

Like mother, like daughter?



Time To Perfection's dam fights out the finish of the French Oaks

Whilst we await the racecourse debut of Time to Perfection, the exploits of her dam give us the chance to dream. This photo shows her dam Time Ahead, (right with cerise colours and yellow cap) ridden by Keiren Fallon fighting out the finish of the 2003 Group 1 Prix de Diane with Nebraska Tornado, ridden by Richard Hughes. The Racing Post report says

"Disputed 3rd in straight, went 2nd over a furlong out and ran on, not reach winner". Time Ahead was beaten less than a length with Group 1 winners Musical Chimes, Vallee Enchantee and Fidelito all behind and well beaten. Time Ahead was trained by John Dunlop at Arundel and ran in the colours of the Barnett family - breeders of her granddam,

the legendary Time Charter. A bright bay with a white blaze, Time Ahead was a 6 length winner of a good Newmarket maiden on good ground and seemed most effective at 10 furlongs (the distance of the Prix de Diane) but seemed not to stay further when upped to 12 furlongs. What's clear is that Time to Perfection's dam had really top class form.

Finding the Derby winner



Finish of 2017 Racing Post Trophy

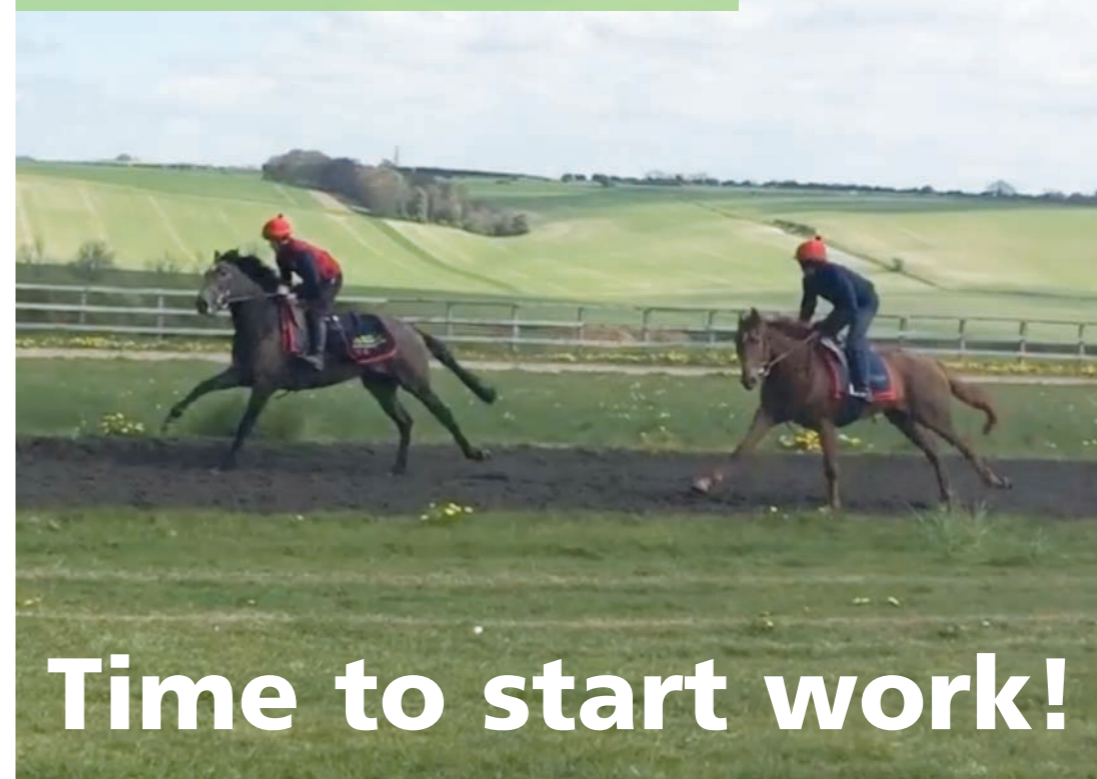
One of the best guides to the Derby form is the Group 1 Racing Post Trophy run over a mile at Doncaster in October. The 2016 race was won by the William Haggas trained Rivet who beat the Aiden O'Brien favourite Yucatan. But perhaps the most eye-catching performance was the strong finish of Salouen in third place. This son of Canford Cliffs looks sure to be suited by a step up to 12 furlongs and faster ground. Happily this classy three year old is in the care of none other than Sylvester Kirk! What chances of a first classic winner - at 66/1 there could be many worse bets?

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Time To Perfection striding out on the Lambourn gallops



Time to start work!

We were blessed with a warm sunny day on our stable visit to Cedar Lodge to watch our Mastercraftsman filly work on the gallops - after enjoying coffee and egg and bacon sandwiches. Time To Perfection had clearly 'levelled up' since we last saw her and was looking a picture. We initially watched her warm up, circling around at the foot of the gallops until she and

some of Sylvester's other two year olds set off up the all-weather gallops to work nicely over a couple of furlongs. Sylvester expressed himself very satisfied with our filly and, as always, is in no hurry to rush the youngsters wishing to take a longer term view. But Time To Perfection strode out and moved well - and still had plenty of energy for a kick and a buck on the return home to Cedar Lodge.

It's likely that she'll start off over 7 furlongs - possibly at Salisbury or Newbury - which are both great tracks for youngsters to have their first runs. Afterwards, our filly was hosed down and led out to the paddock to enjoy a pick of grass in the sun and was still very much on her toes, whilst her lucky owners were generously entertained by Sylvester and Fanny with glass after glass of champagne!

ITV fails to halt decline



Ed Chamberlain heading up ITV's Grand National coverage from Aintree

ITV paid around £30 million to secure a four year monopoly of terrestrial coverage of racing. But latest viewing figures show that numbers have declined a further 18% since taking over from Channel 4. Much has been made of the numbers who viewed the Grand National - but the glorious weather on that day has probably skewed the figures with many attracted away from their TV's by the cloudless skies outside.

The danger for ITV is the need to recoup their costs of the broadcast rights through advertising revenue - but if audiences drop below expectations, advertisers may vote with their feet. The bottom line, to date, is that ITV seems to have lost 3 million viewers despite coverage apparently being very well received by the racing industry. Worse performing of all has been The Morning Show replacing The Morning Line which has seen numbers dwindle to a pathetic 31,000 viewers. Whilst the number of different ways people can watch racing have inevitably meant fewer terrestrial viewings, racing probably needs to take a close look at itself - to many the product is ridiculously unfathomable.

Improving rider standards...



First day at the British Racing School

The BHA is to overhaul the way jockeys are licensed in Britain in an effort to drive up standards and address the number of riders who fail to make the grade. From April 1, applicants for apprentice and conditional jockey courses will only be accepted if they pass a pre-licence assessment. The length of the jockey

training course will be extended from five to ten days and training will continue when they are riding as claimers. A BHA statement said: "The enhancements are designed to address the present situation in which racing is spending considerable resource training individuals

who may not become successful. Too many jockeys also mean much reduced opportunities for riders who might make the grade. Currently 30% of licensing course attendees never ride a winner and 88% do not ride out their claim". Paul Hanagan, champion jockey in 2010 and 2011, backed the move. "Hopefully it will make it safer," he said. "I thought it was easy enough for lads to get a licence now, so it's nice to see something's being done". Nick Rust, Chief Executive of the BHA, said: "The changes announced today ensure that our jockeys will have access to significantly enhanced technical, personal and professional training. A more efficient and extensive assessment process can help aspiring jockeys who have a genuine chance of success to receive the first class levels of

support and guidance they require. "One of our key strategic objectives is to prioritise the welfare of our human and equine athletes and these changes show we are clearly focussed on investing in and looking after our people, as well as our horses. We are fully aware of the impact these changes are likely to have on horsemen and thank trainers for their understanding. We will continue to have an open dialogue with the National Trainers Federation and their members as these changes come into effect."

Did you know?

The BHA's fees for racehorse owners are set to rise by 7.5% over the next 3 years.

Snapshot

Salouen - Sylvester's classy three-year-old who's the stable's hope for top honours in 2017



Owners' lunch



This year's owners' lunch at Homebred's base in West Wales will be on Sunday June 18th. Full details about the day and how to find us will be sent to owners by post. Don't miss it and the chance to catch up with Celestial Bay and Delagoa Bay!

Did you know?

Lingfield Park's All-Weather Championships on Easter Friday attracted a record crowd of over 10,000.

Swiss Spirit the first freshman in Europe to post a winner

Kick On Kick On storms home by four lengths at Leicester



Swiss Spirit: son of developing sire of sires Invincible Spirit stands at Whitsbury Manor Stud
Gavin James/Whitsbury Manor Stud

'Swiss Spirit's half-brother by Frankel, Swiss Storm, is a dark horse for this year's Classics'

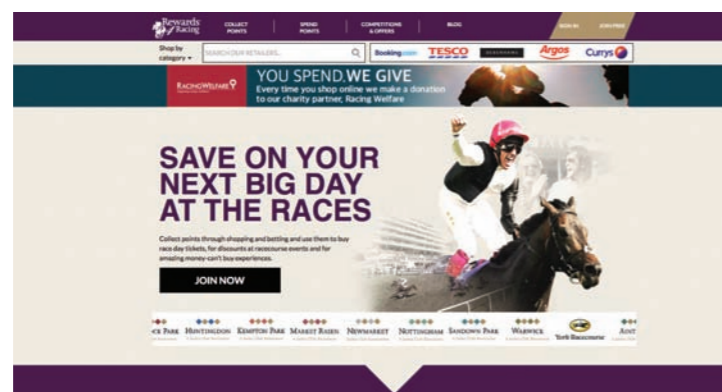
Swiss Spirit became the first of this year's freshman sires in Europe to register a winner when his son Kick On Kick On hacked up in a 5f novice stakes for colts and geldings at Leicester on Friday.

Our own mare Delagoa Bay is in foal to Swiss Spirit who has his first runners this season

Recruiting a new audience

Racing's new Heritage Centre will be a unique venue for children and school groups to enjoy a fantastic day out. With links to the National Curriculum, groups can enjoy immersive learning through workshops and activities. It's an imaginative way to open racing's doors to enrich learning outside the classroom. There will be themed events through the year, such as Under Starter's Orders. This programme recently welcomed 152 Year Five students from six Newmarket schools to support the National Curriculum for Key Stage Two.

Greater rewards for racegoers...



Rewards4Racing is set to double the number of courses on the programme with the addition of Arena Racing Company's 16 tracks later this year meaning it will expand to 32 racecourses and increase the number of meetings where members can both collect and spend their points from 360 to more than 900. The programme's members collect Rewards4Racing points when buying racecourse tickets, placing bets with its three betting partners Bet365, Betfred and Coral, and when shopping with

around 4,000 retailers. Rewards4Racing's annual report for 2016 said its members staked more than £1 billion with its three bookmaker partners during the year, resulting in 102,000 tickets to the races being purchased. Rewards4Racing's membership surpassed the one million mark in 2016 and those members spent a total of £59 million with racecourse and retail partners, an increase of more than 18 per cent. In all, 170,000 tickets to the races were purchased using Rewards4Racing points last year.

Did you know?

The fastest speed ever recorded by a thoroughbred was Winning Brew who was timed galloping at 43.97 mph.

Going to war!



War Front

In terms of the 'new kid on the block' War Front is the talking horse across the Atlantic. Breeders are looking to War Horse to create a new dynasty for the thoroughbred and expectations are high that this bay, foaled in 2002 and sired by Danzig, will step up to the challenge. It's of particular interest to Homebred Racing as our own Celestial Bay is in foal to one of War Front's best sons - Due Diligence. War Front, a small and compact bay, 15.3hh, was trained by Allen Jenkins to win 4 of his 13 races and over \$400,000 in prizemoney. In today's terms, not a particularly impressive racecourse career, but not withstanding this he commands a stud fee of over \$200,000 making him one of the world's most sought after and expensive stallions. So what's the attraction? Partly that he's by the very influential Danzig out of Starry Dreamer - a daughter of Rubiano who won six races - but his stud record over the past 6 seasons since his stock reached the racecourse has delivered some glittering results. His daughter Summer Soiree won the Del Mar Oaks. The Factor and Hit It A Bomb are also Group 1 winners, not to mention Declaration of War, War Command and Air Force Blue. Due Diligence would have surely been another Group 1 winner for War Front had he not fractured his pelvis when still finishing second to Slade Power at Royal Ascot. It was an injury that ended his career - but now fingers crossed that a mating with Celestial Bay will go some way to realising the dreams for a new dynasty!

Whitsbury - the home of champions



Whitsbury's 550 acres of Hampshire downland

Whitsbury Stud was established in 1948 and boasts a proud history of producing top class racehorses. Stallions that have been resident at Whitsbury include Ballymoss, Compton Place, Distant Relative, Young Generation, Avanti and Cadeaux Genereux. The current flag bearers are Showcasing, Due Diligence, Swiss Spirit and Adaay. The stud comprises over 500 acres of the rolling Hampshire Downs and is home to over 50 resident mares - the chalk pasture is ideal for helping bone development in growing youngsters. Many mares, like Celestial Bay and Delagoa Bay, are at the stud on a visiting basis - staying until scanned in foal which is usually 16 days after being covered. The stallions are restricted to the number of mares they cover in a season - usually a maximum of 150 - so in Whitsbury's case a matter



Trainer Marcus Tregonning with his Derby winner Sir Percy at Whitsbury

of managing some 600 mares in a season plus their youngsters if they are already in foal or have a foal at foot. Whitsbury Manor Stud is owned by Chris Harper and managed by director Ed Harper, ably assisted by stud manager Phil Haworth. The location is also shared by leading trainer Marcus Tregonning who moved to Whitsbury from Lambourn, and had also previously been

the base for Ralph Beckett - so a real hub of thoroughbred excellence. We now hope that our mares will produce a couple of lovely foals to match! Celestial Bay is in foal to Due Diligence - a spectacular winner on debut and for Aidan O'Brien and Delagoa Bay who's in foal to classy sprinter Swiss Spirit... hoping that we can inject a little more speed. Time will tell!

Horseracing's national treasure

Situated in The Trainer's House and King's Yard, The National Horseracing Museum will use the latest audiovisual technology to interpret its collections. It will show how the sport of horseracing has developed from its earliest origins into the worldwide phenomenon of today. Visitors can explore

the sport in the context of the social and political influences of the times. Visitors will also get to know racing's heroes - both human and equine. There will be a theatrical presentation showcasing memorable and inspiring stories, told by some of flat and jump racing's greatest champions.



Racing's new spending power - at last!



With the offshore betting loophole plugged, events like the Cheltenham Festival will help to produce millions of extra pounds each year for British racing; how that money is spent will be down to the new Racing Authority, which takes over the role from the Levy Board. More than half a century after British racing was first granted the benefit of statutory funding from bookmakers, through the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963, a new dawn is about to break. From April 1, a new system comes into force: all betting operators - online and retail - who take bets from punters in the UK on British horseracing will pay a levy 'for the purposes of aiding the horseracing and equine sector.' Offshore operators and betting exchanges, which have so far fallen outside legislation drawn up long before the internet was invented, will be placed on the same formal basis as land-based companies. The Gambling Commission will be responsible for collection, and a new body, the Racing Authority, will have the task of spending the money. The final plan still has to be formally smoothed out by the European Commission. Even then, a complaint could be lodged - most likely by a bookmaker trading in the UK but based in the EU - which would take up to 18 months to resolve. But hopefully this is the dawn of a new, better funded era for racing.