Welcome to the fifth issue of Anglo German Racing’s newsletter. This week, the spring festival at Baden-Baden began where racegoers where treated to some very exciting finishes on day one. Amaron just held off Guiliani to win the first big race of the meeting, the Badener Meile. Earlier this week, Secret Edge could repeat his Badenia victory in the Badenia-Revanche at Mannheim. Read all about this race on page 2. Of course our thoughts are with Vinzenz Schiergen, who suffered a basal skull fracture in a nasty fall at Frankfurt. We wish him a speedy recovery!

– Stefanie

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Badenia-Revanche Mannheim, 31 May 2015
Steeplechase 4200 metres

The Christian von der Recke trained SECRET EDGE won the Badenia-Revanche steeplechase at Mannheim for local owner Gabriele Gaul on Sunday, adding to his win in the Badenia itself earlier in the month.

Nine horses went to post for this contest worth 10,000€, after Mariquita was withdrawn in the morning. Seven of them had already met in the Badenia on 1 May, when Secret Edge got the better of Supervisor in a thrilling finish. Ridden this time by Frenchman Jean Gilles Gueracague, as Badenia-winning pilot Michael Huber had engagements in his native Switzerland, Secret Edge started 23:10 favourite. Other well-fancied runners were his Badenia runner-up Supervisor, Sekundant, who found the ground more to his liking this time, and Summernight Sky, who finished fifth in the Listed race after picking up an injury in the early stages. Again, Mannheim did not prove to be his lucky track.

Supervisor jumped off in front together with Sekundant, with Samurai, Coyaique, Indian Sun and Summernight Sky the closest pursuers in the early stages. Secret Edge, Opera Storm and Alanco were settled at the back of the field. Sekundant was soon taking over the lead, with Samurai not far off. Summernight Sky had improved into third, while Alanco was still the back marker when the field jumped the fifth fence, the big hedge. Secret Edge was closing on the leaders when the runners crossed the wall for the first time. There was not much change in the field until four out, when Samurai lost his rider and in the process carried out Summernight Sky, who continued the race but was about ten lengths off the leaders when the field approached the final diagonal. Sekundant was still setting the pace, with Secret Edge in second while Coyaique made good headway and looked the greatest danger now. He jumped the wall well but slipped up a stride behind the fence sending his jockey Mark Quinlan crashing to the turf. Rounding the home turn, Sekundant was still in front, but Summernight Sky had made a lot of ground now and was with the remaining leading trio again. The four horses went round the bend almost in line, and it was Secret Edge who jumped the final fence in front with Sekundant and Summernight Sky just behind him. He could quicken on the flat, winning by one and three quarters of a length, with the long time leader Sekundant just holding off the unlucky Summernight Sky for second. Supervisor came home a close fourth, with a gap of 13 lengths to remaining finishers, led by Alanco.

Gabriele Gaul was overwhelmed by the renewed success of her horse, which provided Christian von der Recke with his second winner of the day, after Maxim Gorky won on the flat earlier. Both Samurai and Coyaique were reported none the worse for their mishaps and also Matej Rigo, rider of the former, seemed unscathed. English-based Irish jockey Mark Quinlan was sore after his fall but didn't require further medical attention.

Result

1. Secret Edge (Jean Gilles Gueracague/Christian von der Recke)
2. Sekundant (Vlastislav Korytar/Petra Gehm)
3. Summernight Sky (Fabian Weißmeier/Manfred Weber)
4. Supervisor (Julian Marinov/Cornelia Schmock)
5. Alanco (Cevin Chan/Bohumil Nedorostek)
6. Indian Sun (Diego Declercq/Jördis-Ina Meinecke)
7. Opera Storm (Gary Derwin/Karl Thomas)

ur Samurai (Matej Rigo/Elfi Schnakenberg)

f Coyaique (Mark Quinlan/Thierry de Vlaminck)
Samurai (yellow colours) and Sekundant (blue colours) are leading the field over the big hedge. For Samurai it was the second race after a long lay-off, the first having been a steeplechase run on the flat at Krefeld two weeks earlier. Running over fences suited him much better, he ran a good race until losing his rider four out. Matej Rigo had stepped in for Lukas Sloup, who was required to ride in France that day. Samurai will now run at Strömsholm/Sweden on 13 June, Christopher Roberts will be his partner.

Sekundant ran a good race once again, as he found conditions more suitable this time. The chestnut did not relish the rain-softened ground on 1 May, when he was well beaten in the Badenia. Supervisor (red and grey colours) and Secret Edge jump the hedge together. Cornelia Schmock’s charge ran a blinder in the Badenia, and will now head to Hamburg for the Seejagdrennen.

Summernight Sky suffered a minor injury in the big race in May, but returned fit and well. He ran a fantastic race to finish third, as his chances seemed to have gone when he was badly hampered and carried out by Samurai when he lost his rider. Indian Sun made a mistake at the big hedge but ran well enough in this company.
Sekundant is still in front three out, but Secret Edge is already very close to the long time leader. Behind them Coyaique (black and blue colours) is just jumping the wall, but is about to slip up after landing safely. He was running a tremendous race, and his pilot Mark Quinlan was sure he would have won had he not been unseated. The Irishman stated that it was simply bad luck, his mount was jumping superbly giving him a great spin around the twisty figure-of-eight course at Mannheim. He hopes to be reunited with Coyaique at Hamburg on 30 June.

Secret Edge was given a great ride by Jean Gilles Gueracague, and it was also a fantastic training performance by his handler Christian von der Recke to have him in the perfect shape for both the Badenia and the Badenia-Revanche. Owner Gabriele Gaul is reported to be very proud of her horse and over the moon to have won both of the big jumps races at her local track.
Dresden 30 May 2015

The racecourse of Dresden in eastern Germany held a seven-race meeting on Saturday, the highlight being two handicaps, the IDEE KAFFEE-Preis and the Preis des SchillerGarten. Both races went to local yards, with the Claudia Barsig-trained Korado claiming victory in the first mentioned race and Marju Prince taking the spoils in the other for Stefan Richter’s stables, completing a treble for the trainer.

Verden 31 May 2015

Verden racecourse’s run of bad luck continued on Sunday when they held their annual meeting. In the run-up to the raceday, they already had to cancel the highlight of the day – the steeplechase – and the remaining flat races attracted only a small number of runners. On Sunday morning the news broke that there was a problem with the starting stalls and all races would have to be started by flag. After the first two races the whole meeting was at risk of being abandoned as one of the bends became very slippery. However, officials decided to sprinkle the unsafe patches with sand and instructed riders to ride carefully, so that the meeting could go ahead. For jockey Rene Piechulek, this was a good decision as he won four of the seven races.
Düsseldorf – German 1000 Guineas  
31 May 2015

The Andreas Wöhler-trained FULL ROSE took the German 1000 Guineas on Sunday, giving the trainer a Classic double after his Cape Cross colt Karpino took the colts equivalent, the German 2000 Guineas at Cologne the previous week. As the field entered the final furlong, the Waldemar Hickst-trained Nymeria burst out of the pack under Alexander Pietsch, and looked like the likely winner approaching the winning post. However, under a determined drive from Slovakian-born jockey Jozef Bojko, Full Rose just got her head in front by a neck from Nymeria with outsider Schützenpost taking third, with just a length covering the first five finishers home. Now undefeated in all three of her races to date, Full Rose has an entry in a Group 3 contest in Hamburg at the end of June.

You can see the exciting finish to the German 1000 Guineas here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my7X5LGWrAc

France - Dieppe 31 May 2015

The Olli Schnakenberg-trained Stromberg ran in a hurdle race over 3800 metres in Dieppe/France on Sunday. Facing eleven rivals, the seven-year-old won a similar race at Wissembourg on 1 May and attempted to repeat this feat here. However, luck was not on his side this time. Racing in mid-division this time, he was pulling hard in the early stages and had no chance when nearly coming to grief at the penultimate hurdle. Both horse and rider survived that scare unharmed though. Hurricane d'Helene won this race under Thomas Gillet, while Stromberg finished a well-beaten ninth of eleven finishers.
Hoppegarten 01 June 2015

Hoppegarten held an eight race evening meeting on Monday. Jockey Alexander Pietsch, who celebrated his 43rd birthday that day, rode a double, steering the Henk Grewe-trained Lady's Day and Roland Dzubasz’ Ishasha to victory. Local trainer Dzubasz saddled another winner with Der Stern, who gained an easy victory in the Preis von Petershagen in the hands of Tom Schurig. Also trained locally is Silenzio Mo, who gave trainer Eva Fabianova her third career winner. She is responsible for all of Stall Germanius’ horses now, having taken over from Frank Trobisch.

Frankfurt 04 June 2015

The fate of Frankfurt racecourse will be decided on 21 July, when a referendum is held. The area is at risk of being sold in order to build a DFB (German football association) academy there. On Thursday, about 20 000 people enjoyed what might have been one of Frankfurt’s last ever meetings. Alderaan won the opening race under Maxim Pecheur against just three opponents. Four of the seven races were amateur’s races. Robin Weber guided Noble Fighter to victory in the first of them, Lena Mattes took the second aboard Sanjii Danon, Olga Laznovska in the saddle of Silencio the third and Claudia Fleißner had to work hard aboard Go Go Queen to win by a nose from Kiss The Sky and Marie Hannibal in the fourth amateur’s race of the day. Danon Attacker won the concluding handicap 3 under Esther Weiβmeier. The meeting was overshadowed by Vinzenz Schiergen’s nasty accident in the fourth race though. He was riding High Duty for his father Peter, who had been leading for most of the way and was still in front 100 metres from line when the saddle appeared to slip. Vinzenz Schiergen tried to jump off his mount but got kicked in the head on landing. He was conscious and transferred to hospital where a basal skull fracture was diagnosed. Initial reports say that he will have to remain in intensive care until at least Friday, but is expected to make a full recovery.

Baden-Baden 04 June 2015

One of the highlights of the German turf season began on Thursday, the spring festival at Baden-Baden. The main race of the opening day was the Badener Meile, a group II race over 1600 metres. Favourite for this contest was the Filip Minarik-ridden Guiliani from Jean-Pierre Carvalho’s yard. Gereon made the running till the Danish guest Giovanni Boldini took over in front. Peace at Last was the first attacker, but Amaron and Guiliani were finishing strongly on the stands side. It was a ding-dong battle between the two, and passing the line it was hard to separate them. The photo revealed that Amaron had his head in front at the right time. The English-bred son of Shamardal is trained by Andreas Löwe and was ridden by Andrasch Starke.

The outcome of the Listed mare’s race, Preis der Baden-Badener Hotellerie & Gastronomie, had been equally close when Techno Queen beat Lili Moon by a short head. Norman Richter rode the Hans-Jürgen Gröschel-trained daughter of Manduro. The race was marred by the accident of Akua’na who broke a leg and had to be put down.

Spring meeting Baden-Baden
04 June (Badener Meile)
06 June (Iffezheimer Derby-Tria)
07 June (Gr. Preis der Badischen Unternehmer)
08 June
09 June
ITALY: GERMAN FILLY LANDS OAKS

LOVELYN, trained in Cologne by Peter Schiergen, came out on top in a thrilling finish to the Italian Oaks on Sunday. Ridden by Scottish-born jockey Robert Havlin, Lovelyn had just got home by a neck in her last race at Cologne in April, however Sunday's race in Milan saw an even closer finish as the Tiger Hill filly somehow fought back on the line under a quite incredible ride from Newmarket-based Havlin to deny Joyful Hope and fellow German-trained filly Full Of Beauty, representing the Jaber Abdullah / Andreas Wöhler combination who had tasted victory with Full Rose in the German 1000 Guineas just a few minutes previously.

Although from some angles, it appeared to be a triple dead heat, the judge announced that Lovelyn had prevailed by a head with Joyful Hope and Full Of Beauty dead-heating for second place in the 407,000 Euros contest.

You can see this race here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvThUnCqeVw

RUSSIA: EASY FOR JASH IN MOSCOW HURDLE

Just as he did last year, the American-bred JOHARJASH took Russia's only jumps race last Saturday, the Radio Monte Carlo Grand Prix hurdle race at the Central Moscow Hippodrome. Ridden as he was in 2014 by Martin Erizhokov, Joharjash turned what looked like being a competitive race into a procession by coming home a distance clear of Kemerovskiy, with Kentucky Koin a further 6½ lengths back in third, meaning that American-bred horses filled the first three places in the race for the second year in succession.

Joharjash's time of 2.40.7 is the quickest time ever recorded in the race since its re-inception in 2008, and was almost four seconds faster than the time he recorded last year.

POLAND: MARMoul WINS LADIES RACE

There was a truly international atmosphere at Warsaw's Służewiec racecourse last Sunday, as two of their races were part of the HH Sheika Fatima Bint Mubarak World Championships IFAHR. The ladies race was won by Wasilew, ridden by Bouchra Marmoul from Morocco. Zahim finished a close second under Annie O'Sullivan from Ireland, with Kasir Al Khalediah (Tjarda Broek Humphreij/Netherlands) in third and Fuksuss (Michala Kucharikova/Slovakia) in fourth.

Perfektor won the apprentice race in the hands of Belgium's Zoe Vande Velde, beating Benefis (Omar Lakjaj/Morocco) into second and Sariah Alkhalediah (Eoin Walsh/Ireland) into third. The German representative Jodie Prasser, attached to Peter Schiergen's yard in Cologne, finish eighth on Hiszpan. Another race for Arab Thoroughbreds was the Nagroda Ofira – Sheik Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan International Cup, in which Ameretto took the spoils for Gunter Richter's yard in Hoppegarten/Germany.

The hurdle race on Saturday went to Harry Spiers with Paweł Gogolewski in the saddle, who just held on narrowly from the Rostislav Benš-ridden Salam, with Kora in third and Polemos in fourth. All eight runners finished.

You can see the races here:
Apprentice race
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmS8piU6kt0&list=PLz2XGSrV4HoQFiquy_plJ9DM7LjXADA8G7&index=3
Ladies race
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8bfrHhdRg8&list=PLz2XGSrV4HoQFiquy_plJ9DM7LjXADA8G7
Hurdle race
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eThi3UMp5cl&list=PLz2XGSrV4HoQLf7fr8WhxPRNeKEandnK
Czech Republic – Pardubice 30 May 2015

The Květnová cross country race was the highlight of the day at Pardubice on Saturday. Twelve horses went to post for the 4500 metres contest, for which Zugor from Lenka Horáková’s yard started the 23:10 favourite. However, in the end he found one too strong in the Josef Bartoš-ridden Zarif. The eight-year-old son of Observatory is trained by Josef Vana senior in Chyše, about 40 km east of Karlovy Vary. Owned by Ivo Köhler, the chestnut runs in the same colours as legendary Tiumen, who won the Velka Pardubicka three times in a row for the team Köhler-Vana. They hope Zarif can follow in the footsteps of the now-retired Pardubicka hero and will run him in one of the next qualifiers for the big race to see if he is suited to the demands of the Velka Pardubicka.

Czech Republic – Prague 31 May 2015

The VELKÁ ČERNOVÁ CENA is the main Derby trial in the Czech Republic, and this year’s edition saw a convincing winner in Sirius Shine. The “winter favourite” made all the running in the hands of Jaroslav Línek to win by half a length from the German-bred Oriental Sky, with Aldzarb just holding off favourite Touch of Genius and Tamarind Cove for third. All of the first five home appear to have a good chance in the Mercedes Benz-sponsored Czech Derby which is to be run at Velká Chuchle on 21 June. 35 horses still have an entry for the major flat race of the year.

Norway – Øvrevoll 04 June 2015

Hot Wing was an easy winner of the hurdle race at Øvrevoll on Thursday. Henrik Engblom partnered the son of Hawk Wing in this 3200 metres contest that attracted eight runners. Lady Dylan jumped off in front but made a bad mistake and almost got rid of Kevin Parkin. Email took the lead under Christopher Roberts with Chirocco running in second and Hot Wing in third, followed by Lady Dylan, Cannes Mougins, Cincinnatus, Le Chiffre, and Russian Roulette the back marker. Rounding the home turn for the first time, Email and Hot Wing had gone clear by a couple of lengths. The field was well stretched when the eight runners set out for the second round, and while closing a bit temporarily, Hot Wing was the only one who could really keep up with Email’s fast galopp. The mount of Henrik Engblom took over in front approaching the home turn and went clear by a couple of length after the penultimate flight of hurdles. Email stayed on for second place, while Le Chiffre ran a fine race coming from behind to snatch third spot from Lady Dylan.

Result
1. Hot Wing (Henrik Engblom/Are Hyldmo)
2. Email (Christopher Roberts/Maria Andersson)
3. Le Chiffre (Matthew Batchelor/Lise Tandberg)
4. Lady Dylan (Kevin Parkin/Catherine Slettemark)
5. Cannes Mougins (Niklas Lovén/Dennis Persson)
6. Cincinnatus (Gerard Tumelty/David Smith)
7. Chirocco (Kim Stern/Kim Stern)
8. Russian Roulette (Anna Pilroth/Per Hallqvist)

You can see the race here:
https://www.rikstoto.no/RikstotoDirekte/RDsisteuke/ (løp 1)

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SWEDEN: BIG CROWD EXPECTED AT GÄRDET

A special race meeting takes place in central Stockholm on Saturday, celebrating Sweden's national day. Gärdet at Kungliga Djurgården ("Royal Game Park", a national park in the heart of the capital) will be the scene of a meeting comprising two pony and six thoroughbred races, including two for Arab thoroughbreds of which one is part of the HH Sheika Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies IFAHR Cup in which ten horses will go to post. The meeting begins at 12.30 with a speech by Governor Chris Heister before the national anthem will be sung. The opening race will be the first pony race at 12:55 with the first thoroughbred race due off at 13:15.

It is only the third time in modern days that this meeting is held, but it has been a great success already. On the first two occasions the meeting attracted a crowd of about 50,000 people each year. Despite being a relatively new event in the Swedish racing calendar, it has historic roots as a similar festival already took place at Gärdet at the beginning of the last century. The basis for the modern meeting was established a couple of years ago when talks between the Swedish racing organisation and Kungliga Djurgården's management commenced and the preparation of the track started in 2010.

The meeting at Gärdet has got the unique character of a fair, with a diversified entertainment program including pony riding, a hat parade, live music and a number of tents and stalls where various products are offered. There are also representatives of different racing associations who will introduce the sport to newcomers and answer their questions.
BADEN-BADEN: GROßER PREIS DER BADISCHEN UNTERNEHMER

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The Group II (A) Großer Preis der Badischen Unternehmer is the highlight at Baden-Baden on Sunday. This contest over 2200 metres worth 70 000€ has attracted ten runners.

ERIC ran once this year, finishing third behind Guardini in the Group II Gerling Preis at Cologne in May. The winner ran at Chantilly afterwards but could finish last of five runners. Eric was unbeaten as a two-year-old and surprise fourth in the German Derby last year. Won the Großer Preis der Sparkasse Krefeld (formerly known as Fürstenberg Rennen) over 2050 metres in August last year. Stable in good form. Alexander Pietsch is riding Christian von der Recke's charge for owner Gabriele Gaul.

EVER STRONG finished last but one in a Listed race at Hoppegarten in April, but won a Group III race at Baden-Baden over 2000 metres last year in October, ridden by Adrie de Vries. The Dutchman is booked again for Andreas Bolte's seven-year-old son of Lomitas.

ITO is still unbeaten this year, having won the above-mentioned Listed race at Berlin where he beat the useful Kerelos by five lengths. Won four of his six lifetime starts, being placed once. Most of wins were in less demanding company though. The only race where he did not finish amongst the first three was a handicap I at Baden-Baden last year. Won over this distance already. Filip Minarik is riding the four-year-old who is running in the famous red and blue Schrenderhan colours. Trained by Jean-Pierre Valvalho, he represents the same jockey-trainer combination that suffered a narrow defeat in Baden-Baden's opening highlight, the Badener Meile, on Thursday.

NICOLOSIO was second on his season debut in a Listed race at Cologne in April, only beaten a nose by Vif Monsieur. Fifth behind the same horse in Group III race at Krefeld in November last year. His last victory came in 2013. Eduardo Pedraza is riding Stall Nizza's six-year-old, trained by Waldemar Hickst.

SALUT is a seven-year-old son of Lomitas, like his opponent Ever Strong. Trained by Peter Schiergen for Gestüt Bona, he finished fourth on his seasonal debut in a Group III race in Hoppegarten in May, won by Ephraim. Ran twice last year, finishing second in a Listed race at Saint Cloud in November after having been runner-up in the Group III Italian St Leger Milano in October. Won a Listed race over 2800 metres at Baden-Baden in 2013. His regular partner Andrasch Starke will be in the saddle again.

SPEND THE CASH is a four-year-old Irish-bred son of Adlerflug owned by Stall 5-Stars and trained by William Mongil. He has raced three times in his life, winning a class D race over 2000 metres at Baden-Baden on his debut, before finishing unplaced in France twice. Eddie Hardouin will be his partner in this Group II race.

ALASKAKÖNIGIN won a 2000m Listed mares race in Dortmund in mid-May, beating Elora Princess and Daytona Bay. The grey Stemkönig mare finished ninth of eleven runners in a Group III mares races in Hannover last year, but has shown some good form before. Already won at Baden-Baden. Markus Klug trains Gestüt Röttgen's four-year-old, Martin Seidl is riding.

DAYTONA BAY finished third behind Alaskaköningin in May, and has already been beaten by other of today's opponents as well. Her last victory was in 2013. Has a strong jockey with Fabrice Veron though. Ferdinand Leve trains the five-year-old Motivator mare for Gestüt Haus Ittlingen.
POLLYANA, a six-year-old trained by John Hammond in France, finished fifth behind Cirrus des Aigles in a Group I race at Longchamp in May on her only outing so far this year. Was fourth in Group I race at Ascot in October last year. Her last victory was in October 2013 in a Group II at Longchamp, where she beat Amaron (winner of Thursday’s Badener Meile) and Gereon. WELTMACHT did not run since finishing 12th behind Sea the Moon in the German Derby last year. Gestüt Röttgen’s Mount Nelson-mare won the first two starts of her career before finishing runner-up to Longina in a Group II race at Hoppegarten last year. Andreas Helfenbein is riding the four-year-old mare trained by Markus Klug.

If Eric can maintain last year’s form, the popular chestnut should have a good chance. The loyal servant Salut or the up-and-coming Ito could be the main dangers, however the ladies in this race should not be discarded. Weltmacht is a very good horse, the only worry is her long lay-off. Pollyana has been racing at top level in France, and also Alaskakönigin has shown some really decent forms as well.