

Running Dragon Racing



Hi Everyone,

After the very stiff opposition in his last two outings we are looking for a slightly easier race for Minella Bliss. Huntingdon on January 27th has 2 possibilities along with Leicester or Ludlow on February 1st and Wincanton on February 2nd. We will probably enter several and look at other entries before deciding which way to go. Minella recovered quickly from his last race and will be fit to go for any of these. Incidentally the winner of his last race has been given a mark of 127 and the one that finished 5th well behind Minella has been awarded a mark of 116 so the handicapper obviously thought it was a pretty hot race.

Sassanian is in full work and we are still looking at early February to get him back on the track. Suitable races a little thin on the ground.

Chepstow would have been an obvious but I don't think we will take him there unless the going improves.

We have been looking out for a flat horse replacement for some little time now but have been struggling to find one good enough at a sensible price. Both Nikki and I have been offered plenty but not any that fit our requirements. However I think we have one in our sights. More details next week.

We did try to get Minella into a chase handicap back at Hereford this coming Wednesday but the handicapper insisted that if we went in a chase we would have to use our hurdles mark and that is too high to have got in the race. The stable does however have Kayfton Pete entered in the 3.30 and he will probably run.

Lastly the result of the Ascot caption competition for the picture showing one of our well known owners holding the horse's blanket and the trainer's handbag. The winning entry read:

“Owners! Why me? It's just so embarrassing for a horse”

This entry was submitted by Minella Bliss. If the anonymous person who made the entry for Minella will identify themselves then he/she can also collect the bottle of red wine on Minella's behalf.

