



HAVANA GOLD QUICK OUT THE BLOCKS



Havana Grey

Tweenhills' first-season sire Havana Gold has made a fantastic start with his two-year-olds, getting off the mark when the Mubarak Al Naemi-bred Havana Star made a winning debut at Beverley on May 1 and adding another two individual winners to his tally by Chester's May meeting.

Mickley Stud and Lady Lonsdale bred Havana Gold's second winner, Havana Grey (pictured left), who scored at Ayr and was quickly pointed at the Gr. 2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot. Havana Gold was responsible for his first winning filly when Marchingontoegether powered away from a big field at Leicester. She was bred by Whatcote Farm Stud, and our congratulations go to all winning connections.

Tweenhills' other stallion with runners, Harbour Watch, also looks likely to be represented by juveniles at Royal Ascot. His daughter Yogi's Girl has won both her starts since her debut, including the Lily Agnes Stakes, and has the Gr.3 Queen Mary Stakes on her agenda, while his unbeaten son Santry could go for the Gr. 2 Norfolk Stakes.



STAFF PROFILE

Lilly Moran
Stud hand

Where did it all begin?

I'm from County Westmeath and have been interested in horses for as long as I can remember. I did lots of show jumping when I was a kid and got several ponies to Grade A level. I also did a lot eventing with the Pony Club up, as well as some sales prep – it was all Connemara ponies.

Best parts of the job?

I started at Tweenhills in January and am really enjoying it so far – I particularly like seeing the foals develop. I'm looking forward to seeing them turn into racehorses in time and will keep a particular eye on the colt from the first crop of Hot Streak out of Rohesia. As well as assisting with the daily care of the mares and foals, I get to help out John the vet, which is fascinating.

So you're into the racing side then?

Definitely. I've worked in four or five racing yards and also did two years in Australia, including working for Sonia Price when we did all the recovery work with Royal Ascot winner Scenic Blast. I'm also a qualified riding instructor and have been riding over here, while I've always played hockey and Gaelic football – I think I might struggle for a game of that over here, but it's nice that our Foaling Manager is Irish too!

There have also been notable results for Havana Gold in the sales ring. David Redvers bought a filly by him for €260,000 (pictured right) and a colt for €100,000 at the Arqana Breeze Up Sale in May on behalf of Qatar Racing Limited. The filly has gone into training with David Simcock and the colt has joined Richard Hannon.



Havana Gold – Up In Time filly (credit: APRH)

TALKING OF POTENTIAL ROYAL ASCOT WINNERS...

The 2017 foaling season is over and we're delighted to say 65 foals were born at Tweenhills – a big thanks goes to our Foaling Manager Victoria Macauley and the team that supported her.

They naturally included plenty by Tweenhills' four resident stallions, as well as a colt from the first crop of four-time Gr.1-winning sprinter Muhaarar out of Qatar Racing's Gr. 3 Albany Stakes winner Kiyoshi – hopefully this youngster will be a Royal Ascot winner himself one day.

FUTURE STARS IN THE SADDLE



Dr Philip Pritchard and pony rider Freddie Keighley at Berkeley

In other news, Tweenhills will sponsor the West Midland area pony racing for a third season.

Manager David Redvers, fresh from riding a winner himself in a point-to-point on May 17, said: "I am really proud to continue our sponsorship of the local pony racing circuit. To witness the competitive nature and banter amongst the next generation, along with the most brilliant racing and fiercest finishes, gives great heart that the future is very bright." Also, around 100 Pony Club members attended the latest QIPCO Guineas Festival at Newmarket and a good time was seemingly had by all.