Hello, and welcome to the latest Anglo German Racing Newsletter of 2019! In this edition, we review a Group 3 stayers race in Berlin, and look ahead to two big money races for two years olds at the Baden-Baden Sales & Racing Festival.

Further afield, we look back at this year’s running of one of the world’s most famous steeplechases, the Velka Pardubicka in the Czech Republic. We also preview a big money contest in Spain with British interest.

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LADYKILLER BEST IN ‘SILVER HORSE’

The Andreas Wöhler-trained three year old LADYKILLER announced himself as a stayer to note when winning the big race in Germany on Sunday, the Group 3 Silbernes Pferd (Silver Horse) at the Hoppegarten course near Berlin.

Despite having never raced over further than 2200 metres in his career, Ladykiller relished the step up to 3000 metres in the 55,000 Euro contest. Having been sent straight in the lead by jockey Bauyrzhan Murzabayev, Ladykiller stayed on really well in the closing stages, holding off fillies Nacida and French-trained Lillian Russell, who were second and third respectively.

You can see the race here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MmfDJGDako

Photo left: Jockey BAUYRZHAN MURZABAYEV, who rode the Andreas Wöhler-trained three year old colt LADYKILLER to victory in the big race in Germany on Sunday, the Group 3 Silbernes Pferd (Silver Horse) at the Hoppegarten course near Berlin (Photo copyright Stefanie Ihlenburg / Anglo German Racing).
TWO YEAR OLDS TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN BIG MONEY CONTESTS

Two of the richest races for two year olds in Germany take place this weekend at the two day Sales & Racing Festival at Baden-Baden.

First up is Germany’s richest two year old race of the season, the 200,000 Euro Ferdinand Leisten Memorial on Saturday. Seventeen horses are set to go to post, six of them trained by Henk Grewe, included the expected favourite RUBAIYAT. Winner of all three of his races to date including at Group 3 level last time out, Rubaiyat is regarded by many as the best two year old currently in training in Germany. However, with the Areion colt also down to run in the 286,000 Euro Gran Criterium at Milan on Sunday, it will be interesting to see where Rubaiyat takes his chance. However, if he does miss Baden-Baden, Grewe can still call on five other intended runners, including ZAVARO and NO LIMIT CREDIT, first and second home in a Düsseldorf sales race last month, and MANGKHUT, who beat Zavaro at Cologne in July, but was a well beaten seventh at Baden-Baden a month later.

The fillies take centre stage on Sunday in the Group 3 Preis der Winterkönigin, where once again Grewe is well represented, with the Cologne-based handler saddling three of the twelve runners. The pick of the three may well be A RACING BEAUTY, an impressive winner of her only race to date at Baden-Baden back in August. However, the form of the race hasn’t worked out too well, and it may pay to watch one of the four other runners in the race that have won their only previous contest to date, particularly the Markus Klug-trained TICKLE ME GREEN. Having won the last four runnings of this race, Klug looks to be the trainer to follow, and Tickle Me Green did nothing wrong on her debut at Hannover last month, winning by 1¼ lengths from the Peter Schiergen-trained Democracy, who franked the form by winning at Berlin-Hoppegarten next time out.

Photo above right: Trainer MARKUS KLUG, who bids for a fifth successive victory in the Group 3 Preis der Winterkönigin at Baden-Baden on Sunday with the unbeaten TICKLE ME GREEN (Photo copyright Stefanie Ihlenburg / Anglo German Racing).
JOSEF VANA secured his eleventh Velka Pardubicka victory as a trainer when THEOPHILOS won a thrilling renewal of the famous steeplechase at Pardubice in the Czech Republic on Sunday.

Second in the final qualifier for the race last month, Theophilos, a nine year old French-bred gelding, looked set for another runners up finish on Sunday when Stretton, partnered by English jockey Tom Garner, took the lead from Theophilos just after the pair jumped the last of the 30 obstacles in the 5,000,000 CZK (approx 194,110 EUR) contest. However, under a determined ride from jockey Josef Bartos, Theophilos regained the lead close home, finally asserting close home for a 1½ length victory over Stretton, who went one better than his third placed finish in the Velka Pardubicka last year. Recent French import Chicname de Cotte filled the third place position this time around at huge odds of 17/1.

The David Pipe-trained Rathlin Rose, who was aiming to become the first British-trained horse since 1995 to win the Velka Pardubicka, ran a fine race under jockey James Best, however, after challenging for the lead four fences from home, weakened shortly after and eventually finished sixth.

You can see the race here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myUMCUj48IM

On the next two pages are some photos from the two-day Pardubice meeting from Anglo German Racing’s very own photographer Stefanie Ihlenburg. Please note that Stefanie has taken many more wonderful photos which we do not have room for in this newsletter, however if you wish to enquire about buying any photos, please contact us at info@anglogermanracing.com
VELKA PARDUBICKA RACEMEETING
PARDUBICE, 12-13 OCTOBER 2019
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SPAIN: BRITISH RAIDER BIDS FOR MORE BIG RACE SUCCESS

AMAZING RED, trained in Newmarket by Ed Dunlop, bids for more Spanish success when he lines up in the 76,500 Euro Gran Premio Memorial Duque de Toledo at the La Zarzuela course in Madrid on Sunday.

Having made history in August when becoming the first ever English-trained winner of one of Spain’s biggest races of the year, the Copa de Oro at San Sebastian, Amazing Red, who will be ridden as he was to that success by Spanish jockey Jose Luis Martinez, faces eleven rivals on Sunday, including French-trained CNICHT and English import ATTY PERSSE, second and third in the Copa de Oro.

Beside Atty Persse, trainer Enrique Leon has three other runners in the race, two with English jockeys. Hayley Turner, arguably one of the best lady jockeys in the world, partners FEDERICO who disappointed when only tenth in the Copa de Oro, but is perhaps better judged on his fourth placed finish in the race last year. Turner is joined in the race by Tom Marquand, who rides EMIN, a winner at Chateaubriant last year when trained in France by Jean-Claude Rouget, and successful in two of his three races in Spain to date. The Leon quartet is completed by the five year old Irish-bred mare MOST EMPOWERED, who comes here in excellent form, having won her last four races.

However, the favourite here looks to be the Jose Calderon-trained HIPODAMO DE MILETO, victorious in this race last year and winner of five of his last seven races. Having failed by a length to give 3 kilos to TUVALU (who re-opposes again here) at Madrid in May, Hipodamo de Mileto was back to winning ways a month later in the Gran Premio de Madrid, and a repeat of that form will made him the one to beat here.

Photo left: Trainer ED DUNLOP (left) with AMAZING RED after the horse’s success in the 68,000 Euro Copa de Oro at San Sebastian in August. The horse bids for more Spanish success in the 76,500 Euro Gran Premio Memorial Duque de Toledo at the La Zarzuela course in Madrid on Sunday (Video still copyright Hipodromoa / San Sebastian Racecourse).

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