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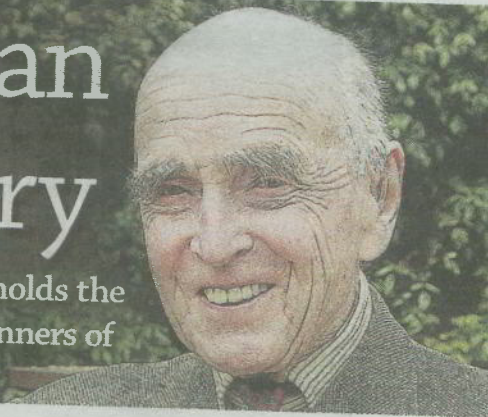
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Death of a true gentleman who created Derby history

Racing world pays tribute following the death at 95 of Arthur Budgett, who holds the distinction of having bred, owned and trained two of the most celebrated winners of the world's most famous Classic – Blakeney and Morston. See pages 14-15



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Cheers – that's how to look after your owners!

Robert Cowell's still on a high after his fantastic Royal Ascot success with Prohibit – but there's certainly no sign of prohibition in his yard. The entertaining trainer talks to Peter Thomas, pages 12-13

Hood urges tariff-free fixtures for bottom rung

By Howard Wright

RACHEL HOOD, new president of the Racehorse Owners' Association, yesterday called for a three-tier fixture list that would allow bottom-rung meetings to float free of Levy Board support and any prize-money conditions.

Conceding the plan required much refining, Hood (left), speaking in her maiden



address to the ROA's annual meeting in London, described it as a radical way of "imposing a truly aspirational structure on British horseracing".

Premier and middle-tier fixtures would comply with Horsemen's Group tariff values and race-planning requirements, underpinned by contractual agreements between the HG and racecourses, she explained.

"There would be a prescribed number of fixtures in each category and racecourses would be required to bid for these on the basis of how much prize-money they were offering," she added.

"Only racing festivals and the major jumps fixtures on

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Carlton House confirmed for Irish Derby

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YESTERDAY AT ROYAL ASCOT

Prohibit a nice little earner as Cowell lands first Group 1

Result King's Stand Stakes

- 1 Prohibit7-1
- 2 Star Witness6-1
- 3 Sweet Sanette16-1
- 4 Overdose.....12-1

Owners Dasmal, Rix, Barr, Morley & Mrs Penney
Trainer Robert Cowell
Jockey Jim Crowley
Groom Linda Briggs
Breeder Juddmonte Farms Ltd
Distances 1/2l, 1/2l, nk

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IT TOOK less than a minute for trainer Robert Cowell to win more prize-money than he did for all of 2010, as Prohibit saw off challengers from across the world to land the King's Stand Stakes.

In doing so he gave Cowell his first Group 1 win and a first prize of £170,310 – over £15,000 more than all his horses took last year.

It was also a first domestic Group 1 success for Jim Crowley, who was born a few hundred yards down the road in the local hospital, as well as a debut win at the royal meeting.

Prohibit had never won a Group 3 before, let alone a Group 1, but he had been knocking at the door recently and the result was no surprise to those who backed him down to 7-1 from a morning 14-1.

He settled well for Crowley off a blazing pace set by Overdose, Sweet Sanette and Rose Blossom and, while Australian star Star Witness stayed on well, Prohibit stayed on better, beating him by half a length.

Hong Kong's Sweet Sanette was another half-length behind in third, with Overdose a neck further away in fourth.

Cowell said: "He's obviously a horse with an amazing amount of talent, isn't he? He's been called a few naughty names in the past, but how can you knock a horse with his consistency from last year and this year?"

"Over five furlongs he is an incredibly talented horse and I'm overwhelmed. Six furlongs is too far for him – literally a yard over five furlongs is too far for him. Now we'll think about the Nunthorpe."

On what the victory meant to his yard, Cowell added: "Where do you go from here? Training a Group 1 winner has been a goal of mine but with 25-30 horses you never think you can achieve anything like that."

"We bought him for 85,000gns, he's won plenty for the owners and he's travelled worldwide for them, and we couldn't have done it without their support."

"Jim's got on well with him for the three rides he's had and I'm chuffed to bits for him. I love the way he rides and he's a very articulate jockey."

Crowley said: "I'm chuffed to bits. This is why we do it. To win on him here is great. I've won a Group 1 abroad but to do it here is special."

Star Witness was cut to a best-priced 6-1 for the Golden Jubilee Stakes on Saturday following his close second and



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trainer Danny O'Brien said: "There's a big chance we'll be back here on Saturday."

"Our plan was to be closer; it just got a bit messy coming out of the gates and then early on he was further back than we wanted. The run suggests the six furlongs here will suit him better."

There is a chance Sweet Sanette could meet the winner again in the Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes at York.

Trainer Tony Millard said: "She's a real Nunthorpe horse but unfortunately I don't know if she's going to stay for that. I need to speak to the owners first."

'Despite getting a little outpaced in the middle part of the contest, he took off approaching the last furlong. He's a real 5f specialist'

Big-race analysis, page 103

Relieved Ahern profits from Fallon's misfortune to score with Veiled

Result Ascot Stakes

- 1 Veiled11-2
- 2 Ermyrn Lodge16-1
- 3 Phoenix Flight50-1
- 4 Zigato7-2f

Owner Pump & Plant Services Ltd
Trainer Nicky Henderson
Jockey Eddie Ahern
Groom Kate Croft
Breeder Cheveley Park Stud
Distances 2³/₄l, sh hd, hd

Lee Mottershead
reports



THE Ascot Stakes left Kieren Fallon with a pain in the neck but provided Eddie Ahern with a shot in the arm, after he stepped into his absent colleague's shoes and landed the 2m4f handicap on the Nicky Henderson-trained Veiled.

Fallon had been due to partner the Punchestown festival winner but decided to sit out Royal Ascot's opening day after jarring his neck. That proved a costly injury as Veiled overhauled Ermyrn Lodge halfway down the straight before powering clear to take a contest in which last season's all-the-way winner Junior faded into ninth.

"I thought beforehand he had a real chance," said Ahern, for whom the victory

provided a welcome reversal of fortunes, given that he had partnered the last two Investec Oaks winners, Snow Fairy and Dancing Rain, in their Epsom trials only to be replaced on the big day.

However, even on this occasion there was a sting in the tail for the rider, who added: "It was great to win the race but I was gutted on the way back because people kept shouting 'Well done Kieren!'"

Veiled, at 11-2, beat the game Ermyrn Lodge by two and three-quarter lengths, with Phoenix Flight and Zigato just a short head and a head away in third and fourth. La Estrella was beaten for the first time since 2009, finishing fifth, having won his six races since.

