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A life in horses



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The Derby, 2007 hen Frankie Dettori won the Derby for the first time, in 2007 on 5/4 favourite Authorized, it was a moment anticipated — with astonishing prescience — by Ted Voute two-and-a-half vears before. Purchased at the December

Sales by Tony Nerses for Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar, the weanling was among the very first horses to step out at Voute Farm, where Ted had just moved. Within a

land,' he says, 'you can't help but grow horses with good bone.' What nature gives, Ted supplements with science: Kentuckybased agronomist Roger Allman has long been commissioned to devise fertilizer plans for the farm, while Dodson & Horrell's nutritionists tailor bespoke feeds. Since Authorized, numerous leading breeders have used the kindergarten facilities at Voute Farm, which these days also includes the fabled paddocks of Eydon Hall Farm. When Masar took the 2018 Derby, he denied Ted a second Epsom hero, as the runner-up Dee Ex Bee had spent his

Mishriff, currently rated the world's best, is the greatest horse bred by Prince AA Faisal, the crowning achievement of his 40 years in the game. And perhaps the finest in the life of Ted Voute, too: Mishriff was raised and grazed on Ted's land and managed every power-packed step of t way by him. What's more, Mishriff's sire Make Believe — also a French Classic winner in the Prince's maroon and silver

silks — was sourced by Ted at the foal

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sales, and then managed by him through his

They are the leading lights of Nawara, the Prince's breeding entity which has kept all its mares and youngstock with Ted for many years. Some of the best of them trace back to Rafha, winner of the French Oaks and dam of influential stallions Invincible Spirit

Ted provides a full-service consultancy

to the Prince. But make no mistake: the Prince is totally across all the decisions and development of his stock. They talk every day. Often, several times. 'Young horses,' says Ted, 'are always changing. They change

by the day. It's the Prince's interest to

Guineas winner Ervedya in his first crop. The muscular bay would impress anyone but, for Ted, there was something else: he was extraordinarily reminiscent of a two-year-old he'd seen and liked and who was about to sell at the Argana Breeze-Up Sale, a Siyouni colt already named Le Brivido. Same make and shape, same swaggering walk, same bright bay coat, right down to the jagged snip cutting through the nearside nostril. More to the point, Le Brivido had dazzled in his gallop, clocking a fast time in fine style. He was a must-have. This is Ted Voute's favoured auction modus operandi: first find the horse, then find a buyer.

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Dewhurst Stakes, 2014

elardo, the European Champion

MJJACK GREAT SCOT Kings Cup winners acing in Saudi Arabia is developing apace, with the international Saudi Cup meeting offering rich rewards on dirt and turf and over a variety of distances. The domestic programme is dominated by the Kings Cup series, run on dirt — it's hugely prestigious with local G1 status. Naturally, it's also ferociously

Asked to find horses for these premier Rivadh races. Ted has frequently hit the

ome he sources privately. Barefoot

Dancer, Smoking Sun and Mjjack have all won at least one of the Kings Cups. They were bought at the Tattersalls Horses In Training Sale for prices from 65,000gns. Great Scot — a son of Requinto bought directly from his previous owner — won

NEW YEAR'S DAY Breeders' Cup Juvenile, 2013 ↑ hrewd': the word might have been invented to describe Eamon Cleary, who died at just 52 in 2012. One of the most successful Irishmen of his generation, Cleary was a self-made billionaire who'd left school at the age of 11. In 2009, after a 20-year friendship, he asked Ted to help him develop a commercial stud in Kentucky: Clearsky Farm. The plan was to breed and sell elite racehorses. It came off 'The farm gave Eamon a huge amount of

pleasure,' says Ted. 'He was a very handson owner and handpicked his mares. We'd

The first Clearsky consignment of 16 homebred yearlings yielded over \$2.5m at Keeneland September. Among them was New Year's Day, the following year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile champion (and sire of the first Saudi Cup winner, Maximum

Cleary died shortly after the sale but had

established Clearsky Farm on such firm

footings that — run by his sons Bernard and Eamonn — it was awarded American

Award for outstanding breeder, following the exploits of Arrogate, the 2016 world champion. Cleary had bought Arrogate's dam for \$170,000 in 2010, with Ted at his side.

A clear-headed global perspective: a bloodstock outfit needs it to excel. Ted's track record proves he's got it.

racing's highest honour, the Eclipse

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speak most days.'

PUR*E* GRAIN Irish Oaks, 1995 or all that its stars have four legs, horseracing is a people business; and Ted has worked with and for many of

the record price for a yearling in 1994. Renamed Bosra Sham, she went on to win the 1,000 Guineas, becoming the first sales-topper to win a Classic since Sayajirao in 1947. Bosra Sham was also Ted's introduction to a tract of land which has become a big part of his latest successes: Eydon Hall Farm. Leigh had bought it in 1982, having scrutinised soil tests that suggested it was perfect for raising superior bloodstock. den. By his death in 2002, Leigh had bred five G1 winners here: quite a total from such a small mare herd. The stud is now leased and managed by Ted, who cherishes the vast, rolling yearling paddocks on clay-capped ironstone, with spring-fed water troughs and richly varied sward. It's at Eydon Hall, where Quercifolia once ran, that Ted has produced as brilliant a superstar: Mishriff. > THE MESSAGE DIGES*TED*

Ted Voute

week, Ted called Saleh and said: You've Luck or judgement? 'Well, I've only said it about two weanlings,' Ted says. 'The other was Milan. He didn't win the Derby... but he did win the St Leger.' Voute Farm, near Stratford-upon-Avon, was sought out by Ted because of its calcium-rich pasture. With this type of yearling year under his care. One client, who has sent 20 weanlings to mature here, has seen 12 of them become Group or Listed winners.

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You can't succeed without the land. But you can't succeed without the wisdom and horsemanship, either.

MISHRIFF Prix du Jockey Club, 2020 Saudi Cup, 2021 he 21st Century has seen American and European thoroughbreds grow apart: these days, a scant few bred for one racing environment can excel in the other, and truly elite performers on both turf and dirt are rarer than ever. Mishriff is the exception: an exceptional exception. In a career reminiscent of his greatgreat-grandsire Dubai Millennium's, Mishriff followed a Classic win in the French Derby on the Chantilly piste, with victory in the world's richest race, the Saudi Cup, around the wide Riyadh track modelled on Belmont Park's 'Big Sandy'.

know everything about his horses. He's an instinctive horseman and I'm delighted to be his eyes and ears.' THE MESSAGE DIGESTED They are your horses, your passion and, very often, your business. Ted is absolutely dedicated to your cause. Francisco Contractor

LE BRIVIDO

Jersey Stakes, 2017

on his list was Siyouni, whose fee had leapt to €30,000 after he'd sired French 1,000

uring the spring of 2016, Ted was touring Normandy studs inspecting stallions. Among the young stars

A conversation with long-term client HRH Prince Faisal Al Saud, and a plan was hatched. Ted bought Le Brivido for €105,000, actually under the average for the sale. Le Brivido was a class act, winning at Royal Ascot, racing's greatest arena, and running second — beaten less than the length of that snip — in the French 2,000 Guineas, before being sold on to the Coolmore partners. The only horse knocked down to Ted at the Argana Breeze-Up since is the filly Tamniah. Racing for Prince AA Faisal,

she won the G3 Prix Minerve having been bought for €75,000. (That was just over half the sale's average.) Talk about selective!

Judgement, an eye, taste. Whatever you call it, Ted absolutely has it. Employ it to your advantage.

What a record from one auction.

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two-year-old, was bought by Ted as a yearling in 2013 for €100,000. The firstcrop son of Lope de Vega won the Dewhurst Stakes for Prince AA Faisal; Godolphin then joined forces in the colt and he went on to win the Lockinge Stakes at four. He is now a prominent young Darley stallion.

with Hugo Merry at the previous year's December Sales. A 180,000gns purchase, also for Prince AA Faisal, Make Believe was unbeaten at two before winning the French 2,000 Guineas and the Prix de la Forêt as a three-year-old. The sire of Mishriff from his first crop, he stands at Ballylinch Stud, coincidentally the nursery which had bred

and sold Belardo.

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Ted has a remarkable record of buying exceptionally talented (and exceptionally valuable) youngstock.

three consecutive races in Saudi, including a 2021 Kings Cup, and then ran third behind Mishriff in the Saudi Cup, picking up \$2m in place money. (As well as the 1-3 in the \$20m main event, Ted bought Urban Icon specifically to run in the 1351 Turf Sprint, itself worth \$1.5m: Urban Icon gave his new connections wonderful sport running third, having led till close home.) THE MESSAGE DIGES*TED* Target a race and Ted has the skills to find a real contender who can get you to the winner's enclosure.

the most notable in the sport. His skills in stud management were first spotted and honed by James Delahooke, who took him under his wing at Adstock Manor Stud at the time he was establishing Juddmonte for Prince Khalid Abdullah. Ted went on to manage Far Winter Stud for the Barnett family, home of Oaks winner Time Charter.

On his watch, that tenacious filly Pure Grain was foaled and raised — she won the Irish Oaks and the Yorkshire Oaks and was the

A couple of years before, celebrated breeder Gerald Leigh, had chosen Ted's fledgling consignment business to sell four of his yearlings — quite an endorsement. A Woodman filly called Quercifolia led the draft, selling to Wafic Said for 530,000gns,

first filly home in Lammtarra's Arc.

Some of the most respected and successful breeders have put their faith and their horses in Ted's hands.

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