



El Borracho Wins Again

We have been having a great time since my last newsletter with plenty of winners and placed horses up and down the country.

El Borracho seems to be improving with each run. He loves jumping and has taken to it extremely well, really attacking his hurdles. Henry gave him a lovely ride at Southwell where he won impressively, beating a dual subsequent winner in Leroy Leroy. He has since run with credit in 2 handicap efforts in very competitive races, he will have learnt plenty from those 2 starts and it won't be long before he is back in the winners enclosure.



He won't want too soft ground so the plan is to run him once more then think about putting him away until the spring. There is also the option to take him back to run on the flat again which is a route we have successfully taken before with former flat horses.

Jaffa Doubles Up

Absolute Jaffa has always shown us plenty of form at home but had been slightly frustrating and being a very forward sort it took us time to get her relaxed. Her owners have been so patient, enabling us to give her the time she needed to learn to settle. She struggled to relax and find her rhythm but putting her over fences and making the running has sparked the flame. The time invested has paid off and she has now won twice in good style at Sedgefield and Uttoxeter, jumping really boldly and taking the other runners off their feet under a lovely, confident ride from Henry on both occasions. She loves to race and tries so hard which is every trainer's dream.



Winter horses nearly ready to get rolling

It's always an exciting time of year for us as we start stepping up the paces of all the horses for the winter and seeing how they have progressed for their summer off. The changes we made to the hill gallop seems to be really helping them all and they are developing a good top line and plenty of muscle in the back end. Now the rain has come we can start looking for races for the winter horses and the majority should be getting their season under way over the next month. Fingers crossed this seems to be the strongest team we have had to date and seems to be a lot more depth to it so hopefully with a bit of luck it can be a good year for us all.

The Chester Sheikh Muir Pulls It Off



It gave me so much pleasure to see Cawthorne finally bag a much deserved win at Market Rasen. He has been at the yard for a few years now having been bought from Doncaster as an unbroken store horse. He won his point to point nicely and was due to be sold but picked up an injury and had to have time off.

Dan and a few of his local friends bought him off me and have been very patient with him. He can only race on a sound surface so it took a while for ground to come right for him and, when it did, he had plenty of bad luck either falling late on or getting badly hampered during the race.

He finally pulled it all together at Market Rasen under a majestic ride from Paddy Brennan who produced him at the last hurdle to win by just half a length. Dan works extremely hard here at the yard and it gives us such a thrill to see his horse win.

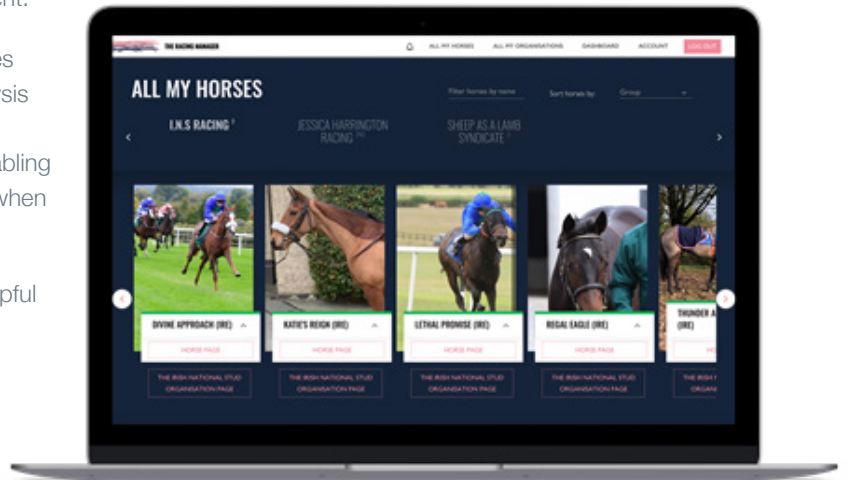
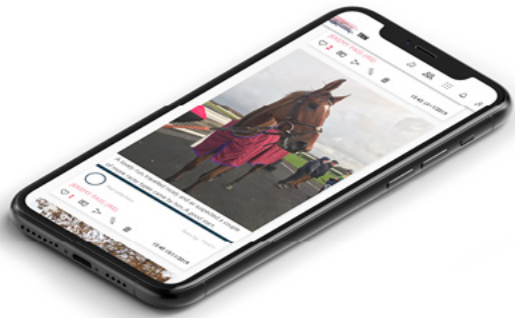
The Racing Manager

During and since lockdown the extra restrictions have made it harder for owners to interact and get involved with their horses.

I recently stumbled across a system called The Racing Manager that we have now adopted and it has proved to be a revelation, transforming the owners' experience. We have had fantastic feedback and all our owners seem to love the added content.

Not only do owners now receive regular videos and updates on their horses but also form alerts, race reviews and analysis which everyone seems to enjoy. It is a fantastic interactive platform that has proved to be an extremely useful tool enabling us to send videos from the yard as well as from the races when owners have been unable to attend.

The team at Racing Manager have also been extremely helpful and proactive in tweaking the system, making additions and changes to adapt Racing Manager to our way of communicating.



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We are also very lucky to now have a second sponsor in SmartPlanner, which is fantastic race planning app for trainers. The software will be hugely helpful in allowing us to find the best opportunities for each of our horses and ensuring no races gets missed.

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