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Oliver Greenall Racing

NEWS

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Winners Since the Resumption

It was obviously very disappointing to have the season cut short but, with an unexpected period with no racing, we made most of the opportunity it provided and concentrated on getting the yard and facilities upgraded for the season ahead. It was lovely to spend a bit more time at home with Jess and Walter; Walter is growing up so fast and it's great seeing him up and running, and his character developing. He loves riding his pony around the yard and I'm sure it won't be long before he's giving us a hand!



Racing is now back in full swing. Races are hugely competitive with plenty of horses to fit into a slightly reduced calendar. Our placed horses include Authorizo, Court in Matera and Now Children, and we have had four winners in Grand Coureur, Fort De L'Ocean, El Borracho and First Man. Grand has been such a consistent sort and has now won twice and finished second five times. Fort de L'Ocean seems to be relishing the better ground; he was running well through the winter however we felt he would act better on the summer ground which he has, winning emphatically at Cartmel. He is a young, progressive horse that will definitely be back to winning ways again very soon.

El Borracho is a favourite of mine; Dan and I bought him at the October Newmarket Horses in Training Sales and, having won four on the flat over an extended trip, he looked ideal to go hurdling. Having worn a hood and looking keen in his races I think put some potential buyers off, so we managed to secure him at a reasonable price. He is a forward going and buzzy horse, however training in a quiet location seems to suit him and he loves his work, especially the jumping. I am really looking forward to seeing him progress in the months and years to come. First Man romped home at Stratford under a great front running ride from Paddy Brennan. He has always showed plenty of promise at home so it was so nice that he proved himself on the track. Hopefully he can now build on this and progress up the ranks.

Re-laid and Improved Gallop

We had been planning to resurface and improve the hill gallop for a while. It is now complete and we couldn't be happier with it. The surface is so forgiving and the horses spring off it and seem to love it. With the stiff hill at the start and the gradual climb at the end, it really makes the horses work all the way up to the top. They have been having a good blow and, by using both gallops, we can get plenty of work into the horses without having to go too fast or put them under unnecessary pressure daily.



Ivy Lodge Farm



We have decided this year to send some horses that have had time off due to injury to Jason Maguire's rehabilitation yard to walk on their water treadmill and go in the hydrotherapy spa. Jason is a fantastic horseman and, listening to other trainers, they have been having fantastic results from using this facility. It enables the horses to tone and lose weight while not putting excessive weight and strain on their limbs, slowly building up their strength so that when they come back into training they can cope with the work.

EXCITING NEW ARRIVALS



SOME SPIN

We have had plenty of new horses arrive in the last few weeks and are building a really exciting team for the winter season. Three horses have come in from France; Ecossais is an older horse but with recent form, and should provide plenty of fun in long distance handicaps; Asharran is a juvenile from the flat who is schooling well and will run in the autumn, and Herbiers is an exciting three year old who has won a bumper in France. We are very lucky to be able to train him and can't wait to go hurdling with him this autumn.

We have also bought a horse from Ireland recently called Some Spin. With local owners, he should provide plenty of fun this autumn. Having won a maiden hurdle in Ireland very nicely and with the form looking promising, he will be the ideal sort for hurdles races with the potential to go chasing.



PHIL DE PAIL

We have recently formed a new syndicate called Stockton Hall Farm Racing Club with plenty of local owners getting involved. They have purchased a very exciting unraced three year old called Phil de Pail; a strong, striking grey horse with a fantastic attitude. We broke him in this spring and he was very quick to learn and soon progressed, showing plenty of promise. He loves his jumping so we are planning to run him in a juvenile hurdle in the autumn. He's another we cannot wait to see on the track.

OPEN MORNINGS

For obvious reasons, we have sadly not been able to organise an Open Day this year, which is a great disappointment as it is usually a really fun day for everyone to come to the yard and have a catch up. With this not happening, I would really like to encourage everyone to come on another day; just get in touch and we can sort something out for you, whether a morning or afternoon, and can also arrange accommodation to make it a special day for yourself, family and friends. I am going to also organise syndicate mornings at the yard starting the weekend after Bank Holiday.

Top Horses

Gamesters Icon	40
Evander	30
Grand Coureur	30
Late Romantic	26
Midnight Moss	24
Vereina	20

Top Scores

Roger Nicholas (1)	73
Mark Astbury	61
Bev Bostock	61
Cai Williams	55
Roger Nicholas (2)	50

3 to follow competition

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