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## ROSS WINS RIDE OF THE SEASON AT CATTERICK



We were all delighted to hear that Ross has deservedly been awarded The Millbry Hill Ride of the Season for his winning ride on First Man at Catterick on Tuesday 2nd March. First Man was cruising towards the last when he was joined by two others who looked to have him beat, but Ross managed to pick him up and drive him home in a really impressive finish, getting there just in time. For anyone who missed it or wants to watch it again, [click here](#).

First Man has been an absolute revelation, winning four times in recent months; once over fences and three times over hurdles. It just shows, as is so often the case with young horses, the importance of giving them time to learn to race and for things to click into place.

He has proved to be a total star for the yard and his loyal owners, The Haydock Racing Club. The only sadness is that the syndicate members haven't been able to go to watch him live as a group.

He is now having a break but we look forward to many more fun times with him in the future when we can all get together and share in his success.

# NEWS

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## New Wax on the Gallop

Since changing the gallop and extending it, we've noticed a real difference in the horses' fitness and well-being. It's meant we've been able to put more work into the horses without putting them under increased physical pressure, and it's definitely resulted in them being better in themselves overall.

The surface we use on the gallop is chopped recycled carpet from Carpet Gallop in Welshpool. The company is owned by The Potter Family who are big National Hunt supporters and spent a lot of time and expertise developing and improving this product.

The only major issue we have found with the carpet is that it can get dusty in dry periods. To solve the problem, we've now added wax to the surface which has proved to be a game changer, eliminating the dust and making the surface even more springy and safe for the horses.

## Tipping Competition Results

Our Tipping Competition went very well, the leader board closed as follows:

**1st – Bill Madill**

**2nd – Steve Mulholland**

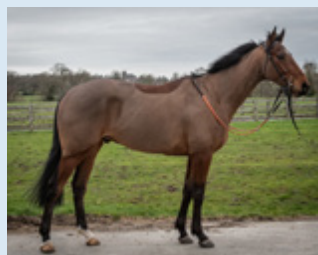
Congratulations to our winner who receives four tickets to Bangor, and the runner-up who place takes home £50. We will do another one for Aintree with extra races, so don't forget to get involved.

## Horses Currently for Sale

We have two great opportunities to get involved in some lovely horses.

There are five shares left in Bravethewaves who is a lovely horse by Gentlewave. He's a four-year-old gelding that will run once this time (at Bangor in mid-April) then go novice hurdling in the autumn and looks an exciting prospect for the future.

We also have **one share left** in the Back to the Track Syndicate which has two horses in that are ready and raring to go and provide us with lots of fun in the months ahead.



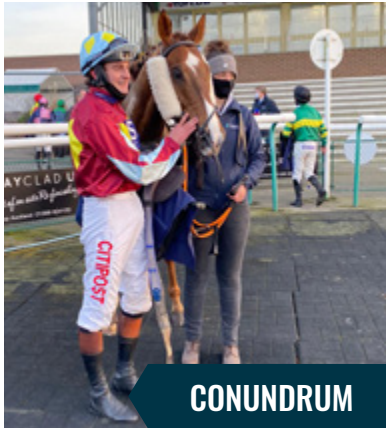
**GENTLEWAVE**

For further details [click here to visit the website](#).

# We've had a great few weeks with Furious, Conundrum, Eccosais, Miss Tara Moss and First Man...

March has been a fantastic month, with the horses running really well and producing five winners so far. Furious De Ciergues kicked it off with a great front running ride from Henry Brooke. He is a lovely big horse that has always promised plenty but just taken his time to mature and

Conundrum's win gave me a huge amount of pleasure as he has been a frustrating horse to train since coming off the flat; despite always showing his ability at home, it has taken until now



for it all to fall into place. Everything fell right for him at Sedgefield and his patient owners were justly rewarded. Another cracking ride from Henry, who found him the best ground and kept him out of trouble, saw him produced going to the last and going away to win well.

Eccosais has been a star for our Racing Club since coming over from France. He's another that took a little time to acclimatise but now seems to be on a roll, scoring his third win under Ross Turner in a chase at Southwell. He jumps so well and, even as he is going up in the handicap ratings, keeps finding a bit more. He's a really exciting horse that should have a bright future.



Miss Tara Moss was our latest winner. She's a really tough sort and has been thoroughly consistent from the minute she arrived from her part owner and breeder, Keith Reverley's yard. She has never been flashy but always goes about her work without any fuss, doing what she needs to do. Sean Quinlan gave her a lovely ride around Sedgefield and she jumped beautifully for him. She looked like she was going to get overtaken on both sides coming



down the hill to the last but put her head down and pulled out all the stops to get herself home in front. What made it even better for her owners was that being British bred, she picked up an extra £20k bonus. She has come out of the race well and we will try and win another novice with a penalty with her as the races start to get weaker towards the end of the season.

## Cheltenham Festival and our Preview Evening

Well, it's fair to say that was a very different Cheltenham Festival and, having been there on the Tuesday, not one that I'd like to repeat.

A day out at Cheltenham is normally always a highlight of the year, made special by the unique atmosphere which was sorely lacking this time. That said, we were extremely lucky that it went ahead at all, and the organisers did all they could to make it as memorable for the owners as they could.

The racing was top draw and, although the Irish were on fire and gave team GB a fair battering, we saw some excellent racing with plenty of tight finishes.

My highlight was without doubt the Hunters Chase; Will Biddick not only worked here for a season but is also a great friend and to see his horse win gave me such a thrill. Lorcan gave

Porlock Bay a fantastic patient ride and just held on to make it such a riveting race.

I also loved the Champion Chase with Put the Kettle On winning a shade cosily in the end; she seems to love Cheltenham and always improves on the track.

The Gold Cup was one of the best I've seen for a while with so many in with a shout before the race, and plenty in contention at the top of the hill.

The Irish horses, particularly Henry de Bromhead's, were just better on the day. Rachael Blackmore has always been very talented, but really came to the fore taking centre stage as this year's festival and winning the jockeys' title. She speaks incredibly well and is so down to earth and humble, which is lovely to see; she isn't flashy but doesn't get things wrong and has horses in the right place, which is key.

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