



Massive End Of Season



Go Flint: Oliver Townend pays tribute to the talented grey after their Badminton win

2009 – saying it like it is

Not only have our equestrian stars entertained us in the saddle this year, they've given us some cracking quotes along the way. Here's H&H's pick of the best

I just keep buying bays, so he doesn't know how many horses we've got!

Amateur producer **Irene Susca** on keeping her husband happy...and in the dark



Irene Susca reveals how she keeps her husband inside

The first question buyers ask is: 'will it hack round the M25?'

Dressage rider **Andrew Gould** on the difficulty of dealing with unrealistic buyers

He is the nearest thing I can imagine to a unicorn

Showing producer **Jayne Webber** tells H&H why The Philanderer is so special

You'd think after 10 years my school would have been suspicious

Show jumper **William Whitaker** on the childhood 'illnesses' that always seemed to coincide with Olympia

I like to do different things with him so he doesn't get bored — like taking him to the pub

Carriage driver **Jeff Osborne** on the secret to training top horse Hamewith Lochnagar

Becoming a joint-master is like selling double glazing. You go round knocking on doors and for the first two years no one wants to know
Joint-master **James Buckle** on making it work at the Essex and Suffolk hunt



James Buckle says persistence pays off in the mastership



On the way to the pub, Jeff? It keeps the horses on form...

If he [Flint Curtis] hadn't won, it would have been my fault

Event rider **Oliver Townend** reflects on his first Badminton victory

Eliza Grace arrived yesterday, but at 9lb 13oz she's far too big to be a jockey
Point-to-point trainer **Graeme McPherson** announces the birth of his daughter

I spoke to Mum last night and she asked if I was going to get my hair cut in case I won.