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Glory provides Choisir with Vintage double

By Richard Griffiths

THE incredible ability of Peter and Ross Doyle to pinpoint good-value Group winners was highlighted once more at Goodwood yesterday with the Group 2 Vintage Stakes victory of Olympic Glory, whose success coincided with a first gold medal for the Great Britain team.

Olympic Glory's victory was also a timely boost for this month's Doncaster Premier yearling sales as he was bought by the Doyles for Julie Wood for £65,000 at last year's auction.

This is the second year running that the Hannon/Doyle/Wood axis has won the Vintage Stakes with a son of Choisir, last year's success coming with Chandlery, who was also bought at DBS for £88,000.

Choisir stood at Coolmore Stud for

eight seasons but remained in Australia this year rather than shuttle.

Choisir has been in the news thanks to a third Group 1 winner – Choice Bro in the Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes in March, as well as an Indian Derby success with Borsalino last month.

A brilliant sprinter, Choisir took the 2003 Royal Ascot meeting by storm when successful in the King's Stand and Golden Jubilee Stakes. His line is still available to European breeders through Lleyt Stud's Group 2 winner Stimulation, Starspangledbanner having returned to training.

Olympic Glory is the only black-type winner within his first two generations. However, third dam is the speedy Queen Mary winner Amaranda.



Olympic Glory: a second Vintage Stakes winner for Coolmore sire Choisir

Patience pays dividends for Wright

BREEDER FOCUS

Tom Pennington talks to **Chris Wright**, owner-breeder of Tuesday's Molecomb Stakes hero Bungle Inthejungle

PATIENCE is one of the first requirements of a successful breeder, and it is a quality that brought rewards at Goodwood for Chris Wright, whose blue and yellow silks were carried to victory by Bungle Inthejungle in Tuesday's Group 3 Molecomb Stakes.

Wright struggles to remember his previous home-bred Group winner in Britain but his perseverance and determination to produce speedy juveniles from his Cheltenham-based Stratford Place Stud has paid dividends.

Wright, who co-owned the 2007 Middle Park winner Dark Angel, had been a regular visitor to the winner's enclosure in the nineties thanks to the exploits of a number of top-class horses, including Group 1 winner Culture Vulture.

"It was absolutely fantastic," says Wright, of Tuesday's win. "There is always a real emotional attachment to anything that wins from this family. It is important because they descend from Crime Of Passion, a mare I bought at the very start – it makes it even more special."

"A group of us from the music business decided we'd get involved with trainer Ray Laing and help finance his yard when he started off. We went to the sales at Newmarket and Tony Stratton-Smith recommended that she would be an ideal filly to buy, race and breed from."

Stratton-Smith was proved right, with Crime Of Passion's daughter

Licence To Thrill producing eight winners from as many foals at stud, five of whom have been black-type performers including the 7f Listed winner Waveband. However, this year Wright has strayed from his regular breeding method of sending his mares to speed sires and has this year taken the plunge by visiting the exciting young sire Makfi.

"This family is all about precocity and speed – you know what you are going to get with them," says Wright. "To be honest I'm not sure sending the mare to Makfi was the right thing. I

suppose we sent her to him in an attempt to see if we get something that can possibly get a bit further. It would be great if it worked out, but I'm quite happy to settle for Molecomb winners."

Bungle Inthejungle's victory also provided a memorable first win for his joint-owner Emily Asprey. A riding and racing enthusiast, Asprey, aged 16 and still at school, rather fell upon her association with the colt when he failed the vets at the sales and had to return home.

"Emily is the daughter of William Asprey, a friend of mine, and she is very keen on horses and racing," says Wright. "He failed the vets at the sales, so we decided to keep him. I explained the difficulty that he had failed the vet to William, but that he was worth taking a punt on and it has worked out great."

Chris Wright: delighted with Bungle Inthejungle's win



CHATROOM

The best of your emails

►► Poor Sussex turnout

Recently we have read of the demise of two racecourses yet yesterday at Goodwood we had a Group 1 race with £300,000 in added prize-money containing only four runners, one of whom was a pacemaker. What sort of image is racing, through its numerous administrative bodies, trying to project?

Brian Pearce, Woking

►► Yorkshire clash just stupid

Just who decided to allow both Doncaster and Thirsk to race on Saturday afternoon? Punters, bookmakers, jockeys and trainers could have attended both if one was Saturday and one Sunday. Net result, both courses lose income. Plain stupid.

The Fat Punter

►► I'd rather watch a seller

I fully concur with Graham Smith (yesterday's Chatroom). I'd rather watch a competitive big-field low-grade seller than a four-runner Frankel procession. The latter merely adds another sterling bonanza into a select few millionaire owners/trainers' pockets.

Bazza, Cromer

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