:

Shotgun Sally (top right) is a smashing filly by Milan. She showed a very gutsy attitude to win on her only start in an Irish point to point. Her and the second placed horse came readily clear of the rest of the field and we can't wait for the future with her.

Miss Delighted (middle right) is a very likeable filly by Getaway. She was a close second in a bumper in Ireland after being placed in an Irish point to point. She looks to have plenty of toe and we are looking forward to next season with her.

Arctic Road (bottom right) is a lovely son of Flemensfirth. He was a winner of a point to point in Ireland earlier this year and was consistent in four starts this season. He looks a strong stayer with a great attitude.

We also bought four unbroken 3yr olds that we will break in now with the aim to run early next year. We try and buy a few of these each year as investments and hopefully as another avenue to finding a star horse. When you buy an unbroken horse you never know what they could potentially turn out to be!

We buy these ourselves to race. However if anyone is interested in share then we have shares available.

3 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION



Shotgun Sally

Here are the final scores in our 3 to follow competition. Congratulations to the winner...Oliver Greenall!

Oliver has kindly donated the £180 prize money to The Injured Jockeys Fund.



Miss Delighted

Thank you to everyone who took part.



Arctic Road

Top 5 horses

Cave Top 40
Asking Questions 34
Zalvados 26
Late Romantic 20
Quids In 15

Top 5 people

Oliver Greenall 80
Dan Astbury 66
Beverley Bostock 62
Richard Hewitt 42
David Bostock 41

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