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## RACING REVIEW

### NOLAND STROLLS HOME IN TOLWORTH

Following a week of high profile casualties for the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival in March, an effortless victory in the Gr.1 Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park for the Paul Nicholls-trained **Noland**, came as a welcome relief.

The well-bred five-year-old son of **Exit to Nowhere** tracked the leader **Whispered Promises (Real Quiet)** until the second hurdle from home where he joined the later and then pulled clear, swiftly negotiating the final hurdle before cruising home to an easy five lengths victory.

Bred by The Niarchos Family, the gelding, who hails from the family of **Bosra Sham, Hector Protector** et al, was bought by Mark Dwyer at the 2004 Goffs France Vente de Chevaux at l'Entrainement for €2,500 before falling to a bid of 70,000gns by Aiden Murphy in December of that year at Doncaster Bloodstock's National Hunt Breeze-Up Sale at Cheltenham.

Nicholls revealed that Noland may run again before his intended target of the Gr.1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the Festival, for which his is quoted at around 12-1.

Unfortunately, things may not be so clear cut for former Gr.1 Stayers' Hurdle (now World Hurdle) winner **Iris's Gift**, who is an intended entry for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Working in a post-racing schooling session at Haydock Park with **Keen Leader**, the grey made a serious blunder and fell at the ninth of ten fences, and narrowly missing bringing down his companion. Though quickly to his feet, Iris's Gift looked winded but seemed sound, and is still likely to head for the Peter Marsh Course at Haydock Park later this month.

## STALLION NEWS

### FIRST AUSTRALIAN WINNER FOR COOLMORE'S GALILEO

Coolmore's Champion racehorse and dual Derby winner **Galileo**, who made a good start to his stallion career with his first runners in the Northern Hemisphere last season, repeated the feat in Australia when he celebrated his first winner yesterday.

His two-year-old son **Galen** won a five furlong race at Sandown in Victoria by a length and a quarter on his second racecourse appearance, following an eye-catching second at Flemington on Boxing Day. His trainer Danny O'Brien nominated the Listed Blue Diamond Preview over five furlongs at the same course on 26th January as the youngster's next race, before a crack at the Blue Diamond Stakes itself at Caulfield in February.

Owned by Keith Hsu and bred by V and V M Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, he was bought for A\$80,000 at the William Inglis & Sons Australian Easter Yearling Sale. He is a half-brother to a couple of winners out of **Ginzano (Mister C)**, who won the Gr.2 STC Reising Slipper Trial.

Galileo's first crop Northern Hemisphere winners include the Listed Washington Singer Stakes 1 – 2, **Innocent Air** and **Galileo's Star**.

### NEW STALLIONS TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Thirteen-year-old **Bobinski (Polish Precedent)**, a Listed winner in France, has moved from Poland to the Czech Republic. A half-brother to dual Derby winner, Champion racehorse and leading National Hunt sire **Old Vic**, Bobinski was leased by a new operation, Stud

## Redoute's Choice "The Wonder From Down Under"

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Sire of the highest priced yearling of all time in Australia which sold for \$2.5 million at the 2005 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.

Also the sire of 6 of the 9 yearlings to sell for \$1 million or more in 2005

  
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