



"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our end of 2020 Newsletter. It also will give most people great pleasure to welcome the end of 2020! One of the few bright points of this year has been the good form of our horses through the late summer and autumn and it has continued right up to the time of writing. We are all looking forward to 2021 and have some lovely horses to go to war with. We have decided not to post Christmas cards this year and will email them instead. The saving of doing this will be donated to our 2020 charity 'Cancer Trials Ireland'. We have yet to choose a charity for 2021, so any suggestions would be very welcome."

Hugo

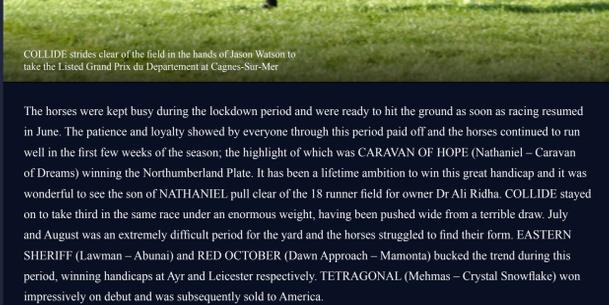
2020 SEASON STATS

Winners: 54 Placed: 105 Runners: 277 Strike Rate: 19% Prize Money: £427,461

RACING ROUNDUP
DECEMBER 2020

Following what has been a tumultuous year for everybody, and with racing suspended for nearly three months, it is fantastic to be approaching the end of the year with a total of 54 winners, which exceeds last year. After a tricky period in July and August, the horses held their form extremely well. Thankfully we have lots to look forward to in 2021.

The year started well with ALMUFTI (Tornado – Green Tern) and EL GHAZWANI (Cape Cross – Almansoor) winning races at Lingfield. However, the early highlight was without a doubt COLLIDE's (Frankel – Scuffie) Listed victory in February at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. He was given an outstanding ride from Jason Watson, who had walked the seaside track, called me and declared that the best ground was all the way round the middle and that is where he wanted to stay. He was right and COLLIDE stayed on well to win.



COLLIDE strides clear of the field in the hands of Jason Watson to take the Listed Grand Prix du Département at Cagnes-Sur-Mer

The horses were kept busy during the lockdown period and were ready to hit the ground as soon as racing resumed in June. The patience and loyalty showed by everyone through this period paid off and the horses continued to run well in the first few weeks of the season, the highlight of which was CARAVAN OF HOPE (Nathaniel – Caravan of Dreams) winning the Northumberland Plate. It has been a lifetime ambition to win this great handicap and it was wonderful to see the son of NATHANIEL pull clear of the 18 runner field for owner Dr Ali Ridha. COLLIDE stayed on to take third in the same race under an enormous weight, having been pushed wide from a terrible draw. July and August was an extremely difficult period for the yard and the horses struggled to find their form. EASTERN SHERIFF (Lawman – Abunai) and RED OCTOBER (Dawn Approach – Mamonta) bucked the trend during this period, winning handicaps at Ayr and Leicester respectively. TETRAGONAL (Mehmas – Crystal Snowflake) won impressively on debut and was subsequently sold to America.

The only satisfaction to be drawn from a downturn in form is getting them right again and the horses roared back to form at the end of August, and September yielded 15 winners, making it one of our winning most months to date.

It was exciting to see Prince Khalid Abdullah's UTILE (Frankel – Straight Thinking) win on debut by an impressive 4½ lengths. She is a big filly who, with the winter on her back, should strengthen and improve into next year. EMISSARY (Kingman – Soviet Moon) bounced back to form at Yarmouth to dominate in the Class 2 Handicap under James Doyle. ZORAN (Invincible Spirit – Filia Regina) delighted his owner Lord Derby when winning the prestigious Newmarket Challenge Whip under Andrea Atzeni

The horses held their form well and we had several repeat winners in September including: a runaway victory from DOUBLING DICE (Teoflo – Garanciere), an ultra-consistent performance from STRAWBERRY ROCK (Rock of Gibraltar – Strawberry Vodka) and another win for GOLDEN PASS (Golden Horn – Lovely Pass) who toughed it out despite being delivered a strong challenge in the final furlong.



STRAWBERRY ROCK and Kevin Stott winning a Handicap at Ripon



DOUBLING DICE crosses the line in splendid isolation at Hamilton under Clifford Lee



ZORAN getting the better of his rival to take the Newmarket Challenge Whip Handicap under Andrea Atzeni



THE ROSSTAFARIAN and James Doyle winning on debut at Salisbury

This year's two year olds have given us plenty to look forward to in 2021. THE ROSSTAFARIAN (Starspangledbanner – Via Latta) won extremely well on debut and then looked a trifle unlucky at Listed level at Pontefract. SET POINT (Sea the Stars – Hot Sauce) won very well at Nottingham, having shown promise at Sandown.



SET POINT striding clear at Nottingham in the hands of Ben Curtis



The unbeaten IRISH LEGEND winning a Class 2 Conditions Stakes at Chelmsford under David Probert



NOMAN heading to post ahead of winning a Novice Stakes at Wolverhampton on just the second time of asking

NOMAN (Shalaa – Mathool) also won on his second start and is a big colt to look forward to next year. The unbeaten IRISH LEGEND (Sea the Stars – Stealth Missile) is another colt who looks sure to improve next year. Being by SEA THE STARS, and closely related to our very own COVERT LOVE, he really could be an exciting three year old. As too, could his owner Bon Ho's OZ LEGEND (Australia – Ultra Appeal), who dug deep to win over an inadequate mile at Newcastle on just his second start.



LONDON PALLADIUM wins decisively at Catterick under Jason Hart

LONDON PALLADIUM (Showcasing – Dam Beautiful) was one of our earliest two year old winners and has remained remarkably consistent throughout the year, winning twice and placing on five occasions. SURPRISE PICTURE (Kodiae – Lovely Surprise), ECHO BEACH (Adway – Last Echo) and AHLAWI (Shamardal – Lovely Pass) all head into 2021 as winners and hopefully will build on this next year.



OCEAN ROAD wins impressively on just the second time of asking for owners Qatar Racing Ltd

Not wanting to be outdone, the fillies have also stepped up to the plate; OCEAN ROAD (Australia – Love and Laughter) improved on her debut effect to win on her second start picking up nicely in the straight, and winning a shade cosily at Lingfield, under a lovely ride from Cieren Fallon. She is a gorgeous filly, who is a half-sister to multiple Group One winner WIGMORE HALL, and it is exciting to think what she could become next year for owners Qatar Racing. We will put her away for the winter for her to strengthen and mature, then hopefully bring her back in the spring to run in an Oaks Trial. LIBERATED LADY (Ifraaj – Isobel Archer) also went one place better than her debut second at Kempton to win in good style by 6½ lengths at Wolverhampton. CHOCOYA (Sepoy – Silver Games) had a successful 2yo season, winning twice and gaining some valuable black type for owner/breeder Christopher Wright. GLESGA GAL (Lope De Vega – Crystany), SHEILA (Australia – Donnelly's Hollow) and LOVELY BREEZE (Sepoy – Power of Light) also broke their maidens this year and should hopefully be fun prospects for next season.

We have a lot to look forward to as we enter a new year, including the promise of full crowds returning to racecourses and social occasions such as Royal Ascot, which have been so sorely missed this year. The horses are flying at the moment and I hope you continue in this rich vein of form well into next year. The yearlings are cantering away now; they seem a really promising bunch who could be anything and are putting a spring in my step.

STAFF PROFILE: KAMRAN ILAM UD DIN
HUGO PALMER RACING - STABLE LAD

Background: I got into racing through my father who is a trainer and owner in Pakistan. I was champion jockey in Pakistan in 2000 and moved to the UK in 2002, where I joined John Gosden's yard looking after horses such as Queen Mary Stakes winner MAQASID. I joined Hugo's in December 2016 where I have been riding out and working in the yard ever since.

Favourite part of the job: I have been riding horses since I was 15, so it is what I have experience in and what I enjoy.

Your biggest achievement to date? My children & becoming champion jockey in Pakistan.

Favourite horse: SURPRISE PICTURE (Kodiae – Lovely Surprise) who I ride every day.

Interests away from Racing: I don't do a lot away from racing. I don't drink, I don't gamble, I just stay at home with my family.



Kamran riding SURPRISE PICTURE on Long Hill Grass Canter

FIVE TO FOLLOW
CURRENT STANDINGS

As we approach the end of our 2020 Five to Follow Competition, we would like to thank all participants for their support in helping Cancer Trials Ireland.

This is a charity that was hugely important to Pat Smullen, who tragically died this year. Pat was a fantastic ambassador for racing, a gifted jockey and a gentleman. He rode some incredible winners for us, including two Group Ones on COVERT LOVE, and is sorely missed.



Hugo and Pat following Covert Love's win in the Group One Irish Oaks

THE CURRENT COMPETITION STANDINGS ARE BELOW AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANNOUNCING THE WINNER IN THE NEW YEAR

POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1st	Chris Harper	260
2nd	Sarah Minifie	215
3rd	Craig Wood	200
	Kevin Mullenger 3	200
5th	George Innes Kerr	195
	Mark McStay 2	195
	Michael Carroll	195
8th	Rob Speers	190
	Trevor Harris	190
10th	Lady Manton	185
	Becky Bosworth	185
	Libby Harris	185

HORSES FOR SALE

We have the following shares available:

UNNAMED b f (2018)
(OLYMPIC GLORY x ORNELIA RUEE)

> ½ share - £45,000
> ¼ share - £22,500 (prices include all charges up to the end of December, excluding VAT)

Purchased at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale, lot no 423



She is a gorgeous ology filly by a multiple Group One winning sire. OLYMPIC GLORY has sired a Group One winning filly in his first crop in WATCH ME, who won the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. The dam is by the world champion SEA THE STARS, who needs little introduction, and this filly is from a very good family of RULE OF LAW. She is a lovely strong filly with great scope and movement. She will be ready to start racing early in her three year old season. Please contact us at info@hugopalmer.com or +44 (0)1638 669880 to find out more.

