

Normile News

News & reports

I know that it has been a while since my last newsletter, time just seems to fly by, especially with last years new addition, Sophie - so many apologies. We are now already more than half way through our wonderful summer, it has been so wet and miserable that I can really say we are all looking forward to winter, snow will make a nice change !

It has been quite difficult to get all the summer jobs done, there are never enough dry afternoons to get the painting done, and in all this wet weather the grass has never stopped growing and we are having to top all the fields. Needless to say that all those coming back from a summer break are quite well covered !

And the weather has made racing plans difficult for the horses that we have in for the summer, especially the jumpers who mostly want good fast ground and there has not been any of that, mostly waterlogged or abandoned.

We have had more horses to run on the flat this summer:

Modarab who ran a great race on his debut in a good maiden at Newcastle finishing third to some decent types, is now eligible for handicaps and will also run over hurdles during the winter.

Royal Citadel had a break after arriving from Clive Cox's yard, she had been placed on the flat over six furlongs. We have increased her trip and found that a mile and one furlong to a mile and two seems to be her best trip. She was only just beaten a short head at Ayr recently and has struck up a good relationship with Kelly Harrison. She is a

tough little mare who is really enjoying her racing.



Frith has in the past had so many problems but has this season put in some good solid efforts, and his most recent run at Hamilton where he was just beaten by a half length was his best effort so far and has certainly proved to us that all the waiting has been worth while. He will continue to mix running on the flat and hurdles this season. His last run was on soft ground which has opened up many more opportunities as we previously thought that he only ran on fast ground.

Sliver By Nature is a real smashing National Hunt type who took a while to get to grips with everything last season, and perhaps it was the best thing for him to pick up a virus mid winter as we had to ease off him. He had two rather quick runs in bumpers the first at Ayr when he was fourth, but was very unlucky in running, as he met a lot of trouble in the last two furlongs. We



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then ran him the next week at Perth where he won by twelve lengths, he was given a great ride and he looks to be a really exciting prospect for the future.

The Saltire Tiger, who had a few runs at Musselburgh over the winter months is really a true Summer horse. He ran a great race at Sedgefield to finish a whisker behind a nice horse of George Moore's and then he ran a real blinder to hack up at Hexham. His jumping has really been his forte and he will be a real excitement when he goes over fences. He has since been waiting for his necessary good fast ground before his next run.



English City, had been kept really busy since he arrived with us, fresh from a busy campaign on the flat. He needs to have decent ground but has got a huge heart and always tries his best. He won a good hurdle race at Kelso, in true battling and gutsy style. He was then a good second at Sedgefield only beaten in a driving finish and then was second to a good horse of Paul Nicholls' at Ayr. He has had a short well deserved break since his last run. His recent flat run will have knocked the cobwebs away before a mixed hurdles and flat campaign.

Flaming Heck, although he did not win last season, ran some really great races in defeat. He mixed racing over hurdles and fences well and his sometimes slightly erratic jumping has been vastly improved. He is just a horse who does not take kindly to being given instructions !

Pendragon was bought in France last season and is a half brother to Rallying Cry bought by Godolphin. He took a while to settle in but is a real tough little horse. He has had two nice runs in bumpers but is ultimately much more of a speed horse who will be suited by a



good two miles over hurdles. He was unlucky in running in his first hurdle race, where he jumped

well apart from the second last. He is a great little horse, with a big heart.

Run Atim, a lovely big gent of a horse, was sent to us having never previously completed a race over obstacles and had many problems with his soundness. We have managed to get him to finish in several chases, and his jumping has been foot perfect and we have had very few problems with him going lame. He is a really smashing horse to have and it is very satisfying for us to succeed where others have not.

The Ample Hamper went point to pointing last season, he is such a giant of a horse that he just needed a bit more time to get his confidence together and it certainly paid off. He had four runs and his form reads 2213, his jumping was brilliant and he is just a relentless galloper. He

would have run more but the going went pretty fast in April and he was turned out for the summer. He will be back running on the track next season and I will be hoping to syndicate him – **any interested parties ?**



Miss Carry On is the first foal out of our first ever winner, Carbery Spirit, it seems only the other day that we bought the mare at Doncaster. She had her first run in a bumper at Perth recently and gave a pleasing impression. She will appreciate a stiffer test of stamina in future and also fast ground. She jumps well and will be going over hurdles shortly.

Heckley Foxtrot is a really nice big horse who has been working really impressively and should be more than capable of giving his owners plenty of success. He is a big boned horse who will have no trouble jumping fences in time. He has had one pleasing run in a bumper but he struggled with the tight track, a nice horse for the future

Tycheros is a four time winner on the flat and is related to some decent horses. He had a nice break since arriving and recently made his debut over hurdles, but needs a longer trip it was a nice promising start, he has already been schooled over fences - a really exciting prospect.

NEW HORSES - an exciting time of year for us all as there are some very nice new horses in the yard, more details following

Ownership opportunities

LBN Racing Club - Join a fun racing club. Plenty of fun with various parties, newsletters and stables visits. For an all inclusive fee of £275 per year, join together with over thirty other members.

Twenty's Plenty - They have been in the winners enclosure this summer with Frith.

Saltire Racing Club - The Saltire Tiger, a winner at Hexham, was the first winner for the club.

Carry On Racing - A new syndicate run by a really enthusiastic couple.

Horses for sale - There are usually horses in the yard for sale either as a whole or in part, or if you were looking for something specific we would be delighted to help you find this.

The Ample Hamper is looking for someone to lease him for the season—only training fees to pay..

Please ask for details and pedigrees. If we don't have what you are looking for, we would be delighted to help you find a horse elsewhere.

We are often putting new syndicates together so please do ask for details. The more the merrier.

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