



# **FRONTRUNNER NEWS-**



## **JULY 2010**

***“To lose one new racecourse is misfortune, to lose two looks like carelessness.”***

Following on from Ruth Quinn’s attempt to hide the loss of 250 fixtures at the bottom of a report and hope no one would notice (really very poor Ruth). It would seem that (among many other things) Foss Las’s viability will be threatened as a result of the BHA’s policies coming home to roost.



However Foss Las’s guvnor Dai Walters is probably a better streetfighter than John Holmes, so expect some casualties from the crossfire.

### ***HBLB announce consultation process for Betting Exchanges.***

Rearrange these words into a favourite phrase or saying.

Horse. Stable. Door. Bolted.



In addition to which the best witness (H Findlay) for “exchanges are business and should be taxed” has recently been publicly humiliated by the BHA and may be a bit anti these days.

### **Old Jokes Home (I)**

The History Channel +1.  
Where History repeats itself.

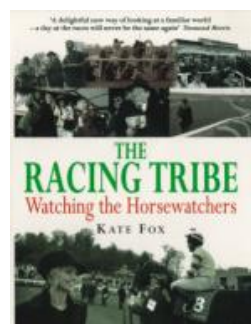
### ***Sweet FA***



In line with the football Association sticking with Capello we have to stick with Nic Coward. (this would be the Nic Coward head hunted from the FA that was recently described by ex-Minister of Sport Richard Caborn as “not fit for purpose”).

Recent highlights include annoying Betfair so much they are re-directing their voluntary payment of £1,000,000 away from the levy and annoying H.Findlay so much he is quitting racing. Brilliant.

We are however pleased to learn that Nic did acknowledge his depth of knowledge about racing was shallow when he arrived in the hot seat, a situation he quickly rectified by reading (allegedly true) ..



So that’s all right then

### **Old Jokes Home (II)**

My new girlfriend lets me lick anything off her and I love it.

Butter, jam, cheese, you name it she lets me lick it off her.

She's a cracker.

## Captain Bird's Eye



We are please to report that convivial ~~bon-viveur~~ jockeys' agent Dave "Shippy" Ellis, is making a good recovery from a recent eye operation. Amazingly they used some membrane from a female uterus to place over the cornea, upon learning this Shippy asked if they had any pictures of the donor. The doctor suffered only mild bruising when falling off his chair.

## Irish News



Frontrunner was at the Curragh for the Coolmore Benefit Day, sponsored by Dubai Duty Free, lol (The Irish Derby). Ok, the weather was good so that helped, but what struck us was the atmosphere. They had run out of money so the stand was, and will remain, a big scout hut, but that did not matter. The crowd were drinking, but were not unpleasant. What a good days racing should be like. Now go to Newmarket on guineas day ☺.

## Statistics News



Everyone I spoke to (in Ireland) was down on horses. Most I speak to over here are down on horses. The only people who think horse numbers are not down are the BHA – latest figures marginally down just 1.53%.

So where are they? Or why do the official stats (taken from the official returns you lot send in) not tell us wtf is going on?

## Racing for Short Change



RFC (that's Racing For Change) have been having a great time thinking up another lot of silly ideas to make racing appeal to the masses (as long as you're not called Brian). We should be taking mares and foals to the races, it seems, so that the public can engage with them. We also understand that there were thoughts of resurrecting the 'Cock of the North' competition which honoured the top northern-based jockey. Apparently, they wanted the 'Yorkshire Post' to become sponsors and to make absolute sure of their support were going to give them the sponsor money! Brilliant!

## Same record

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## Old Jokes Home (III, IV, and V))

I met a fairy today who granted me one wish.

"I want to live forever," I said.

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant wishes like that."

"Fine," I said, "I want to die when England win the world cup."

"You crafty git!" said the fairy.

What do you call a pointless race that covers 2,200 miles throughout France?

The French.

"The doctor removed my left ventricle and atrium," Tom said half-heartedly.