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Jonny marks return with a game success

JONNY Mudball emerged from a lengthy spell on the sidelines to record Manor House Stables' first turf winner of the season at Nottingham last month.

The talented sprinter had been off the course for almost a year before returning to action in the Betfred 'Goals Galore' Condition Stakes, over 5f, on April 11.

The six-year-old, who is owned by Stoke City footballer Jonathan Woodgate and his family, got up in the final strides to

beat 40-1 shot Foxy Music by a short-head with 7-4 favourite Dinkum Diamond finishing sixth and last.

Jonny looked a horse with a big future after finishing second in the 2010 Stewards' Cup and third in last year's Palace House before injury intervened and put him on the sidelines.

Jockey Richard Kingscote said after his Nottingham success: "He took a little while to get going but it's good to see him back.

"He'd had a long time off and might prefer going back to six furlongs now."

Assistant trainer Colin Gorman added: "He had a bad injury, it was a joint problem, but has been swimming all winter, so this is thanks to our facilities."

We're pleased to report Jonny was in fine fettle 24 hours after his race – living up to his name, relaxing in the cage, with a bit of mud between his hooves – and with a little luck this is the season we will see him fulfill his undoubted potential.

No luck for classy colt

BEAR Behind was first past the post in a valuable conditions race over 5f at Mus-selburgh on April 7 only to be demoted to second for causing interference.

Hayley Turner's mount passed the post with a short-head to spare but the stewards controversially adjudged that he had interfered with Hamish McGonagall and that this had cost Tim Easterby's charge the race.

Bear Behind again performed with credit when finishing second, off a mark of 99, in a competitive Sandown handicap less than a fortnight later.

Gin Twist landed her



Gin Twist at home

second victory in the space of a week – and third since the turn of the year – when winning over 6f at Lingfield on April 4.

She then stepped up in class for a Listed race at Bath later on in the month but the task proved beyond her and she was beaten when brought down inside the final furlong.

Jonny Mudball became the stable's 13th winner in 2012 when winning a Nottingham sprint on April 11.

The juveniles have continued to run with great credit but have not, in the main, been helped by the soft ground.

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Press launch for a new thoroughbred



The 508 RXH alongside our gallop

MANOR House Stables provided the backdrop for a video promotion for the new Peugeot estate.

The 508 RXH, a diesel-electric hybrid with four-wheel drive capability, is looked upon as a real thoroughbred so it was entirely appropriate that its press launch should take place at the yard.

As part of the launch, the car was driven in silent 100 per cent electric mode through our

barns and then, in four-wheel drive mode, upsides two horses on the gallop.

According to Peugeot: "The 508 RXH's elegance and style place it in an exclusive world that combines premium-positioning technology with the ability to experience adventure and promises of a new and unparalleled driving experience."

- Visit the link on the MHS website to watch the video in full.

Apprentice farriers prove their metal

MANOR House Stables benefits greatly from the expertise of some brilliant young farriers.

It was, therefore, no surprise to us that when a number of them entered a prestigious national competition they came away with an impressive haul of silverware.

Hereford College of Technology's rural craft centre event is in its 18th year and attracted more than



The young farriers

140 blacksmiths and farriers from as far afield as Devon and Scotland.

As you might expect, the standard was exceptionally high and it's good to know that our youngsters are leading the way!

Two-year-old puts Paul in the frame

PAUL Simpson is setting the early pace in the five-to-follow competition with 34 points.

Paul leads the way from Michael McGoldrick, who is second on 30 points, ahead

of Ben Dascombe on 29 and Bernard Marantelli on 27.

The juvenile Back In The Frame and sprinter Bear Behind are the leading horses with 12 points a piece.

Happy to help Trust raise cash

MANOR House Stables is always pleased to lend its support to deserving causes and, this being the case, was only too happy to support a recent fundraising initiative for the Prince's Trust.

We offered a visit to the yard as an auction prize for the charity and Nathan and Ceri Scullion exceedingly generous bid of £1,500 ensured they were the lucky recipients.

The Scullions were accompanied by a couple of friends when they visited Malpas for a tour of the yard at the end of last month.

The Prince's Trust gives practical and financial support to the young people who need it most. It helps develop key skills, confidence and motivation, enabling young people to move into work, education or training.

- To find out more about the work of the Prince's Trust click on the following link: www.princes-trust.org.uk



Nathan and Ceri Scullion with friends at the yard

Exciting times ahead for yard

WITH Chester's May Festival just a week away, exciting times are in store for Manor House Stables.

We are looking forward to running a number of horses at the prestigious three-day meeting, including stable star Brown Panther.

The four-year-old, now owned in partnership by Michael Owen and Andrew Black, is set to make his seasonal debut in Friday's Group 3 Ormonde Stakes, over 1m 5f, won last year by the brilliant St Nicholas Abbey.

With a Group race success being one of Tom's main targets for 2012, it would be fantastic if last year's St Leger runner-up could realise that goal so early in the campaign.



Brown Panther in action

Of course, Manor House Stables is no stranger to success at the May Festival with Brown Panther having scored on the Roodeye last year and Julius Geezer landing the Lily Agnes Stakes – which the yard will again be sponsoring this year – in 2010.

Aside from Brown Panther, Tom also expects a handful of the stable's 50-plus juveniles to be in action over the course of the three days, although plans for them will

not be finalised until a little nearer the time.

Having bought seven horses at the Goffs Kempton Breeze-ups at the beginning of last month, we now have 51 two-year-olds to go to war with, which is the most we've ever had!

What's more, we've already sold all seven of the horses – Wayne Rooney has bought two of them, while the other five have been snapped up by a mixture of old friends and newcomers to the ranks of owners at Manor House Stables.

Among those looking forward to their first taste of ownership with us are yard sponsors Trinity Elite, who have named their purchase Trinityelitedotcom.