

- YAHBAB (IRE)** 4 gr.g. Dalakhani (IRE) 133 – Loire Valley (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) 132) [2009 115: 10g 9g 10m² 12m 11m² 10.3m 9.9m May 25] close-coupled gelding: smart performer: trained by M. bin Shafya in UAE first 5 starts in 2009, best efforts when 3/4 lengths second to Presvis in handicap at Nad Al Sheba and 1/2-length second to Mr Brock in listed race at Abu Dhabi: well below form in Britain after: stays 1 1/4m, not 1 1/2m: unraced on heavy going, acts on polytrack and any other turf: often makes running: returned to C. Brittain, and gelded. *Saeed bin Suroor*
- YAHWUDEE (FR)** 4 b.g. Zamindar (USA) 116 – Lady Marshall (FR) (Octagonal (NZ) 126) [2009 81: f5g⁶ f6g 6g 5d p7.1g Sep 12] quite attractive gelding: little form in 2009, leaving M. Easterby after reappearance, N. Wilson after fourth outing: dead. *M. W. Easterby*
- YAKAMA (IRE)** 4 b.g. Indian Danehill (IRE) 124 – Working Progress (IRE) (Marju (IRE) 127) [2009 66: p8g 10.1d 7.5m 8g⁶ 8f² 8.3g⁵ p7.1g Dec 11] angular gelding: modest maiden: stays 1 1/4m: acts on polytrack, firm and soft going: often in headgear: tried tongue tied. *Mrs C. A. Durnett*
- YALDAS GIRL (USA)** 3 gr. or ro.f. Unbridled's Song (USA) 125 – Marina de Chavon (USA) (Exploit (USA) 117) [2009 49: p8g p7f p9.5g⁶ p16g p12g Nov 11] rather leggy, lengthy filly: maiden: little form in 2009. *J. R. Best*
- YAMAL (IRE)** 4 b.g. Green Desert (USA) 127 – Pioneer Bride (USA) (Gone West (USA)) [2009 104: 7.5m² a8f* 7.5g² 8g* 8m³ May 30] good-bodied gelding: smart performer: continued progress in 2009, winning handicaps at Nad Al Sheba in February and York (listed event, by 1/2 length from Philario) in May: also ran creditably when equal-second to Swop in handicap at Nad Al Sheba and close third to Premio Loco in listed race at Goodwood third/final starts: best up to 1m: acts on polytrack/dirt, good to firm and good to soft going: strong traveller. *Saeed bin Suroor*
- YANBU (USA)** 4 b.f. Swain (IRE) 134 – Dufoof (USA) (Kingmambo (USA) 125) [2009 8g f12g Jul 14] 1,500 3-y-o: first foal: dam unraced half-sister to smart performer up to 9f Iqte Saab: soundly beaten in maidens. *R. W. Price*
- YANKEE BRIGHT (USA)** 2 b.f. (Mar 26) Elusive Quality (USA) – Sharp Minister (CAN) (Deputy Minister (CAN)) [2009 8.1m⁵ 8d³ 8g Oct 31] leggy, close-coupled filly: seventh foal: half-sister to several winners, including 5-y-o Djeirr and useful UAE 1m winner Plavius (by Danzig): dam, ran twice in USA, sister to very smart French/US performer up to 1 1/2m Flag Down: fair form in maidens first 2 starts: very stiff task final outing: should stay 1 1/4m. *J. G. Given*
- YANKEE DOODLE** 3 gr.c. Dalakhani (IRE) 133 – Bella Lambada 87 (Lammtarra (USA) 134) [2009 76p: 10d² 10g² 11.7s* 16f² 14d³ 14d² Jul 16] good stot: smart performer: won maiden at Wexford in May: placed after in Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot (4 lengths second to Holberg), Curragh Cup (close third to Profound Beauty) and listed race at Leopardstown (3/4-length second to Profound Beauty): should stay beyond 2m: unraced on heavy going, acts on any other: held up. *A. P. O'Brien, Ireland*
- YANKEE STORM** 4 b.g. Yankee Gentleman (USA) – Yes Virginia (USA) (Roanoke (USA)) [2009 80: p7g f6g⁵ f6g³ f6g² f5g³ p6g⁶ p7f² p7g p6g³ p6f Dec 13] quite attractive gelding: fair handicapper: left M. Quinn after sixth start: effective at truly-run 5f, and has form at 1 1/4m: raced only on all-weather and going firmer than good on turf: tried in cheekpieces. *H. J. Collingridge*
- YANZA** 3 b.f. Bahamian Bounty 116 – Locharia 91 (Wolfhound (USA) 126) [2009 77: p5g* 5m 6.1g p6g p6g p6g⁴ p6g² p6g³ p5.1g p6g f5g Dec 27] fair performer: won maiden at Kempton in April: in-and-out form after: may prove best at 5f: acts on polytrack and heavy ground: blinkered last 6 outings. *J. R. Gask*
- YARRA RIVER** 2 b. or br.g. (Apr 2) Dr Fong (USA) 128 – River Cara (USA) 86 (Irish River (FR) 131) [2009 6m² 7g³ 7d² 7m² 7m Oct 3] 20,000Y: smallish, compact gelding: half-brother to several winners, including 3-y-o Warrior One and 4-y-o Basque Beauty: dam French 2-y-o 1m winner: similar form when placed in maidens first 4 starts: stiff task final outing (gelded after): will stay 1m. *A. M. Balding*
- YASHKUR** 3 ch.f. Needwood Blade 117 – Silent Tribute (IRE) 104 (Lion Cavern (USA) 117) [2009 10.1m⁶ 6g⁶ 9g 8m p8g p8m Sep 24] 18,000F, 27,000Y: angular filly: sixth foal: closely related to winner in Russia by Pivotal: dam 2-y-o 6f/1m winner: modest form. *C. E. Brittain*
- YAWARY** 2 b.f. (Feb 19) Medicean 128 – Sociable 77 (Danehill (USA) 126) [2009 6m 6g⁴ 6m² 6m 7g⁵ p5g⁴ p8g⁶ 6g⁶ Sep 14] 6,500Y: angular filly: fourth foal: dam, 9f winner, out of half-sister to Cheveley Park Stakes winner Regal Rose: modest maiden: stays 7f: has finished weakly. *C. E. Brittain*
- YEADON** 2 b.c. (Feb 18) Fraam 114 – Harryana 79 (Efisio 120) [2009 6d³ 5g² f5g² 6f⁴ p6g⁴ 6m⁴ p5.1g⁴ f5m⁴ f6m² p6f⁶ Dec 19] fair maiden: reportedly had wind operation after second start: should stay 7f: acts on all-weather and good to soft going: tried blinkered: signs of temperament. *R. A. Fahey*
- YEAH** 2 b.g. (May 26) Gentleman's Deal (IRE) 114 – Snugfit Dubarry 69 (Ali-Royal (IRE) 127) [2009 5g⁴ 6g⁶ 6g⁴ f5g p6g Oct 8] poor maiden: should be at least as effective at 5f as 6f. *Pat Morris*
- YEATS (IRE)** 8 b.h. Sadler's Wells (USA) 132 – Lyndonville (IRE) (Top Ville 129) [2009 128: 13s⁶ 20m* 14s 20g³ Oct 4]
- With the natural flow of retirement and recruitment among horses and humans, plus changes in so many other things, no two seasons can ever be the same. There will be one notable difference, though, in 2010, not just from the latest season but from the seven previous ones. Yeats will be on duty at Coolmore, not on the racecourse. He has captured the hearts of racegoers in remarkable style in a career spanning twenty-six starts and producing fifteen wins, seven of them at Group 1, for earnings in excess of £1.3m. Yeats wasn't the best stayer in the history of the sport but, when he was on top form, none of his rivals could hold a candle to him over long distances. His record of four successive victories in the Gold Cup is one which it is hard to imagine being equalled, let alone surpassed. It is testimony to his ability and his longevity, as well as to the skill of his trainer Aidan O'Brien, that he also holds records for having won Group 1 races in five successive years, and for being the subject of an essay in seven editions of *Racehorses*, something no other runner on the Flat, and precious few over jumps, has earned before. Yeats was, in short, a giant who will be virtually impossible to replace on the track and will be sorely missed when Royal Ascot comes round again.
- As the year got under way, making history by winning that fourth Gold Cup was the sum total of Aidan O'Brien's ambition for Yeats. Nothing else entered the equation. For the third year running, Yeats reappeared in the Vintage Crop Stakes at Navan in April, which he had won in 2007 and 2008. He had also won on his debut as a two-year-old and on his reappearance in 2004 (the Ballysax Stakes) and also 2006 (the Gold Cup) and, conceding a minimum of 7 lb to his five rivals on soft going, he started at 5/4-on. Yeats ran the worst race of his career, having every chance turning for home but finding nothing when asked and being beaten over thirty lengths into sixth behind Alandi. Coral immediately pushed out Yeats to 7-2 (from 6-4) for the Gold Cup and various commentators started questioning his prospects of making history at the Royal meeting, propounding the theory that age might finally have caught up with him. Yeats blew fairly hard after the Vintage Crop Stakes—a number of Ballydoyle runners did seem to need an outing in the spring—and the explanation offered by his trainer was illuminating. 'Obviously he's a year older and a year wiser than he was last year and than every year that he was before. . . . To have him in top gear would have made it hard to get him to peak again at Ascot. I wouldn't read too much into it and hopefully he will leave that well behind him.' Yeats worked over a mile and a half after racing at the Curragh at the end of May with three-year-old Von Jawlensky. Seemingly, he responded well to a couple of cracks of the whip from Johnny Murtagh to overtake his stable companion and go clear towards the end of gallop, O'Brien saying 'He's very lazy, but that will have done him good.'
- Which was the best Gold Cup in the long history of the race? A leading candidate would have to be the edition of 1874, won by Boiard (1873 Prix du Jockey Club, Grand Prix de Paris and Prix Royal-Oak, 1874 Prix du Cadran) from dead-heaters Doncaster (1873 Derby, runner-up in the St Leger) and Flageolet (1872 Prix Morny, 1873 Goodwood Cup, runner-up that year in the Prix du Jockey Club, Grand Prix de Paris and Gold Cup). Following them home came Marie Stuart (1873 Oaks, Coronation Stakes, Yorkshire Oaks and St Leger), Gang Forward (1873 Two Thousand Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes, equal second in the Derby) and Kaiser (runner-up in the Two Thousand Guineas and equal second in the Derby in 1873). The nine runners who took on Yeats were hardly in the same league judged on their credentials. They were headed by the first two in the Henry II Stakes, Geordieland (who had chased home Yeats in the 2007 and 2008 Gold Cups) and Patkai (who had landed the Sagaro Stakes on his reappearance). Saeed



Gold Cup, Royal Ascot—the 203rd year of this great race and Yeats becomes the first to win it four times; Patkai is the only one to finish anywhere near him

bin Suroor fielded three for Godolphin: Veracity, successful in the Jockey Club Cup and third to Yeats in the Prix Royal-Oak in 2008; Sagara, who hadn't won for more than two years; and Dubai Sheema Classic winner Eastern Anthem, who was unproven at the trip. Great Voltigeur Stakes winner Centennial was also unproven at the distance and the two others were Hindu Kush, successful in the Saval Beg Stakes after finishing second in the Vintage Crop Stakes, and Washington Irving, fourth in the Yorkshire Cup last time, both of them former stable-companions of Yeats. The good to firm going was much more suitable for Yeats than the going had been at Navan, and the betting suggested he was back to his best. After starting the day as 9/4 favourite, he was finally sent off at 6/4 (he started 7/1 in 2006, 13/8-on in 2007 and 11/8 in 2008). The tactics employed on Yeats in the Gold Cup varied little from year to year—he was ridden for stamina, racing quite close up before challenging for the lead over two furlongs out and making the best of his way home from there. Murtagh rode a cracking race on him in the latest edition, waiting in fourth as Hindu Kush led from Veracity at a relatively moderate gallop. Veracity took over with half a mile to go, but Yeats was soon challenging him. With three furlongs left, both Patkai and Geordieland were somewhat hemmed in on the rail. When Veracity went wrong—he had to be put down after fracturing a cannon bone—Murtagh used Yeats's useful turn of foot to send him all of four lengths clear with two furlongs to go. It was a winning lead. Patkai had got clear soon after entering the straight and stayed on gamely but he never looked like getting to Yeats, while Geordieland made some headway to chase the first two but found nothing more from a furlong out. At the line, to the delight of the Royal Ascot crowd (though not the bookmakers, who claimed to have lost a scarcely believable £10m on the race nationwide), Yeats was the winner by three and a half lengths, with Geordieland fifteen lengths further back. After the winner had received his deserved rapturous reception, O'Brien was quite revealing in expressing how he felt about the record. 'I've never felt such pressure for any race before, this horse was the only time. I was so sick this morning as I really believed this couldn't happen. History is very hard to change, we knew we had a wonderful horse but usually fairytales don't come true. You dream and dream and dream, we were in this position and we never would be again.' To put the achievement into perspective, Yeats had broken Sagara's record of three Gold Cup victories from

1975 to 1977 and, among out-and-out stayers, he had equalled Marsyas's record of four Prix du Cadran from 1944 to 1947; Winnie Roe won four successive Irish St Legers between 2001 and 2004 and, in America, Kelso notched five successive Jockey Club Gold Cups over two miles from 1960 to 1964 (the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner of the 'thirties Golden Miller is the only horse to win the same championship race in Britain five times). Yeats matched Triptych in notching at least one Group 1 race five years in a row, though John Henry (1980 to 1984) and Sunline (1998 to 2002) had also achieved the feat in the States and Australia and New Zealand respectively. Yeats was also only the second eight-year-old to win the Gold Cup. The 1900 winner Merman was the first, though the pair are not the oldest winners, Beeswing being nine when she triumphed in 1842.

Four wins in a row at the Royal meeting is not a record either, Brown Jack having landed the Ascot Stakes in 1928 before winning the Queen Alexandra Stakes six years running from 1929 to 1934. Trelawny won four races in a row at the meeting in just two years, landing the Ascot Stakes/Queen Alexandra Stakes double in both 1962 and 1963. Coincidentally, the day after Boiard won the Gold Cup he contested the Alexandra Plate, forerunner of the Queen Alexandra Stakes, but he managed only second, supposedly due to over-confidence on the part of his jockey.

The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes was mentioned as a possible target for Yeats, as was the Goodwood Cup, which he had won in 2006 and 2008, but, in the end, he wasn't seen out until the Irish Field St Leger at the Curragh in mid-September, which he had won in 2007. Murtagh preferred to ride Changing-of-the-guard (who came sixth) in the St Leger at Doncaster on the same day, and on soft going Yeats again ran way below his best, starting only fourth favourite and virtually friendless in the market. Struggling well over half a mile out, he was allowed to come home in his own time, eventually finishing around sixty lengths behind the much improved winner Alandi. A much better effort followed in the Prix du Cadran at Longchamp three weeks later, though Yeats still ran below the form he had shown at Royal Ascot. He had contested the Cadran twice before, running below his best when third in 2007 and fifth in 2008 and, although starting favourite this time and taking over from his pacemaker Windsor Palace half a mile out he could do no more in the final furlong and went down by a short head and a length and a half to Alandi and Kasbah Bliss. Not long afterwards the decision was taken to retire him to Coolmore, his fee for 2010 set at €10,000. On the face of it, in the modern era, Yeats has the profile of a jumps sire rather than a Flat one, but there must be a chance that John Magnier will ensure his old favourite covers at least some mares with the potential to produce above-average Flat runners. Ballydoyle's other top stayer Septimus, who recorded the top staying performances of both 2007 (Doncaster Cup) and 2008 (Irish St Leger), was still in training in the latest season but didn't reach the racecourse. He too has now been retired to stud but, unlike Yeats, is being marketed specifically as a jumps stallion.

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At the seventh time of asking, there is little fresh to write about Yeats's pedigree. His sire Sadler's Wells holds the record for the number of Gold Cup wins, his progeny now having won six (Kayf Tara won twice), putting him two clear of Son-In-Law who had three individual scorers, Foxlaw in 1927, Bosworth in 1930 and Trimdon in 1931 and 1932. 2009 was another good year for the retired Sadler's Wells, with Ask winning twice in Group 1 company (the offspring of Sadler's Wells won twelve European pattern races in all). His very successful stallion sons Galileo, High Chaparral and Montjeu also kept his name to the fore. The Gold Cup field showed just how influential Sadler's Wells has become in staying races—apart from Yeats (whose victory took him clear at the top of the list of Group 1 winners numerically by Sadler's Wells), he sired both Sagara and Hindu



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Kush, is in the second generation of Patkai's, Geordieland's and Washington Irving's pedigrees, and in the third generation of Eastern Anthem's (Sadler's Wells is also the sire of Septimus). Yeats's dam Lyndonville won a maiden at Galway over a mile and three quarters by six lengths from only three starts. Like the dam of St Nicholas Abbey, she initially belonged to Sheikh Mohammed, who sold her for 76,000 guineas as a four-year-old at the December Sales. Lyndonville went through the sale-ring there twice more, fetching 96,000 guineas in 1994 and 220,000 guineas in 1999, when she was bought by Yeats's breeders and part-owners the Nagles of Barronstown Stud (not long after his Gold Cup victory Yeats was paraded at the Curragh after the Barronstown Stud Two-Year-Old Maiden). Lyndonville is the dam of two other stakes winners, notably Solksjaer (by Danehill), who landed the Royal Whip Stakes, and comes from a family with plenty of stamina. One half-sister Ivanka won the Fillies' Mile and another Sahara Breeze foaled Lady of Chad (Prix Marcel Boussac) and Alcazar (Prix Royal-Oak). Others from the family include Cantelo (St Leger), Bracey Bridge (Park Hill Stakes), Tug of War (Goodwood Cup) and Biskrah (Doncaster Cup). As already mentioned, Yeats had a useful turn of speed and was no dyed-in-the-wool plodder. One-time ante-post Derby favourite, he won twice over a mile and a quarter at three and won the Coronation Cup over a mile and a half at four before going on to excel over long distances. He acted on any going but was probably at his very best on firmer than good. A tall, good-topped horse and a good walker who impressed in appearance and had a powerful, round action, he was a credit to his connections. *A. P. O'Brien, Ireland*

- YELLOW PRINTER** 3 b.g. Royal Applause 124 – Robsart (IRE) 91 (Robellino (USA) 127) [2009 80: p8g 8.1g³ 8.1f³ 8m⁴ 7m² 8.3m³ 8g p8g⁶ p8g p8m³ Nov 19] sturdy gelding: fairly useful handicapper: left Tom Dascombe after fifth start: stays 1m: acts on polytrack and firm ground: tried visored. *F. J. Brennan*
- YELLOW RIDGE (IRE)** 6 ch.g. On The Ridge (IRE) 115 – Jonathan's Rose (IRE) – (Law Society (USA) 130) [2009 51: p16.5g p12g Oct 20] compact gelding: one-time fair performer: well held in 2009: tried blinkered/tongue tied. *Luke Comer, Ireland*
- YELLOW RIVER (USA)** 3 ch.f. Johannesburg (USA) 127 – Ascension (IRE) 110 (Night Shift (USA)) [2009 45: f7d² p6g p7g f8g⁵ 7g 7s 5g 6.1g 6m Sep 28] poor form in Britain, leaving S. Callaghan after reappearance: below form after: stays 7f: tried in headgear. *E. J. Creighton*
- YELLOWSTONE (IRE)** 5 b.h. Rock of Gibraltar (IRE) 133 – Love And Affection (USA) (Exclusive Era (USA)) [2009 119: 13.3d⁶ 14m⁴ 12m 12g⁴ 12g 14.5s² Oct 24] big, good-bodied horse: well below smart best in 2009, best effort (useful form) when fourth in listed race won by All The Aces at Newmarket fourth outing: stays 1¼m: acts on any going: often in cheekpieces, tried blinkered. *P. F. I. Cole*
- YEOMAN OF ENGLAND (IRE)** 3 b.g. Pyrus (USA) 106 – Regal Lustre 50 (Averti (IRE) 117) [2009 66: 7m 7.1g 6s 8m 10.1m³ 10m 11.5g⁵ Oct 20] sturdy gelding: modest maiden at 3 yrs, patchy form: stays 1¼m: acts on polytrack, soft and good to firm ground: blinkered once: sold 5,000 gns. *C. F. Wall*
- YER WOMAN (IRE)** 2 b.f. (Apr 30) Kyllachy 129 – Genny Lim (IRE) 91 (Barathea (IRE) 127) [2009 5.1m² 5g* 6g 5m* 6.5m 6m⁴ p6m* Nov 26] 7,500Y: compact filly: second foal: half-sister to Irish 3-y-o Palazzone: dam Irish 1m winner: useful performer: won maiden at Windsor in May and nurseries at Sandown in July and Kempton (in good style, showing improved form) in November: stays easy 6f: acts on polytrack, raced only on good/good to firm going on turf. *R. Hannon*
- YES CHEF** 2 ch.c. (Feb 1) Best of The Bests (IRE) 122 – Lady Chef 75 (Double Trigger (IRE) 123) [2009 8.3m 7g⁴ Oct 23] plain, lengthy colt: first foal: dam 2-y-o 7f winner: much better effort in maidens when 8 lengths fourth to Tamaathul at Doncaster: should stay 1m. *J. Gallagher*
- YES MAGGIE (IRE)** 2 b.f. (Jan 29) Vindication (USA) 122 – Westerly Gale (USA) – (Gone West (USA)) [2009 7m Sep 19] first foal: dam, US 8.5f winner, half-sister to smart US Grade 1 9f winner Scorpion: 18/1, soundly beaten in maiden at Newbury. *M. R. Channon*
- YES MR PRESIDENT (IRE)** 4 b.g. Montjeu (IRE) 137 – Royals Special (IRE) 72 (Caerleon (USA) 132) [2009 86: 12g⁴ 14g* 11.5m² 11.9m 14g⁴ 16g² 12m³ 14v* 18m Oct 17] strong, rangy gelding: useful handicapper: largely progressive in 2009, winning

- at Goodwood in June and Haydock (Old Borough Cup, beat Nemo Spirit by 6 lengths) in September: finished lame in Cesarewitch final start: stays 2m: acts on polytrack, heavy and good to firm ground: tried blinkered: races prominently. *M. Johnston*
- YESNABAY (USA)** 2 b. or br.g. (Jan 31) Grand Slam (USA) 120 – Speedy Sonata (USA) (Stravinsky (USA) 133) [2009 5m³ 6g* 8f Sep 19] 36,000Y: first foal: dam, US 5f/5.5f winner (including at 2 yrs), out of sister to Prix de Diane winner Lady In Silver: much improved when winning maiden at Ayr in July by 7 lengths from Benrish, taking strong hold yet quickening impressively: left G. A. Swinbank, below form in Grade 3 Summer Stakes at Woodbine: best effort at 6f. *L. Rivelli, USA*
- YES ONE (IRE)** 5 ch.g. Peintre Celebre (USA) 137 – Copious (IRE) (Generous (IRE) 139) [2009 89: f7d p8.6g⁶ p7g⁵ p8g⁵ p9.5g⁴ Apr 20] small, sturdy gelding: handicapper, just fair at 5 yrs: effective at 7f to 1¼m: acts on all-weather, firm and soft ground: tried tongue tied. *K. A. Ryan*
- YES PLEASE** 4 b.g. Efnisio 120 – Shall We Dance 83 (Rambo Dancer (CAN) 107) [2009 f6g 7.2g 6s³ 7v p7.1g Sep 11] form (modest) only when placed in maiden third start: stays 6f: raced on all-weather and going softer than good: tried visored. *K. A. Ryan*
- YES SHE CAN CAN** 3 ch.f. Monsieur Bond (IRE) 120 – Antonia's Folly 64 (Music Boy 124) [2009 –: p6g p5g⁴ f5g p5g 5m Apr 1] little form: tried blinkered. *Peter Grayson*
- YIRGA** 3 b.c. Cape Cross (IRE) 129 – Auratum (USA) 93 (Carson City (USA)) [2009 75: 8.1v³ 8.1m* 8g* 9.7f² 10g Aug 8] leggy, attractive colt: fairly useful handicapper: won at Sandown and Thirsk, both in June: stays easy 9.7f: acts on firm going: tongue tied in 2009: joined A. Al Raihe in UAE. *Saeed bin Suroor*
- YKIKAMOOCOW** 3 b.f. Cape Town (IRE) 119 – Pigeon 84 (Casteddu 111) [2009 68: 7d* 7g 8d⁵ 7g 7.2g³ Oct 23] fair handicapper: won at Catterick in June: stays 7.2f: raced only on good/good to soft ground. *G. A. Harker*
- YMIIR** 3 b.c. Zaha (CAN) 106 – Anastasia Venture 70 (Lion Cavern (USA) 117) [2009 69: p8g 8.5g 7g 8g³ 7.1m³ 8g p8g p7f² p8m p7m p8g² p8m⁴ p8m⁶ Dec 9] fair maiden handicapper: stays 1m: acts on polytrack and good to firm ground: often in cheekpieces: not straightforward. *M. J. Attwater*
- YOGAROO (USA)** 2 b.g. (Apr 14) Bring The Heat (USA) – Harper N Abbey (USA) (Outflanker (USA) 83) [2009 a2.5f² p4.5f* 5m p6f Sep 7] good-topped gelding: first foal: dam unraced daughter of Breeders' Cup Sprint runner-up Meafara: won maiden at Keeneland in April by 5½ lengths: well held after in Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (veered badly left when weakening) and non-graded stakes at Del Mar (last of 10): acts on polytrack: blinkered all starts: has worn tongue tie. *Wesley A. Ward, USA*
- YONDER** 5 br.m. And Beyond (IRE) 113 – Dominance (Dominion 123) [2009 65: p12.2g⁴ 18m³ 21.6m 12m* 14m* 16.2m 12m 12m Sep 10] workmanlike mare: fair handicapper on Flat: improved when winning at Salisbury and Lingfield in June: stays 2¼m, effective at shorter: acts on good to firm ground: tried blinkered. *H. Morrison*

YORGUNNABELUCKY (USA) 3 b.c. Giant's Causeway (USA) 132 – Helsinki (Machiavellian (USA) 123) [2009 75p: 10m* 10d 10.4m 9.9f 8.1m⁵ 8.1m⁵ 8m⁵ Oct 5] tall colt: fairly useful performer: won maiden at Redcar in June by 16 lengths: stays 1¼m: acts on good to firm ground: tried blinkered. *M. Johnston* **87**

YORK CLIFF 11 b.g. Marju (IRE) 127 – Azm (Unfuwain (USA) 131) [2009 66: f16d p12g⁴ f1g p12.2g⁶ 16.2v³ 12.1m 12.3m p12.2g Dec 7] good-bodied gelding: modest performer nowadays: stays 2m: acts on all-weather and any turf going: tried in headgear: none too consistent. *W. M. Brisbane* **53**

YORKE'S FOLLY (USA) 8 b.m. Stravinsky (USA) 133 – Tommelise (USA) (Dayjur (USA) 137) [2009 54: 5m² 5m⁶ Aug 15] big, lengthy mare: modest maiden: effective at 5f/6f: acts on fibresand and firm going: usually visored/blinker: none too consistent. *C. W. Fairhurst* **53**

YORK KEY BAR 3 b.g. Presidium 124 – Onemoretme (Timeless Times (USA) 99) [2009 72: 7m p6g³ 5m⁴ 6s⁶ p6g⁵ 5d³ 5g Jul 16] close-coupled gelding: just modest maiden in 2009: stayed 6f: acted on heavy ground: tried tongue tied: bolted to post third outing: dead. *B. Ellison* **61**

YORKSHIRE BLUE 10 b.g. Atraf 116 – Something Blue (Petong 126) [2009 76§: 6f 6m⁶ 7g⁵ 6m* 6m⁶ 6m² 6g⁶ Oct 23] close-coupled gelding: fair handicapper: won apprentice event at Redcar in September: effective at 6f/7f: acts on all-weather and any turf going: tried blinkered, in cheekpieces of late: often gets behind: unreliable. *J. S. Goldie* **68 §**

YORKSTERS GIRL (IRE) 3 ch.f. Bachelor Duke (USA) 122 – Isadora Duncan (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA) 132) [2009 93: 7s 8.1m Jul 4] leggy, lengthy filly: fairly useful performer: below best both starts in 2009, stiff task in Fred Darling Stakes on reappearance: not sure to stay beyond 7f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: sold 40,000 gns in July, resold 18,000 gns in December. *M. G. Quinlan* **81**

YORKSTERS PRINCE (IRE) 2 b.g. (Apr 1) Beat Hollow 126 – Odalisque (IRE) (Machiavellian (USA) 123) [2009 8m p8.6g⁴ Dec 26] lengthy gelding: better effort in maidens when 7¼ lengths last of 4 at Wolverhampton: should stay 1¼m. *M. G. Quinlan* **54**

YOSSI (IRE) 5 b.g. Montjeu (IRE) 137 – Raindancing (IRE) 94 (Tirol 127) [2009 85: 12d² 12g 12m Sep 10] good-bodied gelding: fairly useful handicapper: below form after reappearance: effective at 1¼m to 1½m: acts on soft ground: tried blinkered/visored: quirky and not one to trust. *Jim Best* **85 §**

YOU AVIN A LAUGH 3 ch.g. Bertolini (USA) 125 – High Stepping (IRE) (Taufan (USA) 119) [2009 -: p6g⁶ p5.1g p5g³ f5g⁴ p6g⁵ p5.1g² 5m p6g³ 5m p6g⁴ p6g Jun 29] useful-looking gelding: modest maiden: effective at 5f/6f: acts on polytrack, no form on turf: tried blinkered: sold 5,000 gns in July. *C. A. Dwyer* **– a64**

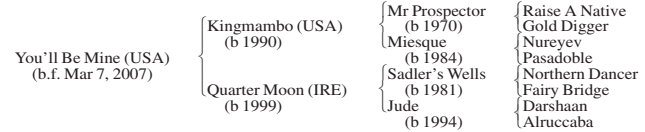
YOU CAN ALWAYS DREAM (IRE) 2 b.f. (Mar 28) Exceed And Excel (AUS) 126 – Al Shaddeah (USA) 86 (Nureyev (USA) 131) [2009 5.1g p5.1g p5g² p5g² p5.1m* Nov 28] 32,000f, £27,000Y: eighth foal: half-sister to 3 winners, including fairly useful 9f/1¼m winner Shirazi (by Mtoto): dam, 1m winner, out of Australian Group 1 1m winner Copperama: fairly useful performer: won maiden at Wolverhampton in November easily by 5 lengths: speedy, and may prove best at 5f: raced only on polytrack after debut: open to further improvement. *K. A. Ryan* **80 p**

YOU'LL BE MINE (USA) 2 b.f. (Mar 7) Kingmambo (USA) 125 – Quarter Moon (IRE) 120 (Sadler's Wells (USA) 132) [2009 7g⁴ 7d* 8m³ Sep 26] **105 P**

Ballydoyle is well represented as usual in the ante-post markets for the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby, but has less of a strong hand in the fillies' classics. This situation reflects the success that Ballydoyle has enjoyed with its three-year-olds in the Aidan O'Brien era, winning twenty-three of those classics in Britain and Ireland with its colts compared to eleven with its fillies. The filly who looks best placed to add to the latter tally in the next season is You'll Be Mine, who is available at 33/1 for the One Thousand Guineas at the time of writing, but generally favourite for the Oaks (best odds 16/1). You'll Be Mine progressed with each of her three starts as a two-year-old, on the final occasion rather unfortunate when two and a quarter lengths third of nine to Hibaayeb in the Fillies' Mile at Ascot. The Fillies' Mile was by no means a vintage edition but You'll Be Mine deserves particular credit for her effort, as she was the only one of those held up who proved able to get into things. She certainly looks the one from the race with most potential, especially since her career was little more than six weeks old when she ran at Ascot.

You'll Be Mine was promoted to Group 1 company after having her first two starts in maidens. After finishing fourth under a considerate ride to Miss Laa Di

Da in a fillies' event at Leopardstown on her debut in August, she confirmed that promise in a similar contest at the same track twenty-three days later. Both races were over seven furlongs and on the second occasion she took a while to really find her stride before staying on strongly to beat Hedaaya by two lengths.



You'll Be Mine's pedigree suggests that she will certainly stay at least a mile and a quarter and may well get the Oaks trip. You'll Be Mine's grandam Jude achieved little in four outings but, a sister to the useful Irish mile and a quarter winner Alouette and Irish Oaks third Arrikala, as well as a half-sister to the Nassau and Sun Chariot Stakes winner Last Second, she has enjoyed notable success as a broodmare. Her first foal was You'll Be Mine's dam Quarter Moon, who was runner-up in three classics. Jude has produced a classic winner in Yesterday, who won the Irish One Thousand Guineas at the Curragh in 2003 before going on to finish runner-up in the Oaks at Epsom. Jude's sixth foal All My Loving finished third in both the English and Irish Oaks. The winner of the Moyglare Stud Stakes as a two-year-old, Quarter Moon came fifth in the One Thousand Guineas on her three-year-old reappearance before finishing second in the Irish version and then repeating the feat in both the Oaks at Epsom and the Curragh. Quarter Moon's first foal never ran, but both You'll Be Mine's brother King of Westphalia and her half-brother Born To Be King (by Storm Cat) were useful at up to a mile and a quarter and a mile respectively, though neither ever looked like figuring among the brighter lights at Ballydoyle for whom they each acted as pacemaker on occasions. The good-topped, attractive You'll Be Mine has the potential to bring more credit to the family name as a three-year-old. *A. P. O'Brien, Ireland*

YOUM JAMIL (USA) 2 gr. or ro.c. (Feb 2) Mizzen Mast (USA) 121 – Millie's Choice (IRE) 110 (Taufan (USA) 119) [2009 8g² 7g² Oct 30] 140,000Y: half-brother to several winners in USA, including Grade 3 8.5f winner Millie's Quest (by Quest For Fame): dam, Irish 7f/1m winner, half-sister to dam of 7-y-o Doctor Dino: runner-up in maidens at Salisbury and Newmarket (still green, beaten 1½ lengths by Quick Wit): stays 1m: capable of better still. *B. J. Meehan* **82 p**

YOUMZAIN (IRE) 6 b.h. Sinnardar (IRE) 134 – Sadima (IRE) 103 (Sadler's Wells (USA) 132) [2009 131: 12g⁴ 12g² 12m³ 12d³ 12g² 12g Dec 13] **130**

Who says you get nothing for finishing second? Youmzain has earned a total of £1,884,333 (at prevailing exchange rates) for his three splendid second places in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The last two editions, sponsored by Qatar, have seen the Arc assume the mantle of the richest race in the world on turf. Youmzain earned £838,899 in the latest Arc, £129,274 more than Arc winner Sea The Stars earned for winning Britain's most valuable race the Derby and £271,199 more than the first prize won by Arc fourth Conduit in 'Britain's Arc' the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes. It is said that nobody ever remembers who finishes second, but at least Youmzain's connections should be able to draw comfort from the entries made on their bank balances as a result of the horse's efforts on his three visits to Longchamp. Deep down, though, their feelings were probably similar to those of top American golfer Tom Weiskopf, who was runner-up in four editions of the US Masters between 1969 and 1975, twice to Jack Nicklaus. 'I'm absolutely delighted to have come second,' he said. 'Who cares about winning when you can be second? Oh yeah, how I love being runner-up to Jack Nicklaus.'

Weiskopf's only victory in a major championship came in the Open at Troon in 1973, a year when he also won seven other tournaments around the world. Nicknamed the 'Towering Inferno', partly because he was one of the taller players but also because of a short temper, Weiskopf did not achieve the greatness as a golfer once expected of him. It could also be said of Youmzain that he hasn't made the most of his ability. His last eighteen outings have been in Group 1 company—spread around six different countries—and, on his Arc form, he is a top-class