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LA GRANGE NEWS



Two Year Olds On Warren Hill

Welcome

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of 2015, which promises to be a huge year for us all here at La Grange. I trust all our supporters enjoyed an excellent festive period and are now gearing up for the start of the Flat season, which is a little over seven weeks away. Myself and Mrs D have recently returned from our break in Jamaica and are raring to go once more, while we have a number of new staff members on board - I hope you will all get to meet them in due course.

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Trainer Talk...

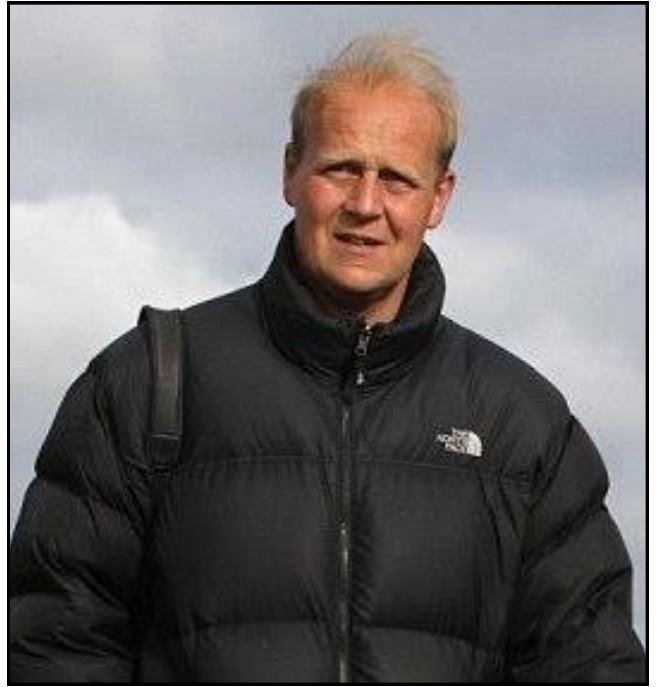
January tends to be one of the quieter months here at La Grange, but plenty has been happening in the wider racing world. Chelmsford City, formerly known as Great Leighs, staged its first meeting on January 11 since closing in 2009, and we had one runner in the shape of Vereri Senes, who finished fourth in a 1m2f fillies' maiden having travelled strongly for a long way.

Understandably the track will take some time to bed in with the surface a little slow. The racecourse is rather open and windy, which can prove a disturbance to the inexperienced horse. Also, the facilities require some work, with the paddock having proved waterlogged and the viewing difficult due to the grandstand being located in the centre of the track– a place to watch the action from the top of the stand would have been a welcome addition.

That said, however, the positives outweigh the negatives and the racecourse officials have made an excellent start from a prize money viewpoint. We fully intend to support racing at the course should this remain the same going forward.

Change appears to be the overriding theme this month, with Meydan having staged its first meeting on the recently-laid dirt surface. While this looks safe, and the previous Tapeta was beginning to ride a little worn, the dirt appears very tough on horses. Crucially, pace now appears to be the overriding influence on the race, with hold-up horses struggling to make up ground from the rear. It seems that we will see far more locally-trained and US-bred horses land the spoils than has previously been the case.

Closer to home, I was pleased to hear that the European Pattern Commission has granted Newmarket permission to rejig the end-of-season juvenile programme towards the format we had only a few years ago, before the creation of Future Champions Day. To run the Middle Park and the Dewhurst on the same afternoon was a ludicrous idea that not only diluted the quality of both races, but deprived some two-year-olds the opportunity for the best possible education prior to being wintered for a Classic campaign. Also, the news that the July Cup is set to revert to its traditional mid-week slot was also welcomed. The mid-week July Festival was one of my favourite weeks of the year, while anything to reduce the fixture congestion on that Saturday must be a positive addition.



The new Chelmsford City track

News Round Up

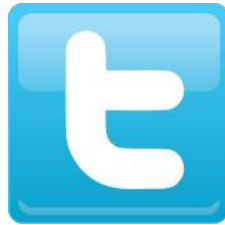
Red Cadeaux, Robin and Steve are back at La Grange

The globetrotting nine-year-old and his trusty sidekicks have returned to La Grange following their trips to Australia and Hong Kong this winter. All have arrived back looking well, although Red Cadeaux easily takes the spoils on that front, and the three are gearing up for more foreign adventures soon, with either a trip to Dubai or a return Australia next on the agenda.



Red Cadeaux and Steve Nicholson

Steve Nicholson, the long-standing La Grange rider who partners Red Cadeaux each morning, is among the final three in the Rider/Groom category for the 2015 Godolphin Stud And Stable Staff Awards. Steve will learn if he has topped the category on February 23, where he will attend a ceremony at the Jumeirah Carlton Tower hotel, London. From all of us at La Grange, we would like to wish Steve the very best of luck – his place in the final is testimony to the hard work, skill and dedication he has shown over the years, as well as the wonderful job he has done with Red Cadeaux on all of his global travels.



Steve Crann wins our social media competition

We recently ran a week-long competition on Twitter and Facebook offering one lucky winner the chance, with a guest, to spend a morning on the gallops with Ed and to have a private tour of the yard afterwards. To enter, we simply asked our followers to either retweet or share a post and, after an excellent turnout that led to almost 300 people getting involved, Steve was chosen at random as our winner. We hope he will have a fabulous morning with us as he gets to meet our wonderful team, both human and equine.



Red Cadeaux and Steve Nicholson



Chris Humpleby with Kittens Red

New Faces

We have had a number of new starters join us in the last couple of months across all areas of the team. They include Anne Perry, who is now with us as a full-time groom and yard hand, Kimberley Judkins, our second travelling head lass who you can find out more about in our staff profile, Alex Crean, our pupil assistant who started late last year, and Rosie Carruthers, who is our treadmill operator. You are likely to have already met Holly Reeve, who has been our secretary since October, and she now has company in the office in the shape of Hannah Butler, who also takes up secretarial duties after riding out in the morning, and Chris Humpleby, who is now our Racing Secretary.

Winter Winners

Quenelle



Quenelle

Quenelle proved a model of consistency switched to the all-weather in the autumn, finishing second at Kempton before running a gallant fourth at Wolverhampton, and she gained a deserved first success in a 1m4f fillies' handicap at Kempton in December. Ridden by George Baker, Quenelle launched a sustained challenge in the straight to get the better of Asia Minor by a length. Winning there off a mark of 72, she was raised 4lb to 76, but a minor injury led to the decision to retire her- she now resides at Stanley House Stud. A beautifully-bred filly, being out of a half-sister to La Grange legend Ouija Board, she looks sure to produce excellent offspring and we wish her owner, Mrs Rausing, the very best of luck with her.



Quenelle and Mrs D (Far Side)

Winter Winners

Dutch Uncle

Dutch Uncle was an impressive winner of a 1m1.5f Wolverhampton maiden in early January, opening his account at the fourth attempt having travelled powerfully under Joe Fanning. He quickened away from a Godolphin newcomer in fine fashion there and, having gone into the race off a mark of 76, is now rated 79. His earlier form stacks up well having finished runner-up to imperious John Gosden debutant Jack Hobbs at Wolverhampton in December. The third on that occasion, Royal Albert Hall, has since won a competitive handicap, which bodes well for Dutch Uncle's prospects later in the season. His owner, Mr Ronnie Arculli, is sure to have plenty more fun with him.



Dutch Uncle

Winter Winners Continued...

Justice First

Justice First broke his maiden at the sixth time of asking when running out a comfortable winner of the 32Red.com Handicap at Lingfield in January. Tackling 6f for the first time, and given a superb tactical ride by Joe Fanning, Justice First broke smartly, travelled well on the heels of the leader and kicked clear rounding the home turn. He was nicely on top at the line, beating The Dapper Tapper by half a length, and having proven he has the speed for this trip, now has more options off his new mark of 69. This was the second winner of the year for the team, and we are hopeful that Justice First can win again in the next few weeks.



Justice First



Justice First Winning at Lingfield

For Sale

For Sale: 2013 Authorized/Grand Lucre B F

This good-looking filly is by 2007 Derby winner Authorized, whose progeny also include Seal Of Approval, winner of the Champion Fillies & Mares' Stakes at Ascot in 2013, My Ambivalent, who won the Group 2 Middleton Stakes at York, Hartnell, winner of the Group 3 Bahrain Trophy on the July Course and Nichols Canyon, a dual Listed winner for John Gosden who now, under the care of Willie Mullins, features prominently in the antepost betting for two of the novice hurdles at the Cheltenham Festival.

The filly is out of winning mare Grand Lucre, who has also produced Ambitious King – a 2010 gelding by Kyllachy who won three times and amassed over £127,000 in prize money having been campaigned in Hong Kong. Her second dam, Naughty Crown, was a dual winner who produced three winners from four runners, while her third dam, Native Twine, won the Listed Ballymacoll Stud Stakes at Newbury and has produced eight winners, including Group 3 scorer Tahreeb.

Bought for just 6,500 guineas at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale, this well-bred filly would offer an excellent opportunity for someone looking to start out on the life-changing path of racehorse ownership. Rarely does a filly with a black-type page and Classic-winning bloodline come along at such a price, and this could be the perfect way to elevate a passion for racing from a viewer on the sidelines to an owner in the thick of the action.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have. For more information contact Chris on: office@eddunlopracing.co.uk or 01638 661998.



Authorized/Grand Lucre

Highlights of 2014

While we didn't have our most successful year in 2014, the summer still provided plenty of highlights to look back on. We've relived a few of our highest-profile successes below, but I'm sure all of our owners who graced the winner's enclosure will have their own personal memories to cherish.



Contributer

June

Contributer wins the Listed Wolferton Handicap at Royal Ascot

Owner: Mr George Bolton

The first horse owned by Mr George Bolton in Britain, Contributor gained a maiden victory in Pattern company when showing a fine turn of foot to surge down the outside and repel Bold Sniper by half a length. Ridden by George Baker, the son of the recently-deceased High Chaparral had to be dropped in early from a tricky draw, but he could be spotted travelling ominously well as the field turned for home. Despite being last of the 13-strong line-up passing the three-furlong marker, his jockey displayed his trademark coolness on the biggest stage, and switched his mount inside the two-furlong pole before quickening up like the excellent horse he is.

Contributer had previous top quality form as well, having finished second to subsequent Irish 2000 Guineas and Breeders' Cup Turf winner Magician in the 2013 renewal of the Listed Dee Stakes at Chester. He was also fourth at the Royal meeting that year, getting within five and a quarter lengths of future Grade 1 Canadian International Stakes winner Hillstar having been badly struck into during the race.

Contributer was sold to Godolphin following his Ascot win and he was sent to John O'Shea, Sheikh Mohammed's Australian trainer, to be campaigned on the other side of the world. His first run, in the Group 3 David Jones Cup at Caulfield in October, yielded a one-length win, while he wasn't disgraced in the Group 1 Emirates Stakes at Flemington in November, finishing eighth having been sent off favourite. He promises to continue making an impact in Australia, with The BMW Stakes - run at Randwick on March 28 - reported to be his main target for the autumn. There he could meet Red Cadeaux in what would prove a wonderful clash of former stable companions.

August

Red Avenger wins the Betfred Mile at Glorious Goodwood

Owner: The Hon R J Arculli

A horse who progressed nicely as a three and four year-old, Red Avenger recorded his career highlight thus far when beating a field chocked full of top-class 1m handicappers under a fine ride by Jimmy Fortune. Equipped with first-time blinkers, Red Avenger was slowly away from his favourable draw, but he got plenty of cover towards the rear of the field before being produced wide in the home straight, making great late gains to collar International Handicap winner Heavy Metal on the line. The form is out of the top-draw, with those in behind including Bronze Angel, who would land the Cambridgeshire and the inaugural running of the Balmoral Handicap later in the season. Rated 96 before his win, Red Avenger now has a mark of 98, which ought to ensure that his owner, Mr Ronnie Arculli, can watch him be competitive in all the top handicaps as a five year-old.



Red Avenger

September

Prince Gagarin wins the Listed EBF Stallions Silver Tankard Stakes at Pontefract

Owner: Windflower Overseas & J L Dunlop OBE

Prince Gagarin underlined his quality when scooping this £40,000 prize on his final start as a two-year-old. Having chased home the rapidly progressive Black Granite, who won again since, in a Rowley Mile nursery in September, the Dubawi colt travelled smoothly under Adam Kirby before quickening up the climb, beating Teofilo's Princess by two and a quarter lengths on soft ground. Now rated 99, Prince Gagarin holds Classic entries in both the Derby and its Irish equivalent, and he promises to develop into a horse of the highest order.



Prince Gagarin

November:

Red Cadeaux – we all know the story by now

Owner: The Hon R J Acrulli

The Red Cadeaux tale is familiar across the international racing world by now, but it was still a remarkable achievement that the then eight-year-old could claim his third runner-up finish in the Melbourne Cup, in turn breaking the record for prize money won by a British-trained horse. He also broke new ground in becoming the first internationally-trained horse to compete in Australia's greatest race four times, and it was a wonderful afternoon at Flemington when he chased home Protectionist, leading inside the two-furlong pole but succumbing to younger, progressive legs in the closing stages. Red Cadeaux has given his owners, Mr and Mrs Arculli, Ed, Becky and all the team here at La Grange some career-defining memories through his exploits both at home and during abroad. It was fitting that he should run another gallant race in November to end the season on a wonderful high.



Two Year-old Focus: Family Connections

At La Grange, we are fortunate enough to train the progeny and siblings of some of our most illustrious stars, and a number of our current crop of two-year-olds – the yearling class of 2014 - descend from families Ed knows very well.

Teofilo x Artisia Colt

Owner: The Hon R J Arculli

A half-brother to stable flagbearer Red Cadeaux, this colt is by Teofilo, the European Champion Two-Year-Old in 2006 who has produced the likes of Irish Derby winner Trading Leather and Group 1 Prix Jean Prat winner Havana Gold. Out of the placed mare Artisia, who has sired two further winners alongside Red Cadeaux, she is a half-sister to Military Attack, who won the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin in 2013, and Group 3 Curragh Stakes winner Almaty. The colt's third dam is the legendary Al Bahathri, the Irish Champion Three-Year-Old Filly and Miler in 1985 after whom the Polytrack gallop on the Bury side of Newmarket is named. Like Red Cadeaux, he is owned by Mr Ronnie Arculli.

"It is an absolute privilege to be training Red Cadeaux's little brother, and he is more forward than his sibling was at this stage. He is, quite obviously, bred to need time, but we like what we have seen so far."



Snow Pixie



Ex Artisia

Snow Pixie

(Flower Alley x Woodland Dream) Filly

Owner: Anamoini Ltd

A half-sister to Snow Fairy, the six-time Group 1-winning Oaks heroine who lit up La Grange during her four-year career here between 2009 and 2012, Snow Pixie is by US stallion Flower Alley, the sire of triple Group 1 winner I'll Have Another, whose impressive career included victories in the Santa Anita Derby and Preakness Stakes. She is out of Woodland Dream, who is a half-sister to Group 3 winner and current Irish National Stud stallion Big Bad Bob. Woodland Dream herself is out of a half-sister to Listed winner Persian Lightning and Snow Pixie. She is from the further family of Oath, the 1999 Derby winner for Sir Henry Cecil.

"A filly from a wonderful family, she has plenty on her plate if she's to emulate Snow Fairy, but she's got the looks to match her famous sister and lets hope she can be half as good as her sister!"

Two Year-old Focus: Family Connections contin-

Frozen Power x Saga Celebre Filly

Owner: Mr P Deal, Mr G Lowe, Mr M Silver, Mr R Woods & Mr E Dunlop

A half-sister to Sagaciously, who won a Leicester maiden at 50-1 last summer before finishing a fine fourth in Listed company on the Rowley Mile, this filly is by Frozen Power, the German 2000 Guineas winner who is a half-brother to dual 1000 Guineas winner Finsceal Beo, herself the dam of the currently unbeaten Aidan O'Brien-trained three-year-old Ol' Man River. This filly is the second foal out of Saga Celebre, a triple winner who is a half-sister to five further winners. Her second dam, Saga D'Ouilly, was dual-winning own sister to Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Sagamix and Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Sagacity.

"A page filled with Pattern performers, this filly was bought before Sagaciously finished fourth in a Listed race. She is particularly exciting as one of the first two-year-olds of promising stallion prospect Frozen Power. She's a very well put together filly."



Ex Saga Celebre

Mujamala

(Exceed And Excel x Habaayib)

Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum

Also owned by Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, Mujamala is by Australian Champion Sprinter Exceed And Excel, whose progeny include current Coolmore stallion Excelebration, the triple Group 1 winner who played the perennial bridesmaid to Frankel during their three and four-year-old seasons. Out of Habaayib, who won the Group 3 Albany Stakes under Ed's care, she is a half-sister to the unraced Ejbaar, a son of Oasis Dream who is also in training with us. A pedigree filled with speed, Mujamala's third dam, Salty Perfume, was a Grade 2 winner over 6 1/2f in the United States.

"She looks just the sort of precocious type her pedigree would suggest she would be, and we hope she will a fine early sort like her mother."



Mujamala

Sire Focus: Dutch Art

Our new monthly feature will focus on a sire whose progeny we have here in training at La Grange. Cheveley Park Stud's Dutch Art is first on the list this month.



Pedigree

By dual Group 2 winner Medicean, Dutch Art is out of Halland Park Lass, an unplaced half-sister to high-class Norwegian performer King Quantas. His second dam, Palacegate Episode, became a Group 3-winning sprinter in 1994 when she landed the Premio Omenoni by three quarters of a length at San Siro.

Race Record

Dutch Art won four times during a 10-race career, which included an unbeaten juvenile campaign. Trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, the son of Medicean made a successful debut in a 5f Windsor novice heat in June 2006 and he followed that up with a comfortable success in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot. A tilt at the top table now beckoned for the two-year-old with a burgeoning reputation, and he duly obliged when tackling the Group 1 Prix Morny at Deauville, holding Magic America by a length on his first crack at 6f. He would remain at that trip for his final start of the summer, landing the Group 1 Middle Park Stakes by two lengths on testing ground.

Dutch Art began his three-year-old campaign with Classic aspirations, and he brushed aside an odds-on reverse in the Group 3 Greenham Stakes on his reappearance to finish third behind Cockney Rebel in the 2000 Guineas. Four more runs followed that summer, with Dutch Art achieving his best form when finishing runner-up to Sakhee's Secret in the Group 1 July Cup. He made his final start in October 2007, finishing sixth in the Group 1 Prix de la Foret on Arc de Triomphe afternoon at Longchamp.

Sire Focus: Dutch Art



Girl With A Pearl, (Dutch Art x Pointed Arch) 2 year-old.



Zarwaan, (Dutch Art x Develyn) 4 year-old.

Progeny

Dutch Art's reputation as a sire was given a sharp boost in 2014 as his progeny enjoyed a memorable summer on the racecourse. The Eddie Lynam-trained Slade Power proved the flag bearer, landing himself – and the progeny of Dutch Art – a maiden Group 1 success when winning the Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot he would double that tally by winning the Group 1 July Cup three weeks later. Baccarat, trained by Richard Fahey, added further Royal Ascot plaudits when defying a mark of 105 to win the Wokingham Stakes. His stable companion, Garswood, took the top-tier tally to three when edging out Thawaany in the Prix Maurice de Gheest in August, and he will join Dutch Art at Cheveley Park Stud for the forthcoming breeding season. Juvenile success was also high on the agenda when the Charlie Hills-trained Dutch Connection landed the Group Acomb Stakes at York. Dutch Art's progeny also made the headlines in the sales ring as Lady's First, his Group 3-winning daughter, fetched £1,800,000 at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale when in foal to Frankel.

Our horses

We have three of Dutch Art's progeny currently in training at La Grange. Zarwaan, a four-year-old owned by Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, plied his trade in the most competitive three-year-old handicaps of the summer in 2014, finishing second in the Silver Bowl at Haydock before running a gallant fifth in the Britannia Stakes at the Royal meeting. He begins this season off a mark of 102. Dutch Uncle, a three-year-old owned by Mr Ronnie Arculli, shed his maiden tag at Wolverhampton in January and is a promising sort for the turf campaign while Girl With A Pearl, a juvenile owned by the Racing Fillies partnership, is out of a half-sister to Irish St Leger runner-up Pugin.

Staff Profile:

Another new monthly feature will focus on a different member of the Ed Dunlop Racing Team. Kimberley gets our first grilling of 2015.

Kimberley Judkins

When were you born? 6th November 1984

What is your role at Ed Dunlop Racing? Second Travelling Head Lass.

How did you get into racing?

I started working for a stud and racing was the next step. I came to Newmarket and starting working for Gay Kelleway before I went to work for Gill Duffield.

Who is your biggest racing influence? Gill Duffield, I learnt so much working for her. I will always be grateful for my time with Gill, she taught me so much.

What was your most exciting racing moment? The Arc meeting last year it gave me goose pimples.

Who is your racing hero? Richard Hughes, what a legend!

What is your favourite Racecourse? Deauville, its beautiful!

If you weren't working in Racing what would you be doing? I would love to have been an air hostess.

What is your favourite sport other than racing? I love running and swimming.

What is your Favourite TV program? The Undateables!

Who is your favourite actor? Johnny Depp, I will marry him one day!

What two celebrities would you like to have dinner with? Johnny Depp, obviously! And Angelina Jolie.

What car do you drive? A Honda Civic

Who would play you in a movie? Oooh, that's a tough one, maybe Jennifer Lawrence.

Where do you see yourself in ten years time? I would love to be First Travelling Head Lass, but don't tell Robin!

What was the last book you read? War Horse.

Have you ever done anything for charity? Yes! I have done a few things for charity over the years but the best was a calendar for children with Leukaemia . My friends daughter had leukaemia so all of our friends posed for a calendar to raise as much money as we could for a very worthy cause.



Photos of the month



New Secretary Hannah Butler with Souk Al Tahab



Rosie Carruthers our new Treadmill Operator



Mane pulling lessons for the younger team members



Pupil Assistant James Fathers on the Hack



Maude and Raasmaal (Poet's Voice x Luminda) on the Town Canter

Photos of the month continued...



The Pupil Assistants; Alex riding Opposition (Dalakhani x Censored)



Amadeo riding Souk Al Tahab on Warren Hill



Steve and Red Cadeaux off into quarantine.



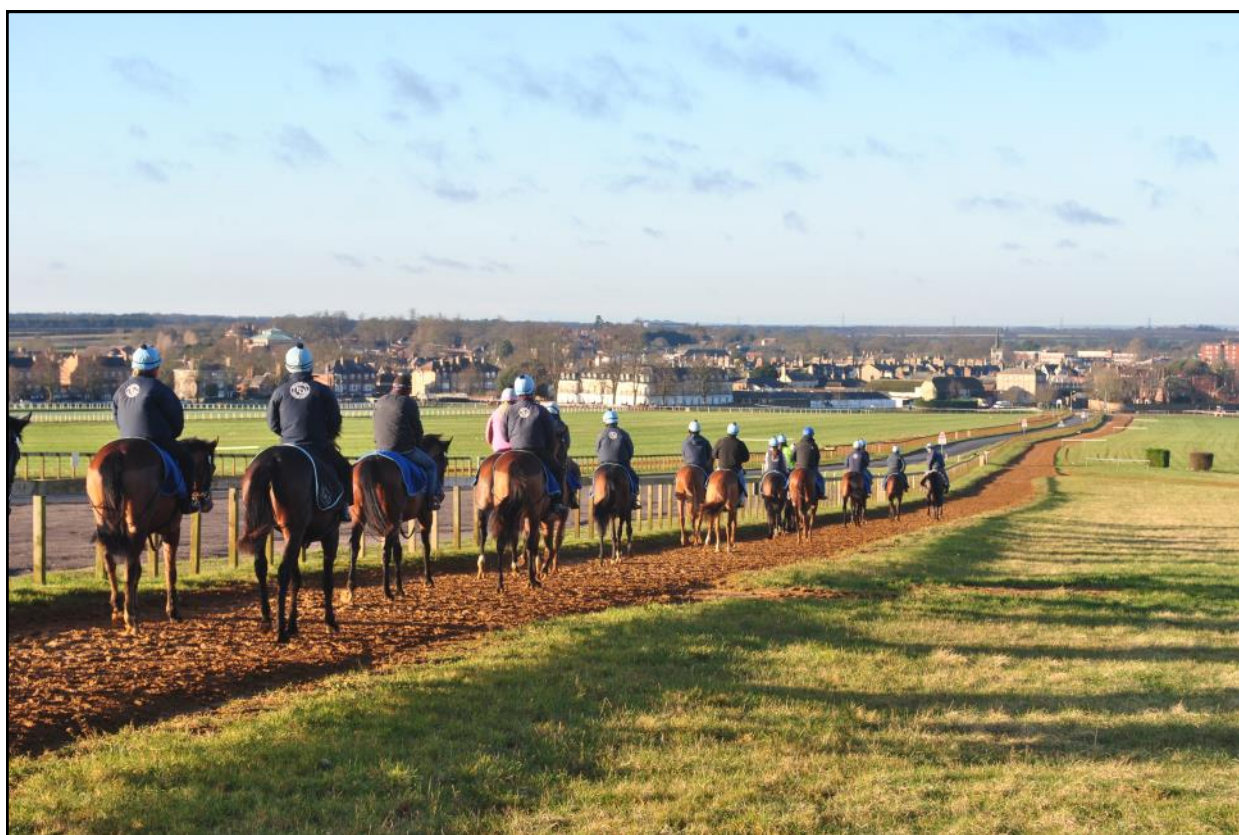
Molly will do anything for a Polo!



Johnny and 2y year-old Mujamala (Exceed and Excel x Habaayib) on the Town Canter



The two year-old string heading home



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