

# Manor House Monthly

June 2011

## Fabulous fillies impress

The month of May was all about the fillies at Manor House Stables. No fewer than seven victories were recorded by the fairer sextet of Basantee, Van Go Go, Misty Conquest, Rhythm Of Light, Switcher and Pyman's Theory.

Basantee broke her maiden tag at Southwell by eight lengths, recording the first win for the MHS 8x8 Partnership, in which there are a few shares remaining.

Misty Conquest won twice during a fantastic month for Deva Racing, taking a maiden at Newmarket and following that up with a

game front running display in the Pontefract Class 2 Youngsters Conditions Stakes from a couple of decent looking colts.

Rhythm Of Light finally built on the promise she showed on debut as a 2yo, winning a competitive 3yo handicap at Newbury off 77. She then just failed by a nose to win off her new mark of 88 at Haydock.

Switcher, half sister to Marine Boy, started her career in similar fashion, winning on debut with a deeply impressive performance at Haydock.

An outstanding month



**Pyman's Theory: Eager to put theory to test at Ascot**

was capped with a quite scintillating display of speed from Pyman's Theory in the Listed National Stakes at Sandown, in which she had the best colts around beaten at halfway. She is currently

rated the 7<sup>th</sup> best 2yo in Europe by the Racing Post and will enter Tom's Royal Ascot deliberations along with Switcher, Misty Conquest, Rhythm Of Light and hopefully a few more.

## Staffing matters – Brown Panther pounces at Chester

Nothing does more for staff moral than a few winners, and that's exactly what we got in May.

The whole yard is buzzing and each barn has their own superstar that is contributing to the overall success.

Paul's barn has Brown Panther, Amy's has Misty Conquest, Theo's has Chosen Character and Lee's has Pyman's Theory.

In the barn competition, Lee is still ahead, but all three chasing barns are snapping at his heels and there is plenty of racing to go yet!

It's great that there is competitiveness within the yard and

it adds an extra bit of spice in the tack room whenever each barn has a fancied runner.

Barn leader Amy Murphy had her own personal reasons for getting excited this month as Zennor, a horse she bought herself over three years ago, had its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runs for Tom. Amy was over the moon with both runs and cannot wait for the filly to run again!

At the end of the month, to celebrate Brown Panther's Haydock victory, the staff attended Bangor-On-Dee's point-to-point, where MHS were sponsors and had a box opposite the finishing line.

The Chester May Festival was another great success for MHS, although we couldn't quite repeat last year's feat of winning our sponsored race, the Lily Agnes, having to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> with a fantastic effort from 40/1 shot Marford Missile.

Brown Panther put the icing on the cake

with a thrilling victory in the opening day's 3yo handicap, getting up in the shadows of the post.

'The Panther' is one of Michael Owen's homebreds out of successful mare Treble Heights.

Lord Ali McJones was another to perform well at the festival, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Brown Panther: Gets up on the line at May Festival**



**Week 16: Pool walls & island nearing completion**

## Pool news

The build has started to progress at a frightening rate over the last month. Since the last update the roof has gone up and the pool walls, slopes and island are underway.

The size and scale of the pool from within is incredibly imposing; our water rates are going to go sky-high!

## Racing round-up

We reported last month that the older horses were yet to record a victory since the start of the turf season as most were needing their first run. As hoped, we saw a marked improvement in May as Chosen Character (2), Rhythm Of Light, Brown Panther (2) and Bassett Road secured six victories for the 3yos with a strike rate of 17% for that age group.

With the older horses now pulling their weight, and the 2yos continuing to run well, our strike rate overall for May shot up to 16%.

The month started at the Chester May Festival at which Marford Missile exceeded expectations when finishing second in the MHS sponsored Lily Agnes Stakes. On the same day Brown Panther scored on the last race on the card, providing much joy in the MHS Chester box!

Van Go Go was our next winner, but unfortunately her last for us as she was claimed after the race for £12,000. Misty Conquest then headed to Newmarket for Deva Racing and became MHS's first ever winner for the syndicate that have been huge supporters of the yard since its inception. Everyone at the yard was so pleased for Mike Foster and all involved with the horse.

During the second half of the month, Tom couldn't stop training doubles, the first coming on the 19<sup>th</sup> with Chosen Character and Basantee, the second coming the next day with Switcher and Bassett Road and the third coming on the 27<sup>th</sup> with Misty Conquest and Chosen Character! It was a truly remarkable run of form and one that brought Tom 12 winners for the month, his biggest ever haul.

The highlight of the month of course came at Sandown, when Pyman's Theory won the Listed National Stakes for owners Matt Williams and Michael Owen. Both will be eager to test James Pymans' theory that Exceed And Excel's progeny do just that at Ascot.

Bear Behind, one of our 'for sale' horses advertised in last month's newsletter has since sold and ran second on debut to the much hyped American horse Gentlemans Code. We were really pleased with this effort and expect him to go onto better things once he wins his maiden.

## Five to Follow Update

Pyman's Theory became the first horse in the competition to take advantage of the additional points available for higher quality races. A win in a 2yo listed race is worth 20 points, so her victory at Sandown took her to the top of the table tied with the now absent Van Go Go.

Long time leader travelling head girl Marie Roe has finally been overthrown at the top of the leader board, but unfortunately by stable jockey Richard Kingscote! Whilst it is comforting that Richard appears to know the horses better than anyone, we'd still like someone else to come with a run and knock him off his perch!

To follow the progress of the competition please visit:

[www.manorhousestables.com/mhs-5tofollow.html](http://www.manorhousestables.com/mhs-5tofollow.html)

FOR SALE

## HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR ex MACKENZIE'S FRIEND

2-y-o bay colt €58,300



*"He's going really well and he looks a bit different from the above picture now. Being a May foal we haven't pushed a button yet but I'm looking forward to doing so." TD*

FOR SALE

## THE MHS 8x8 PARTNERSHIP

1/8<sup>th</sup> share £50,000



*"Basantee won at Southwell by eight lengths for the partnership this month and hopefully goes to Naas for a Listed race. You can still secure one of the remaining shares in the partnership for the original £50,000." TD*



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