

The new Seabiscuit?



Gloria de Campeao (No. 5)

A horse plucked from a Brazilian farm for just £11,000 has triumphed in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup. If Seabiscuit was forever the quintessential racing hero of America in the Great Depression, then Gloria de Campeao must be the epitome of racing dreams in the modern international era. Found on a Brazilian farm for the equivalent of about £11,000 when he was a yearling by agent Renato Cameiro on behalf of owner Stefan Friberg, the modestly bred Gloria de Campeao has rewritten records. By coming out on top in a three-horse photo finish to win the \$10 million Dubai World Cup, Gloria de Campeao established himself as the richest horse ever trained in Europe with earnings of £5,766,883. Bestowed with a fate-challenging name meaning 'Glorious Champion' in

Portugese, Gloria de Campeao's life story is as compelling as Seabiscuit's. The seven year old is by the obscure stallion Impression, a nearly white Argentine-bred son of American champion sprinter Rubiano, and is the second foal out of the Clackson mare Audacity, who finished seventh of ten on her only start. Yet breeder Sylvio Bertoh probably envisioned the speed of Group 1 winner Impression combining well with the blood of Clackson, a leading sire and outstanding runner over long trips in Brazil. Gloria de Campeao "enjoys a fight and never gives up," according to Friberg, and handles the exertions of international racing well. In the barn at Meydan racecourse after his historic victory over Lizard's Desire and Allybar, "the horse acted like he had not run," according to Friberg's Racing Manager Patrick Barber.

Straight from the horse's mouth

Here are a few snippets and comments from people who should know what they're talking about - and hopefully will pinpoint some winners.

"The ones that stand out at this stage are an unnamed Proclamation colt out of Shaieef and a very nice Bahamian Bounty filly called Coconut Ice".

Trainer David Simcock reckons his juveniles are better than last year and singles out a Cape Cross colt out of Easy to Love and a Medaglio d'Oro out of Bourbon Blues. Of his older horses he suggests Bushman when the ground is soft.

Jockey William Buick says that Do Re Mi and Showcasing are amongst those he's most looking forward to riding for his new boss John Gosden.

Top female rider Hayley Turner opts for Prompter and



Top juvenile trainer Tom Dascombe

Trainer Tom Dascombe, who's now in residence at Michael Owen's yard in Cheshire, and is keen on two-year-olds says:



Polarity at just 3 days old sets off on a canter with dam Snowy Mantle

Foal numbers fall

The impact of the recession on the breeding industry has been far more severe in Ireland than Britain, according to a recently published report by the BHA in partnership with Weatherbys and the charity World Horse Welfare.

In 2009, the number of foals born in Ireland decreased by 22.85% from the previous year-down from 12,419 to 9,581. British figures showed a year-on-year decline of 8.83%, falling from 5,920 to 5,397. The overall decline was 18.33%. The number of active broodmares fell by 1,422 in Ireland between 2008 and 2009, from 20,038 to 18,616, a decline of 7.1%, while the same period witnessed a 2.5% fall in the active broodmare band in Britain, from 10,740 to 10,471. A 3.2% fall in the number of horses in training in Britain in 2009, from 15,182 to 14,696 is not as great as many would have predicted, although the 'lag' factor means the recession's effects on the horse population could still be felt for some years to come.

Memorable quotes

Jockey Bryn Crossley on his contemporary Lester Piggott: "At an inquiry Lester went into the stewards' room like Clint Eastwood. And he came out like Clint Eastwood - he didn't give a monkeys!"



Hayley Turner

Tactician as two of her rides to follow this year.

Bloodstock expert David Redvers suggests these to follow: Ishiguru filly out of Ulysses Daughter trained by Ger Lyons, Medicean filly out of Australian Dreams trained by Ralph Beckett and a Sleeping Indian filly out of Cadeaux Speciale in training with Kevin Ryan. Good luck!

Did you know?

A racehorse can reach 42 miles an hour from a standing start in just 6 strides - or 2.5 seconds!

Let us have your ideas and views



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Just 3 shares are left in this filly by the world's most expensive stallion who is already in training for a two-year-old campaign

Super filly by super stallion

This is Homebred's 2-year-old filly by Australia's super-sire Encosta de Lago. 'Poppy' had been accepted for Tattersalls Select Breeze-Up Sale at Newmarket but was withdrawn as in the current market we felt she wouldn't realize her true value. Poppy is now in training with Sylvester Kirk in Lambourn.

This late change of plans means that we are now offering a rare opportunity to share in the fun of a potentially top class filly at £1,000 + VAT for each 10% share simply to cover training costs in her first season. This is an exceptionally attractive and athletic filly out of a winning miler by Australia's champion who is sire

of both the highest priced colt and filly at the Magic Millions Sale. Encosta de Lago is already the sire of the winners of 37 Group 1 races - including Sacred Kingdom - 'the fastest horse on the planet'. There are just 3 shares left and if you are interested please call 01293 884433 or email: post@chriswallcreative.co.uk

Top tracks open doors for free...

Ascot and Goodwood are among nine racecourses that will offer a day of free admission as part of the 'Racing For Change' initiative to attract more people to the sport. Racing For Change Chairman Chris McFadden said: "These fixtures give the public a real choice. The quality of the racing is great. "With three of the fixtures being in the evening and one on Saturday afternoon, they are at times that are convenient for people to come along with their families." A number of trial initiatives will be launched during the week, including a new display of photo-finish results on big screens, modernised raceday announcements and improved raceday programmes.



Top class racing for free!

BHA imposes harsher corruption penalties

The BHA recently reviewed penalties to ensure that they are a sufficient deterrent to discourage corruption. As a result penalties are to change for breaches of the rules regarding corruption following a review by the BHA's Working Party. These changes consist of increased entry points and some changes to the overall penalty ranges. The changes shown to the right are those which most directly effect owners and trainers.

Rule/Manual	Description	Participant	Disqualification
(A)36	Communication of inside information	Trainer/owner	3yrs
(B)59.2	Failure to run a horse on its merits	Rider/trainer	5yrs
(B)59.2	Failure to run a horse on its merits	Owner	18 months
(C)64.1	Restrictions on laying a horse to lose	Trainer	18 months
(F)92.2	Restrictions on laying a horse to lose	Owner	18 months

Did you know?

The Jenny Pitman trained Garrison Savannah beat probably the strongest field ever in a Gold Cup which included previous winners Desert Orchid, Norton's Coin and two future winners in Cool Ground and The Fellow. Garrison Savannah went on to finish 2nd in the Grand National.

Just Champion!

Bob Champion and Aldaniti negotiated 30 fences to win the National; his ex-rider now has 60 tracks in his sights.

What is the 60:60 Challenge? "I'll travel to the 60 British racecourses within 60 consecutive days when they are racing".

How did the idea come about? "I am always trying to think of different fund raising stunts for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust and am doing this one for the Injured Jockeys' Fund. They were so good to me when I was ill with cancer".

What's the plan when you get to each course?

The idea is to get more people interested in racing. Anyone who donates at least £50 will be able to visit the weighing room, stewards' room, walk the course with a jockey, go down to the start and see what goes on behind the scenes. John Hurt (who played Bob in the 1984 film 'Champions') lives near Fakenham and is keen to come along when he can too.

What is the outstanding memory you have of Aldaniti's 1981 Grand National victory?

Aldaniti fulfilling the confidence I had in him. A few years before Aintree I got off him after winning at Leicester and told Josh Gifford he would win a National. Had I not made that statement he would have been put down as he broke down so badly at Sandown afterwards. The Embiricos family cherished this hope of winning a National and, with Josh, nursed him back. Aldaniti was confined to his box for six months and in plaster for God knows how long. We were a couple of crocks together!

Bob Champion and Aldaniti won the Sports Personality Team of the Year Award in 1981. Did racing enjoy a higher profile in those days?

Yes, particularly when you consider that last year AP [McCoy] wasn't in the top ten nominations for Sports Personality of the Year. And he's the most fantastic jump jockey ever! There was much more written about racing when I was riding; nowadays there are umpteen pages on football, while racing is lucky if



Bob Champion with National winner Aldaniti

all the cards are published in some papers. The problem is too much racing.

It is often said that fences are easier now than when you were riding. Has the Grand National lost some of its appeal because of this? It is good for the sport because nobody likes to see horses fall. In any case, the horses have changed; they are all from Flat pedigrees. I don't think the National has lost its appeal; it always attracts a huge audience and is still the greatest race in the world.

Who was the best jockey you rode against?

I rode against ten different champions, including Stan Mellor, Terry Biddlecombe, Bob Davies, Tommy Stack, Ron Barry, Graham Thorner, Jonjo O'Neill, John Francome and Peter Scudamore. People forget what an amazing jockey Jonjo was. But the one that stands out is John Francome, who was such a great horseman. He had everything; you couldn't fault him.

Do you speak publicly to fellow sufferers about your experiences with cancer?

I have done for years. Hopefully, it gives them a little bit of hope. I do functions and also speak to those who ring up just for a chat. Discussing illness and looking for positives can often be a big help.

What great advances have you seen in the fight against cancer since you had your disease?

Amazing progress has been made. If I had got testicular cancer 18 months before I did there would have been no cure. I was given a 40% chance of recovery, whereas now

there is a 80-90% chance of recovery, as long as it is caught early enough. My cancer trust at the Royal Marsden Hospital is currently working on cures for prostate cancer, which is the biggest killer of men at the moment.

What was your personal highlight of 2009?

Going back to the Royal Marsden to be told all my tests were clear. That's my highlight every year.

Tell us a funny story about someone in racing?

Brough Scott had a fall early on in a three mile novice chase at Wye and got tangled up in the electric fence, which kept the sheep penned in the middle of the course (after they had been cleared from the weighing room, where they lived on non race days.) Passing him on the second circuit he was jumping up and down trying to free himself from the electric shocks. On the third circuit he was still there. We just couldn't stop laughing!

Who is your racing hero?

Lester Piggott, who was responsible for getting me interested in racing. Whenever he was at my local course, Redcar, the crowds seemed to be bigger than ever and there was a certain buzz about the place. The fact the younger fans today know all about him, but never saw him ride, tells you something about the man.

If you could be someone else for the day who would it be and why?

The Prime Minister so I could ensure that all MPs were over 45 with successful experience in business or commerce. How many of today's MPs could run a corner shop?

What's the best thing about your life?

Waking up every morning.

Did you know?

A horse's height is measured in 'hands' (from the ground to the top of the withers).

A hand is notionally the width of a human hand - 4 inches. The average racehorse is 16 hands high.

Did you know?

Peter Scudamore's father, Michael, holds the record for the greatest number of consecutive rides in the Grand National with 16. He rode Oxo to victory in 1959.

Losing track...

Although Britain has some 60 racecourses we have also lost 59 that were closed during the last century.

Apart from Great Leighs, the most recent closures have been Stockton-on-Tees (1981), Lanark (1977), Wye (1974) and Alexandra Park (1970). Birmingham had a racecourse until 1965 and Manchester until 1963. Other places of interest who've lost their tracks include Gatwick (now the airport), Derby, Hull, Plymouth and Portsmouth. Homebred trainer Gerry Enright now trains on the site of Lewes racecourse which closed in 1964.

Memorable quotes

Trainer Peter 'Ringer' Barrie who used to dye horses different colours to be able to fix the outcome of a race when asked by a judge at his trial "What is a good thing?" Barrie replied "A good three-year-old in a bad two-year-old race!"

Stable visits...

Hopefully you'll squeeze in a stable visit now the weather makes watching your horse on the gallops a lot more attractive option. Simply call Julie in the office on 01293 884433 and we'll make arrangements to ensure you can see your horse working.

Heard about the Australian, the Irishman and the German?

How can it be that the offspring of the world's No. 1 stallion, Encosta de Lago, who is based in Australia produces a foal born in Ireland out of a German mare - and which ends up in West Wales? The simple answer is George Washington! Coolmore's Group 1 winner proved infertile at stud and it was decided to fly Encosta de Lago in from Australia as a last minute replacement to cover the remaining mares and save Coolmore's blushes. The result was just a single, small crop of Encosta de Lago foals in the northern hemisphere and we were lucky to get one to be a companion to VeuveVeuveVoom.



Encosta de Lago - the world's most expensive stallion

They were best mates - and what's the chance of them meeting on the track this summer!

Did you know?

The legendary Arkle's skeleton is on display at the Irish National Stud in County Kildare.

Snapshot

Polarity (Felix de Giles) in action at Southwell. She's now having a break until the autumn



Racing heroes

Desert Orchid made an inauspicious start to his racing career. The grey, affectionately known as "Dessie", fell heavily in a novice hurdle race at Kempton Park in early 1983 and took so long to get back to his feet that the few in attendance that afternoon feared that his first race might also be his last. Thankfully Desert Orchid was unhurt and began the following racing season, 1983-84, on a winning note when he claimed victory in a novice hurdle at Ascot. In all, he won six times from eight starts in his first full season, but was unplaced behind Dawn Run in the 1984 Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham Festival.



Desert Orchid - the nation's favourite

Having lost his novice tag, Dessie struggled against older, more experienced rivals in 1984-85, winning only once in eight starts, at Sandown Park in February. His season ended in disappointing fashion, being pulled-up in both races of Cheltenham's Champion Hurdle and the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow. And, in his final race of the campaign, he fell at Ascot.



2010 Owners' Day

Homebred Owners' Day this year is on Sunday 18th July - so please make a note in your diary. It's always an informal day when guests are welcome from 11.30am for coffee and drinks prior to a buffet lunch.

It's an opportunity to meet other owners, trainers and all those that help behind the scenes to get our horses to the track. You'll also be able to see dams of those currently in training as well as Homebred youngsters (for next year!) and those currently enjoying a break or now retired. And all in glorious West Welsh countryside - with hopefully some sunshine too! The day also includes a parade by the Llanwnnen Hounds - one of the oldest packs in Britain.



Aintree legend Brian Fletcher with Polarity at the Open Day

Many owners who travel from far and wide choose to make an extended stay of their trip - so please call the office on 01293 884433 for ideas of other places to see too - or for details of places to stay. Family and friends are welcome - and we look forward to seeing you at Homebred HQ!

For the 1985-86 season David Elsworth switched Desert Orchid to chasing and immediately his winning form returned as he notched up four wins, at Devon & Exeter, Sandown and Ascot (twice). On Boxing Day 1986 he romped home 15 lengths clear of Door Latch in the King George VI Chase. Dessie, who started at 16-1, beat horses of the highest quality, such as Combs Ditch, Forgive 'N' Forget and Wayward Lad. The 1986 King George VI Chase was Dessie's first win with Simon Sherwood in the saddle. Desert Orchid went on to win at Sandown and Wincanton. Then, in 1987-88, he won the Martell Cup at Aintree, his first win on a left-handed track, and also the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown.

Dessie's greatest triumph came at Cheltenham in the 1989 Gold Cup, when 58,000 punters watched in the pouring rain as he overhauled Yahooo on a muddy track during the closing stages of the race to win by 1½ lengths. Speaking after the Gold Cup win his jockey, Sherwood, said: "I've never known a horse so brave. He hated every step of the way in the ground and dug as deep as he could possibly go." So heroic were Desert Orchid's efforts that the race was voted the best horse race ever by readers of the Racing Post. In 1990 Desert Orchid won the Irish Grand National. Desert Orchid died on 13 November 2006. A statue of Dessie was unveiled at Kempton, where his ashes were scattered, a month later.