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125 YEARS OF EQUESTRIAN LEGENDS

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1884-1915
THE EARLY YEARS

GAINSBOROUGH Born in 1915, the racehorse won the English Triple Crown in 1918. Owned and bred by Lady James Douglas, he was named after a town in Lincolnshire

CARBINE One of the greatest horses to race in New Zealand and Australia, Carbine won 33 of his 43 starts and beat a field of 39 to win the Melbourne Cup in 1890, carrying an unprecedented 10st 5lb

TOM FIRR A celebrated huntsman of the Quorn for 27 years during the mid-19th century. His skills in the field were legendary — it was often said that he looked like a bishop and rode like a jockey

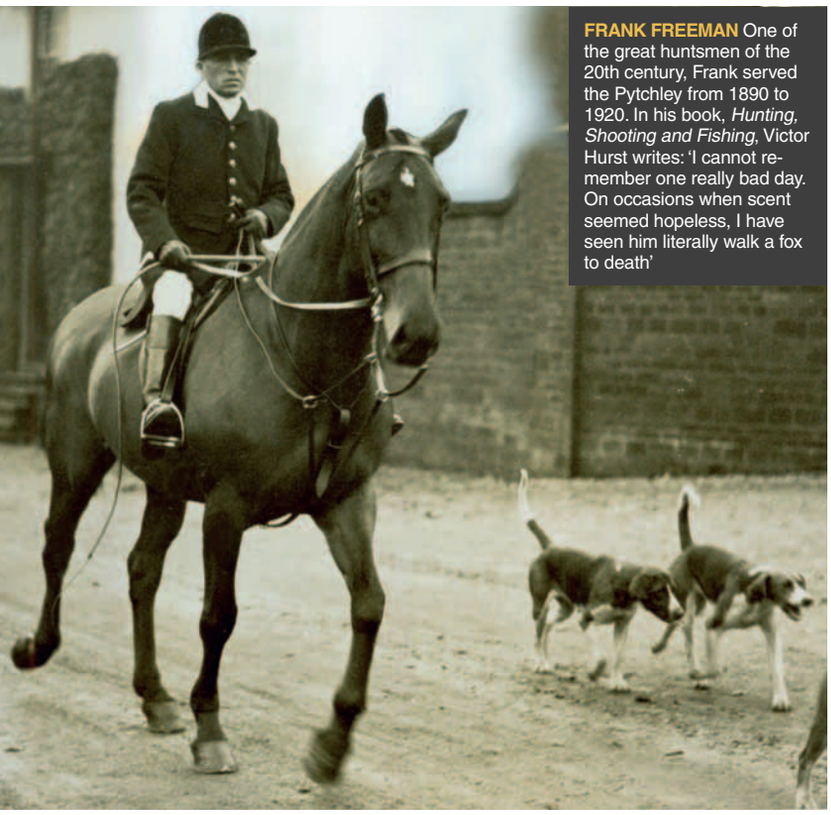
GOLDSMITH MAID Considered to be the greatest trotting horse that ever lived, Goldsmith Maid, who died in 1885, was out of a mare who pulled a cart for a New Jersey hat pedlar. She won 95 out of 123 races, and her estimated earnings of $364,200 remained a record until the 1940s

MANIFESTO The Red Rum of his day won the Grand National in 1897 and 1899. He went on to run a further eight times in the race

LONGFELLOW One of America's earliest racing stars, Longfellow was a popular sprinter in the decade that followed the Civil War (1861-65). He went on to sire two Kentucky Derby winners

ST SIMON One of the all-time greats of the Turf, St Simon was unbeaten in nine races, including a 20-length victory in the 1884 Ascot Gold Cup. He went on to sire 571 winners at stud, but became uncontrollable during his breeding career

REGRET The American filly made racing history when, in 1914, she became the first of her sex to win the Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the American Triple Crown. In 1915 Regret earned the most prestigious honour in American racing when she was voted the Horse of the Year



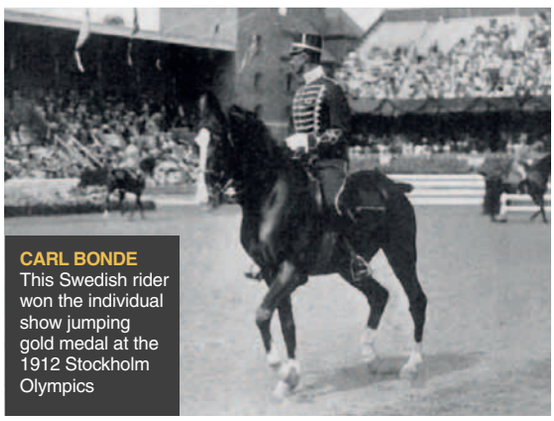
FRANK FREEMAN One of the great huntsmen of the 20th century, Frank served the Pytchley from 1890 to 1920. In his book, *Hunting, Shooting and Fishing*, Victor Hurst writes: 'I cannot remember one really bad day. On occasions when scent seemed hopeless, I have seen him literally walk a fox to death'

FRED ARCHER A racing legend and 'the best all-round jockey the Turf has ever seen,' according to a tribute in the National Horseracing Museum. Fred, who rode 2,748 winners, won his first race aged 12 and went on to become champion jockey for 13 consecutive years until 1886, when he committed suicide. He was just 29 years old

AIME HAEGEMAN History in the making: the Belgian rider won the individual gold medal at the inaugural Olympic show jumping competition held in Paris in 1900

PRETTY POLLY Foaled in 1901, Pretty Polly won her first race, the British Dominion Plate at Sandown, by 10 lengths. She went on to win 22 out of her 24 races including the 1000 Guineas, the Oaks and the St Leger and was much loved by racegoers

CLEVER HANS An equine who, it was claimed, could perform arithmetic and other intellectual tasks. A formal investigation in 1907 revealed that the horse was actually responding directly to involuntary cues from the body language of his human trainer. But the 'Clever Hans effect' was important — it was a key development in understanding the observer-expectancy effect in animal cognition



CARL BONDE This Swedish rider won the individual show jumping gold medal at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics

EDWARD 'POP' GEERS The champion harness racer was the first to drive a horse under a two-mile minute. He won his first race in 1871 at the age of 20 and went on to break several world records in the 1880s

ROCK SAND Renowned for his courage, Rock Sand is part of the elite group of 15 thoroughbreds who have won the English Triple Crown of the 2000 Guineas, the Derby and the St Leger. He achieved this in 1903. Rock Sand was later sent to stud, where he sired Mahuba, the dam of Man O'War

AXEL NORDLANDER Etching his name at the front of the history book, this rider won individual gold and played a big part in securing team gold for Sweden at the first ever Olympic eventing competition, held in Stockholm in 1912

1916-1935
THE AUTO YEARS

PHAR LAP The legendary Australian racehorse — whose stuffed remains are still a popular tourist attraction today — won the 1930 Melbourne Cup and inspired a nation during the Great Depression. He died in mysterious circumstances in 1932, weeks after winning what was then the world's richest race, the Agua Caliente Handicap

MAN O'WAR Often described as the yardstick that racing greatness is measured against, Man O'War won 20 out of his 21 starts from 1919-1921. He was a great success at stud, siring the brilliant War Admiral and is buried at Kentucky Horse Park

LA TROIENNE Born in 1926, the thoroughbred mare was one of the most important broodmares of the 20th century. She produced 14 foals, 12 of whom raced and, of these, 10 were winners

LT ADOLF VAN DER VOORT VAN ZYP Impressive winner of the individual three-day eventing gold medal for Germany at the 1924 Paris Olympics

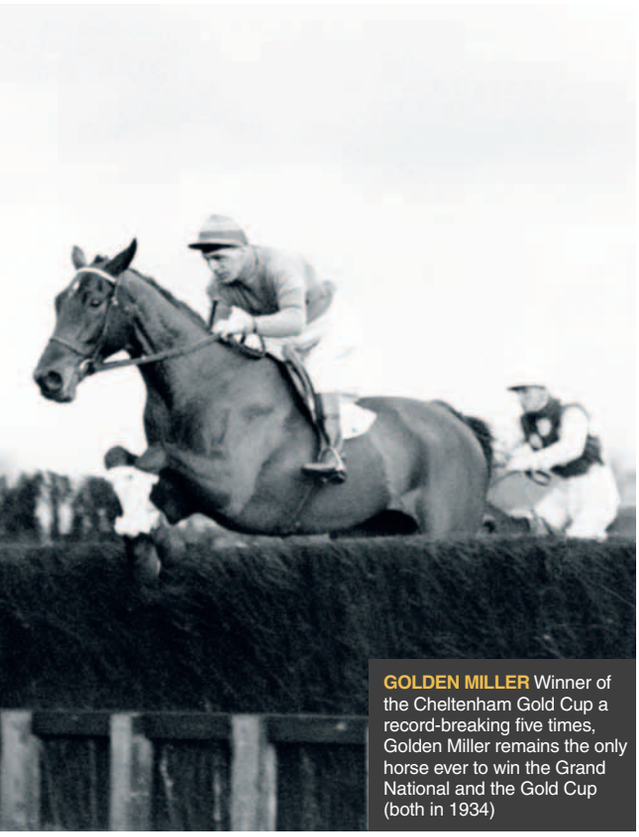
MARCROIX A double Olympic gold medallist: this horse won individual Olympic gold medals in 1928 and 1932, under Lt Charles Ferdinand Pahud de Mortagnes. He was the first horse to acheive this feat until Mark Todd's Charisma at the Seoul Olympics in 1988

ALPHONSE GEMUSEUS The Swiss militia officer won individual show jumping gold at the 1924 Paris Olympics with the brilliant Lucette, who had been bought for £48 as an army horse in 1922

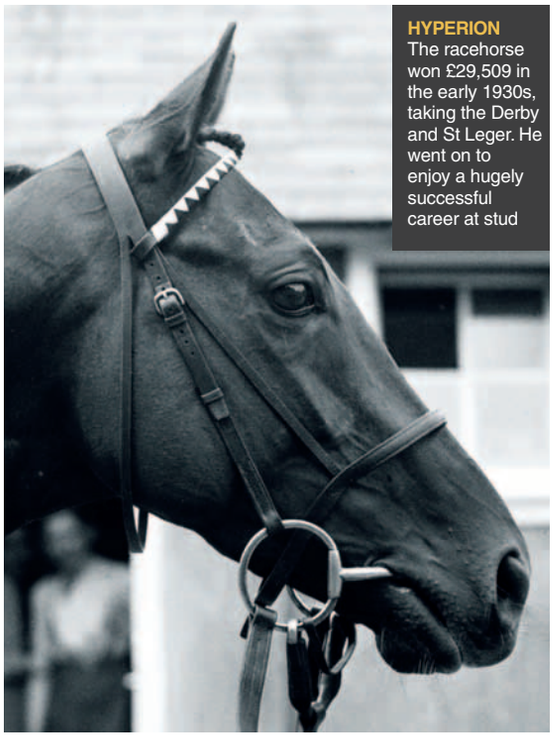
SIR GORDON RICHARDS The only jockey to have been knighted, Sir Gordon Richards rode 4,870 winners on the Flat and was crowned champion jockey a remarkable 26 times. To this day, he remains the winning-most jockey in British racing history

FRANTISEK VENTURA The Czech show jumper won the individual gold medal at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics. His success was a much-needed fillip for the nation — the Czech team did not finish the team competition because one of their three riders was disqualified

EXTERMINATOR Originally bought by trainer Henry McDaniel to help his prized colt, Sun Briar, work out on the gallops, Exterminator surpassed all expectations to land the Kentucky Derby in 1918



GOLDEN MILLER Winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup a record-breaking five times, Golden Miller remains the only horse ever to win the Grand National and the Gold Cup (both in 1934)



HYPERION The racehorse won £29,509 in the early 1930s, taking the Derby and St Leger. He went on to enjoy a hugely successful career at stud

BROWN JACK Having begun life as a hurdler, Brown Jack went on to become one of the greatest and most popular stayers of the 20th century. At his peak between 1928 and 1934, he never missed a Royal Ascot meeting, winning every time he raced there

LT GRAF HELMER MORNER This rider's individual three-day eventing gold medal at the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp marked the beginning of an era of notable Swedish equestrian performances

CHARLES PAHUD DE MORTANGES The much-medalled Dutch rider won the individual and team eventing gold medals at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics and followed up with individual gold and team silver at the 1932 Games

XAVIER LESAGE The French rider won the individual and team dressage gold medals at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. Eight years before he had taken home individual Olympic bronze

ERNST LINDER A 56-year-old retired Swedish general who took part in the Finnish Civil War, Linder was also a supremely accomplished horseman. He competed in the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, where he won the individual dressage gold medal with the Trakehner, Piccolomini

SARAZEN Standing just 15hh, the American sprinter won five of his 10 races in 1925. His breeder, John Madden, said of the gelding: 'When a man can breed a quarter horse to a plow mare and get a horse that can beat everything in America, it is time for me to sell out'

1936-1950
THE WAR YEARS

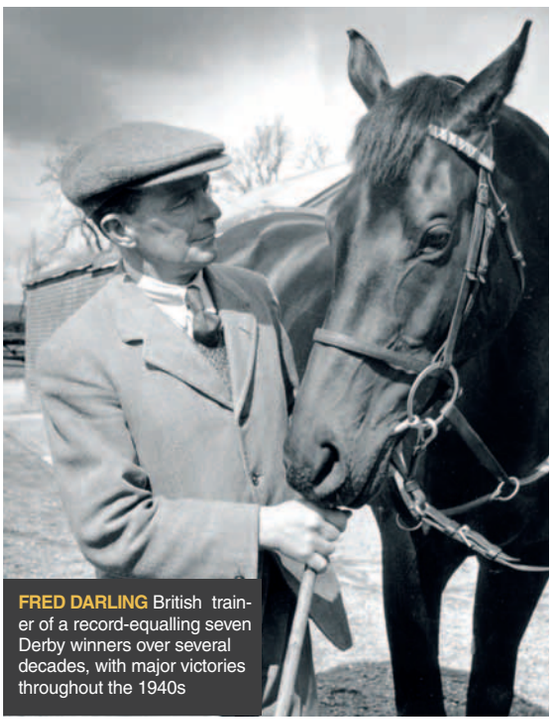
HEINZ POLLAY Riding Kronos, this German dressage rider won individual and team gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

GERRY ELBRIDGE A partner in a US bank, Gerry Elbridge was a winning carriage driver who turned to polo. He achieved a handicap of nine goals in 1940 and became chairman of the US Polo Association

CAPTAIN BERNARD CHEVALIER An eventing first for France: the acclaimed French horseman won the individual gold medal at the 1948 London Olympics aboard Aiglonne aboard Aiglonne

SEABISCUIT A champion racehorse, Seabiscuit ran 35 times as a two-year-old and became a symbol of hope to many US citizens during the Great Depression. In 1938 he won seven major races. His story was made into a book and later an Academy Award-winning film

WAR ADMIRAL An American racehorse and a son of the legendary Man O'War, War Admiral won eight major races before becoming a leading sire. But he is perhaps best remembered for being beaten by Seabiscuit in their famous match race of 1938



FRED DARLING British trainer of a record-equalling seven Derby winners over several decades, with major victories throughout the 1940s

HUASO EX-FAITHFULL This horse set the high-jump world record in 1949, jumping 8ft 2in with his Chilean jockey Alberto Larraguibel. This is one of the longest unbroken sport records in history

FULKE WALWYN Trained the winners of four Cheltenham Gold Cups, two Champion Hurdles and five King George VI Chases. Starting in 1946, he was champion jump trainer five times

BERNBOROUGH Bred in Queensland and sold as a yearling for 150guineas, this grandson of Gainsborough enjoyed a winning streak of 15 consecutive races between 1941 and 1946. He was eventually sold to movie mogul Louis B Mayer of MGM to stand at stud in Kentucky

GOLDEN WILLOW The first and youngest ever winner of Badminton, John Sheddon's mount, described as 'hot and quirky', claimed the coveted title as a five-year-old in 1949 and is famous for clearing the Irish Bank in a single jump

HUMBERTO MARILES London bowed to the Mexican rider who won three medals at the 1948 London Olympics aboard Arete — two gold in individual and team show jumping and team bronze in eventing

HANS MOSER Dressage gold for Switzerland: the 47-year-old Swiss dressage rider brought home the individual gold medal at the 1948 London Olympics riding Golden Hummer

GERALD BALDING The last English team polo player to reach 10 goals. His career peaked in the mid-1930s and he died in the 1950s. The Gerald Balding cup is named after him

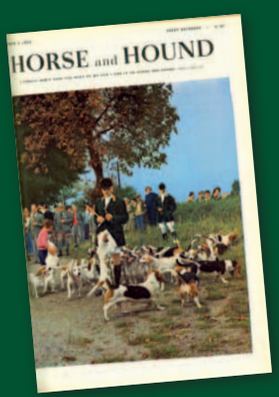
CAPTAIN RONNIE WALLACE Once described as 'head and shoulders above anyone else hunting', Captain Ronnie Wallace was a master and a huntsman for an astonishing 58 consecutive years from the early 1940s. Later, he was chairman of the Masters of Foxhounds Association for more than 20 years

CITATION A Triple Crown champion, the American racehorse won 16 major races in a row in the late 1940s and early '50s, and was the first horse to win over $1million in prize-money

LUDWIG STUBBENDORF Won the team and individual eventing gold medals for Germany in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games

ADIOS Born in 1940 in Indiana and described as 'the big daddy of harness racing', Adios was a multiple world champion during his racing career and went on to sire 589 offspring. He died in 1965 and is buried beneath his favourite apple tree

1951-1965
THE OLYMPIC YEARS



BERTIE HILL After serving in the Home Guard in World War II, former amateur jockey Bertie Hill won the individual and team gold medals at the 1954 European Championships and rode on three Olympic eventing teams, winning team gold on The Queen's Countryman

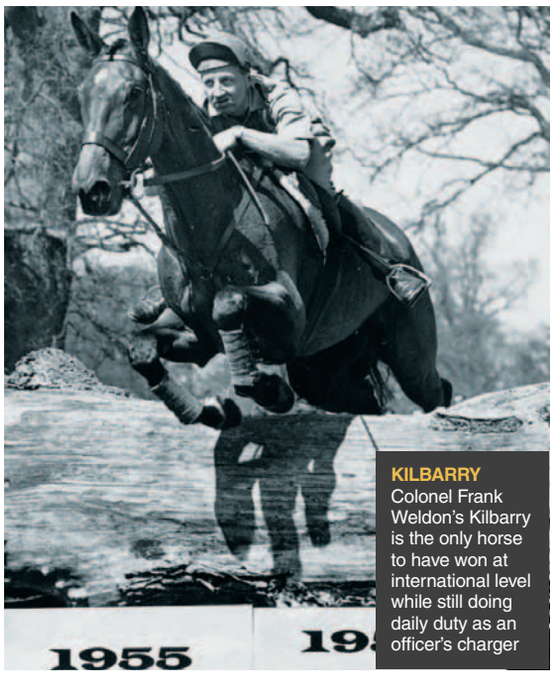
PAT SMYTHE A leading light in British show jumping, Pat won myriad international competitions including a team bronze medal at the 1956 Stockholm Olympics — the first woman to ride in an Olympic show jumping event. She also wrote 16 books, including *Jump For Joy*, inspiring many young girls. After she gave up show jumping she was an international selector, chef d'equipe and president of the British Show Jumping Association

FRED WINTER The only person to have won the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Champion Hurdle and the Grand National as jockey and trainer, which he achieved from 1947 to 1964. Fred is renowned for winning the 1962 Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris with a broken bit — no brakes, no steering

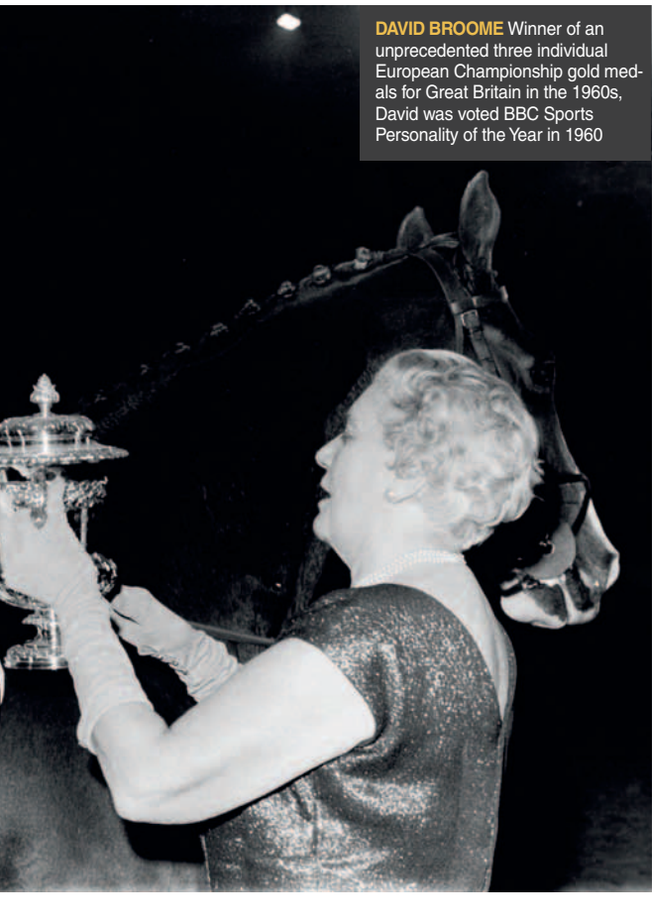
FOXHUNTER The only horse to win the King George V Gold Cup three times in 1948, 1950 and 1953, Sir Harry Llewellyn's famous bay has a memorial listing his achievements where he is buried — with his rider's ashes — on a Welsh mountain near Abergavenny. He also had a Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) class named after him, which *H&H* sponsor

SIR HARRY LLEWELLYN A colonel in the army, Sir Harry Llewellyn (above left) was the only British rider to win an individual medal in show jumping, achieved at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics riding Foxhunter (above right), a horse with whom his name has been linked ever since

COLONEL FRANK WELDON The driving force behind the Badminton Horse Trials for many years and the first British rider to win an individual Olympic medal, he won bronze and team gold at the 1956 Stockholm Games with Kilbarry. Col Weldon went on to become director of the event (1965-1988) and a respected course-designer



KILBARRY Colonel Frank Weldon's Kilbarry is the only horse to have won at international level while still doing daily duty as an officer's charger

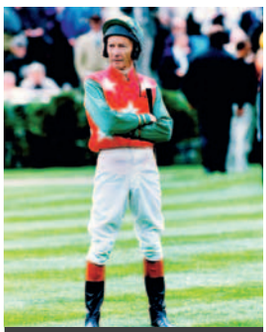


DAVID BROOME Winner of an unprecedented three individual European Championship gold medals for Great Britain in the 1960s, David was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1960

SHEILA WILLCOX A three-times Badminton winner (from 1957-1959), Sheila was the first British lady event rider to achieve international success when she won team and individual gold medals at the 1957 European Championships with High And Mighty (below left)

HIGH AND MIGHTY Twice winner of Badminton Horse Trials with Sheila Willcox, High And Mighty secured victory at the event in 1958 by a 47-point margin. He was sold to British rider Ted Walsh for Olympic team use, as women were still not allowed to compete in the Olympic three-day event at this time, but he was never selected

HANS GUNTER WINKLER The German show jumper and selector began his Olympic medal-winning haul in 1956. He is the only show jumper to have won five gold medals — among his total of seven



LESTER PIGGOTT The greatest Flat jockey of all time, Lester rode a record 30 Classic winners and was crowned champion jockey 11 times in a career that spanned 46 years. His 4,493 winners place him second only to the brilliant Sir Gordon Richards in the list of all-time greats

WILF WHITE Show jumper Wilf White helped Britain secure the Prince of Wales Cup on five occasions from 1950-1954 riding Nizefela and became a household name. Alongside Sir Harry Llewellyn, Wilf won a team gold medal and just missed the individual at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics

VINCENT O'BRIEN The trainer of three Grand National winners from 1952-54 and Cottage Rake, three-times Gold Cup winner in the 1950s, Vincent, twice crowned British champion trainer, was voted the greatest influence in racing history in a *Racing Post* poll in 2001.

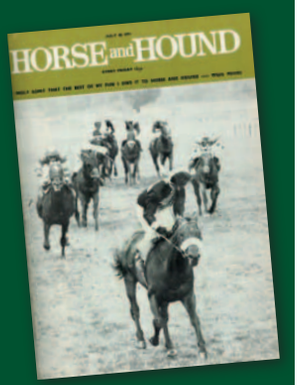
HANS VON BLIXEN-FINECKE A passionate equestrian and trainer of Jane and Christopher Bartle, this Swedish rider, who later lived in Cornwall, won two eventing golds at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics

LT COL SIR PETER FARQUHAR One of the most influential post-war foxhound breeders during his mastership of the Portman between 1947 and 1959. He's father of current Beaufort huntsman Ian

ARKLE Regarded as the greatest chaser ever, the Irish-bred horse won three Cheltenham Gold Cups in 1964-66. His *Timeform* rating of 210 is the highest ever awarded to a chaser

1966-1980

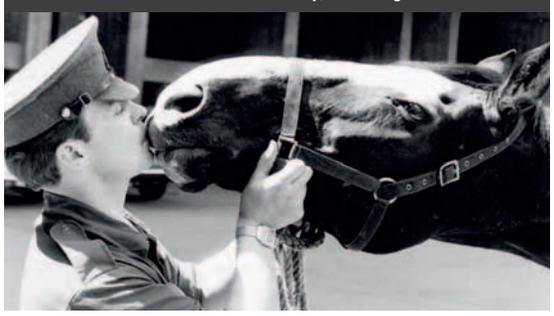
THE SPORT HORSE ERA



BOOMERANG Best known for winning four Hickstead Derbys and having a trophy named after him, Eddie Macken's irish sport horse won or came second in 32 major grands prix and Derbys between 1975-79

DR REINER KLIMKE The influential German dressage guru won five gold medals in this era. Throughout his glittering career he won a record of six gold and two bronze medals at the Olympics

SEFTON In 1975, Sefton joined the Household Cavalry mounted regiment. Seven years later he was seriously injured when the Irish Republican Army (IRA) bombed London's Hyde Park. Sefton overcame the odds and returned to duty, becoming a national hero



RED RUM The racing legend achieved a historic treble when he won the Grand National in 1973, 1974 and 1977. Although Red Rum became a national celebrity, he had an inauspicious start to life as a sprinter. He was passed from trainer to trainer, but he eventually found a home with Ginger McCain, who went on to train Amberleigh House, the National winner in 2004

SECRETARIAT An American racing legend, Secretariat won the Triple Crown in 1973 and set records that still stand today in two of the three legs — the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes. He won the latter by 31 lengths, an incredible margin in such a prestigious race

CAROLINE BRADLEY Much-loved and revered as a horsewoman, Caroline produced show jumpers and was supremely successful in her own right. She is best known for riding the great Milton until her sudden death, aged just 37, in 1983

MERELY A MONARCH The horse who launched Anneli Drummond-Hay's international career, in 1962 he became the only horse to win Badminton and an international show jumping grand prix within months of each other. He also won the inugural three-day event at Burghley

BRIGADIER GERARD One of the best and most popular British racehorses of the 20th century, Brigadier Gerard won 17 out of his 18 races between 1970 and 1972

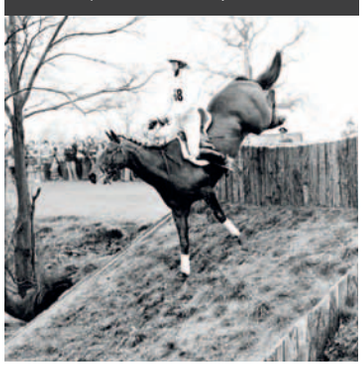
LORNA CLARKE Between 1967 and 1989 Lorna Clarke completed Badminton an amazing 22 times. She won Burghley on two occasions — once with the charismatic coloured horse Popadom and once with Greco

STROLLER The only pony to compete at the Olympics in show jumping, Marion Mould's 14.2hh sensation won the individual silver medal in Mexico in 1968, 12 months after taking the top spot in the Hickstead Derby

PENNWOOD FORGE MILL Ridden by John Wrathall, Paddy McMahon and Geoff Glazzard, Pennwood Forge Mill won the European Championships and the King George V Cup within six days of each other. He has a HOYS trophy named after him, which is awarded to the leading British rider at the show

GEORGE BOWMAN Since 1972, George has led the British team to one gold and five bronze medals in the World Driving Championships, as well as being British champion an incredible 19 times

LUCINDA GREEN Between 1973-1984 Lucinda won Badminton a record six times on six different horses. She first represented Great Britain at the 1973 European Championships on Be Fair and went on to become European Champion twice (in 1975 and 1977) and world champion in 1982



SEA BIRD II Considered by many to be the greatest post-war European Flat racehorse, Sea Bird II is most famous for his superlative performance in two of the world's most prestigious races — the 1965 Epsom Derby and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

MILL REEF The versatile winner of the Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 1971. As a stallion he stood at the National Stud and enjoyed a prolific career, producing top-notch offspring, including Derby heroes Shirley Heights and Reference Point

HARVEY SMITH A show jumping icon who combined brilliance with controversy and rose above the sport to become a popular personality with the wider British public. He won six medals at World and European level, but is most famous for 'doing a Harvey Smith' — holding up two fingers to the judges after winning his second Hickstead Derby in 1971

NIJINSKY In 1970 Nijinsky achieved what no racehorse had done since 1935 and what no racehorse has done since — he won the English Triple Crown. A son of the great Northern Dancer, he raced for just two seasons, but was adored by the racing public

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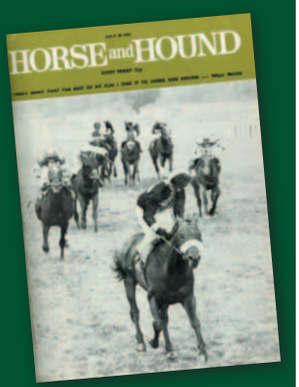

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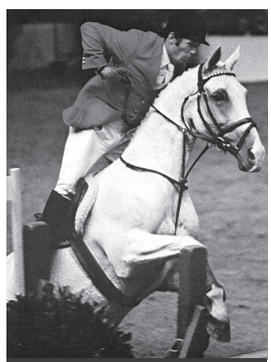

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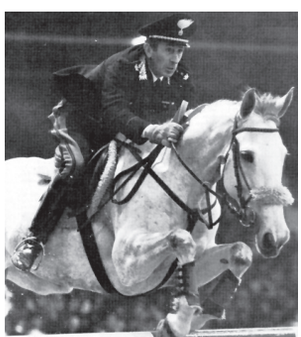

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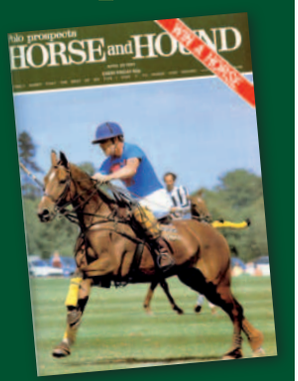
1981-1995

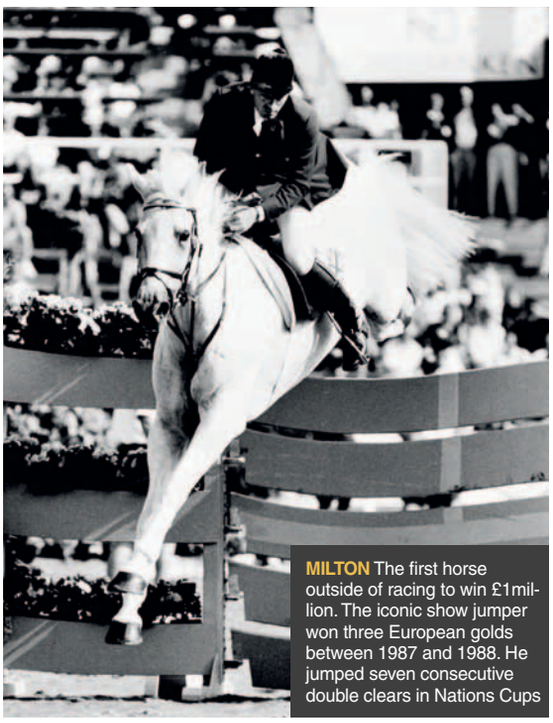
THE GOLDEN YEARS



DUTCH COURAGE Jennie Loriston-Clarke's stallion finished sixth in the 1980 alternative Olympics and won an individual gold medal at the World Equestrian Games (WEG)

CARLOS GRACIDA Considered by many to be a living legend, the Argentine polo player is one of the few who have been ranked at a 10-goal handicap, which he reached in 1985 at the age of 25

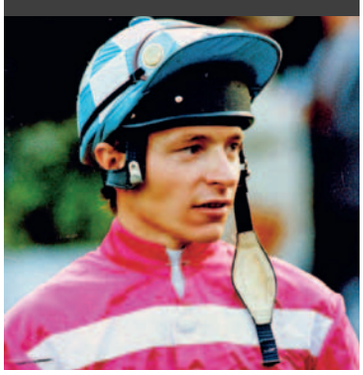
JOHN WHITAKER In a long and distinguished career, John has represented Britain at five Olympics, winning a team silver (1984) and four European golds between 1985 and 1989



MILTON The first horse outside of racing to win £1million. The iconic show jumper won three European golds between 1987 and 1988. He jumped seven consecutive double clears in Nations Cups

FRANKE SLOOTHAAK The brilliant German won team gold medals at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 and Atlanta in 1996. Franke set a still-standing puissance record of 7ft 10in in 1991 aboard Leonardo

STEVE CAUTHEN The precocious American sensation — known simply as 'The Kid' — became champion jockey in Britain in 1984, the first American to do so since 1913. He retired from the saddle in 1993



MARK TODD Considered by many to be the greatest event rider ever , Mark won individual gold medals at the 1984 and 1988 Olympics with Charisma (below). He made a comeback from retirement in 2008

PAUL SCHOCKEMOHLE The German rider-turned-trainer was crowed European Champion three times with Deister. He was not only a champion himself, he also made champions — his protégés include Franke Sloothaak, Ludger Beerbaum and Eddie Macken

GINNY ELLIOT A five-times Burghley and three-times Badminton winner, Ginny secured a double Olympic bronze and team silver for Britain at the Los Angeles (1984) and Seoul (1988) Olympics

CHARISMA The diminutive 15.3hh won two gold individual Olympic medals in the 1980s — at Los Angeles and Seoul

DESERT ORCHID 'Dessie' transcended racing. He won the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1989, his front-running, attacking style winning him fans all over the world. When he died in November 2006, he graced the front cover of *H&H*

RYAN'S SON In 1987, the horseworld was shocked by the death of Ryan's Son at Hickstead. The crowd-pleasing gelding launched John Whitaker's international career, winning more than £250,000 in prize-money

DAVID TATLOW The only person ever to produce and ride all three hunter-weight class winners at HOYS. The Tatlow name is famous for the production of hunters

PRICELESS Never out of the top 12 in any of his three-day event starts, Ginny Elliot's superstar eventer won eight medals at international championships

MURPHY HIMSELF The flamboyant grey, produced by Ginny Elliot before joining Ian Stark's stable in 1988, was renowned for his speed and courage across country. He won an individual silver medal at the 1990 World Equestrian Games in Stockholm

SUPER TED Six-times champion cob at Horse of the Year Show between 1991 and 1994 under Robert Oliver, Super Ted is certainly one of showing's all-time greats

KINGS WARRIOR Three-times show hunter of the year, Roy Creber's middleweight took the Horse of the Year Show title in 1991, 1992 and 1994

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AP MCCOY Widely regarded as the greatest jump jockey ever and one of the strongest sportsmen pound for pound in the world, the 14-times champion rode his 3,000th winner at Plumpton on 9 February 2009

FRANKIE DETTORI A jockey who has opened up racing to the wider public, Frankie achieved legendary status at Ascot in September 1996 when riding all seven winners on the card

PIPPA FUNNELL The first, and so far only, rider to win the elusive Rolex Grand Slam — Badminton, Burghley and Kentucky. Pippa achieved this in 2003 with Primmore's Pride and Supreme Rock

KAUTO STAR The Paul Nicholls-trained steeplechaser made history at Cheltenham this year when becoming the first horse to reclaim the Gold Cup crown. He won the race for the first time in 2007

HEADLEY BRITANNIA In April of this year, Lucinda Fredericks' petite chestnut mare added Kentucky four-star to her victories at Badminton and Burghley

BARBARO The American racehorse won the 2006 Kentucky Derby in electrifying style, but shattered his leg two weeks later in the Preakness Stakes, ending his career. Attempts were made to save him but, after an eight-month battle, he was put to sleep

OVER TO YOU The most-medalled eventer in British history — and also one of the most popular — Jeanette Brakewell's chestnut gelding won eight gongs in a 15-year career. He retired from top-level eventing in 2007

SHUTTERFLY Winner of his third World Cup in April 2009, Shutterfly is widely viewed by both fans and professionals as the greatest show jumper in the world today

TOYTOWN
In 2006 Zara Phillips' stable star put in the performance of a lifetime to be crowned world champion. One year earlier he had won double gold at the Blenheim European Championships

ANKY VAN GRUNSVEN
Considered to be the finest dressage rider of all time, Anky won Olympic gold three times in 2000, '04 and '08

GIGOLO
Germany's most successful dressage horse ever won Olympic gold in 1996. Partnered by Isabell Werth, he has won 19 golds at world, European and Olympic level

BALOUBET DU ROUET
A three-times World Cup final winner, Rodrigo Pessoa's stallion won the individual gold medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics. He is now a much soughtafter sire

COLTON MAELSTROM Probably the most prolific show jumping pony in the world, 'Apey' racked up more than 250 victories between 1994 and 2004. She is the only pony, aside from Stroller, to be included in the BHS Hall of Fame, an honour that befits her status

ROBERT OLIVER The most successful show producer and rider of his generation

HICKSTEAD Eric Lamaze's enigmatic 2008 Olympic gold medal-winning partner won many admirers. The pair won the richest annual class in show jumping, the CN International, at Spruce Meadows in 2007

MARY KING Team stalwart Mary represented Britain at the Olympics for the fifth time in 2008 and is one of the most popular British riders on the circuit

LUDGER BEERBAUM
Between 1988 and 2006 the German show jumper has won four Olympic golds and numerous European and World Championship medals

ISTABRAQ
This horse joined an elite band when winning the Champion Hurdle three times between 1998 and 2000. One of the most talented hurdlers of the modern era, he earned more than £1million in his career

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ISABELL WERTH The German dressage star has won eight Olympic medals — five of them gold. At Beijing she won team gold and individual silver riding Satchmo but she is perhaps best known for her partnership with Gigolo, whom she rode at every championship between 1992 and 2000

BEST MATE The 2002, '03 and '04 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, trained by Henrietta Knight, was one of the most loved racehorses of modern times. His sudden death while racing at Exeter in 2005 made front-page news

JUNIOR Yvonne Goss's team chasing partner was lead horse for the Forge Flyers, who won four national championships back to back from 2002 and 2005. In 2004 he won an Animal Health Trust special award

NICK SKELTON With an international show jumping career spanning more than 30 years, Nick has won more than £4million in prize-money. A broken neck forced him to retire in 2001, but he made a remarkable recovery to ride at the 2004 Athens Olympics on Arko III

PRIMMORE'S PRIDE The much-admired bay helped Pippa Funnell take the Rolex Grand Slam when he won Kentucky and Burghley in 2003. He won Badminton 2005

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