

Manor House Monthly

September 2011

Rhythm bids for Turkish delight

Stable star Rhythm Of Light has already flown out to Istanbul with travelling head girl Marie Roe and stable lad Daz Williams, just days before her assault on the Istanbul Trophy on Saturday 3 September, a race for fillies and mares over a mile.

The filly has been in good form since her Royal Ascot victory in the Listed Sandringham Handicap, finishing

third in a Deauville Group 3 having met with some trouble in running.

The evening race at the Velifendi Hipodromu, Istanbul, is a Turkish Group 2 and is worth €115,000 to the winner. Even the second place money is greater than the first prize for any of her previous races at €46,000 so the long journey to Istanbul for all concerned could certainly prove a worthwhile one.

Other British based entrants include the Mick Channon trained Falmouth Stakes winner Music Show and Godolphin's Antara, a winner three times at Group 3 level.

Any success will be particularly sweet for owners Gerry Lowe, Michael Silver and Peter Deal as Rhythm Of Light was bred by Peter's Hermes Services Limited. Good luck to everyone involved!



Globe-galloping filly: From Deauville to Istanbul

Staffing matters

As we've mentioned before, our staff's dedication and effort is vital to all the success we enjoy and this month's wages in particular have been hard earned by all.

We've sent 71 runners to the track in what has been a very busy month. Seven of these have raced abroad, which involves staff travelling long journeys and staying away from home for long periods in some cases.

It's a demanding time of year but the season, and especially the foreign campaigns, will soon begin to subside, just in time for the influx of new

yearlings which will keep everyone busy again!

We bought our first babies at Arqana and DBS this last week and these will soon be arriving at our pre-training facilities ready to be broken in over the next few months.

Back at the yard, the barn competition looks like becoming a procession, with Amy's barn streaking ahead on 265 points, a distance clear of Paul's barn in second with 204 points. Amy has contributed to her barn's total with her own efforts in the saddle, coming 2nd on Moody Tunes twice and Zennor once this month!

Brown Panther makes final preparations

There is now only a week or so until the final Classic of the season, the St Leger.

15 horses remain at this stage and this year's renewal looks a particularly well contested one with the ultra-impressive Great Voltigeur winner Sea Moon running for Sir Michael Stoute and Godolphin's filly, Blue Bunting, already a

dual Classic winner herself also engaged.

Brown Panther underwent his last serious piece of work this week to put him spot on and will now be just kept ticking over until the big day a week on Saturday.

He goes there with every chance of doing himself justice in a race that is bound to be run to suit.



Brown Panther: Is he a classic winner in waiting?



Week 30: Rubber padding fitted, walkways and bridges complete, painting dry and water rising!

Pool news

The past few weeks have seen the pool filling up almost literally drop by drop, with the water level rising by one inch an hour!

The pool is basically ready to use, but the grand opening will not take place until the yearling parade and owners' day towards the end of October.

Racing round-up

July was a frustrating month in terms of winners, so it was imperative that we improved throughout August. We managed to do just that, sending out six winners, which brings us neatly to a yearly total of 36 winners, precisely the number we recorded in the whole of last season in the UK. It's great to reach last season's total at this early stage and with four months of the year left to run, it really is onwards and upwards from here!

Our first winner of the month came at our happy hunting ground, Haydock, where we've posted eight winners from 29 runners, a strike rate of 28%. Basantee showed yet again what a game filly she is, winning a three runner novice from the front as the outsider of the three. If every horse we had was as game as her we'd be training 100 winners a season and at just £12,000 from DBS, it just goes to show you don't have to spend fortunes to find a good one.

Mid-way through the month saw Brown Panther return to the track in the Group 3 Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury. He ran a solid prep in a race in which the winner had the run of the race and our boy will strip fitter when we take Census on again in the St Leger.

We saved the rest of our winners for the end of the month, with Adorable Choice popping up at 25/1 under a fantastic front running ride from Hayley Turner. Noverre To Go added to the total with a facile victory in a Seller and was sold to Ron Harris for 14,000gns. Just the next day, Raktiman and My Heart's On Fire recorded a pleasing double for Dan Perchard and Winston Chow respectively.

Switcher, not seen since running very well in the Albany, finishing fourth, ran at Deauville in the Group 3 Prix Du Calvados on 20 August and came 3rd, earning herself some valuable black type. She is improving all the time and is an exciting three-year-old prospect.

Our final winner came at Kempton with the filly, Roman Seal, on the last day of the month. She'd shown a bit of promise in a decent Newbury maiden on her second run and showed a great attitude to upset the odds at 16/1.

Five to Follow Update

Group and Listed placed efforts from Brown Panther, Switcher, Bear Behind and Rhythm Of Light saw the leading horses bunch up at the top of the table, but Pyman's Theory still leads the way on 44 points, with Bear Behind and Brown Panther just behind on 43 points.

Richard Kingscote still tops the table of entries and his lead is beginning to look ominously unassailable. Michael Owen has moved into second place courtesy of his transfer, Present Danger, who picked up two second places this month, while Marie Roe, who was challenging for the lead, dropped off slightly back into fourth.

As ever, to keep track of the progress of your team in the competition, please visit the website address below:

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FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

ELUSIVE CITY ex SINTRA

1-y-o bay filly €37,100



"She reminds me very much of a horse we had called The Legal Blonde, which is partly why I liked her so much. Although we bid on a few at the Arqana sale, she was the only one which came in within our budget, and as she qualifies for the Premiums I think she looks like being good value." Tom Dascombe

"An attractive filly by a stallion who gets plenty of 2yo winners. With her French Bred Premiums I'd be disappointed if she didn't earn a decent amount of prize money." Ed Sackville

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