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Liam Mackey sits down
with AP McCoy to speak
about the agony and the
ecstasy of a champion
jockey's life



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Shield can put rivals to the sword in maiden

by Pat Keane

Not many pilots navigate Dundalk better than Joseph O'Brien and the champion jockey can prove such thinking to be reasonably accurate by guiding Shield to victory in the Happy Christmas To All Our Patrons Maiden on the all-weather tonight.

The selection's last three outings have been over flights, producing his best effort to date last time when chasing home Willie

Mullins' Lucky Bridle at Thurles. His last appearance on the flat came at the Curragh in October, when the Dylan Thomas gelding left a bad effort at Ballinrobe previously solidly behind, coming from off the pace to take third to McKinley and Cape Glory.

It is also worth noting that Shield won a bumper at Leopardstown in March, a contest that subsequently worked out quite nicely.

He shapes like a horse who is a

strong stayer and, hopefully, will add to O'Brien's strike rate at Dundalk, which currently stands at an impressive 33%.

Vector Force, third in all three of his races so far, can get off the mark in the Dundalk Stadium Racecourse Of The Year Maiden.

Vector Force's latest run was on this track nine days ago, beaten three parts of a length by David Wachman's Quadrivium.

The son of Kodiak is certainly no star, but is tough and resolute

and this represents a good opportunity.

David Marnane's Seanie gets the nod to defy top weight in the Crowne Plaza Leading Jockey And Trainer Awards 2013 Handicap.

Well backed here last Friday, over seven furlongs, he was grabbed late and beaten a head into second by Indian Landing. The four-year-old returns off the same mark, so has to be fancied to at least go close again.

Nicholls delighted with Buck's

by Colin Wilson

Big Buck's took an important step ahead of his eagerly-anticipated return to action with a gallop before racing at Exeter yesterday.

The champion staying hurdler, trained by Paul Nicholls, was partnered by Daryl Jacob in the two-mile workout over a circuit of the track.

Looking very fit, with his skin in good condition, he travelled alongside Finale Hurdle-bound stablemate Solar Impulse, ridden by Nick Scholfield, before going ahead near the winning line.

The 10-year-old, who is unbeaten in his last 18 races, has not been seen since making a winning reappearance at Newbury in the Long Distance Hurdle in December last year. Owner Andy Stewart's star was found to be suffering from a leg injury later that month.

He has been back cantering since October and is being aimed at the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham in January before bidding for a fifth Ladbrokes World Hurdle triumph at the Cheltenham Festival.

Nicholls said: "I've had him pretty fit as he has done lots of preparatory work, it was just a matter of getting him back on to a racecourse and that was his first bit on grass. With all of ours we tend to get them ready on the

"It's been a long road back, but there was no way I was going to rush it.

"Our plan was to go for the Cleeve Hurdle ahead of the World Hurdle and then possibly take in Aintree in the spring. To be quite honest he looks as good as new, and when you consider the likes of Tidal Bay and Kauto Star he is still a young horse and there is no reason he won't be as good as he's ever been.

"With any horse who has had the problems he's had, you take it day by day. It was the same injury that Al Feroof sustained and he has come back at the top level.

"He's done loads of steady work on the walker and is a horse that wants to be ready to run. It's amazing, but he hardly ever blows afterwards. He was going to come back at the top level or not at all, and I am really delighted with him. That will have done him the world of good. I'm really thrilled, it looks like he's still got it."

Meanwhile Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Bobs Worth heads a field of 14 remaining in the Lexus Chase at Leopardstown on Saturday week at the latest acceptance stage.

Nicky Henderson named the Dublin track's three-mile showpiece as a likely target after the eight-year-old disappointed when only sixth to Cue Card in the Betfair Chase at Haydock on



Big Buck's, ridden by Daryl Jacob, exercises with Solar Impulse (left) before racing at Exeter yesterday.

Picture: David Davies/PA Wire

Tidal Bay to take a thrilling renewal in 2012, is set to rely on Unioniste, who was a good winner at Aintree earlier this

by Tidal Bay last year and could try to go one better. Sir Des Champs, fourth 12 months ago and second to Bobs Worth in the

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LEASE/LICENCE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 that Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare has applied to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government (the Minister) for permission to occupy an area of foreshore at Doolin, Co. Clare for the purpose of constructing a new pier, pre-cast concrete revetment and access road (Lease application), dredging an access channel from deep water to the new pier and removing of boulders which may enter the new channel (Licence application) at Doolin, Co. Clare

An Bord Pleanála, in its decision, dated 4 March 2013, granted approval to Clare County Council for the project under section 226 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. However, in order to secure permission to occupy and use this property, the consent of the Minister under the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) is required. Accordingly, Clare County Council has submitted an application to the Minister for consent under the Foreshore Act

A copy of the application, and the relevant maps, plans, and drawings, are available for inspection for the next 21 working days, free of charge, at Ennistymon Garda Station, Ennistymon, Co. Clare

The documentation is also available on the Department's website at: <http://www.environ.ie/en/Foreshore/ApplicationsandDeterminations/>

Under the terms of Section 227(8)(b) of the Planning Act, 2000 and the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended), the Minister will confine his consideration of this application for a property assignment, to public interest aspects of issues such as public access, protection of beach material and the financial terms that may attach to the consent.

Any person who, on the above basis, wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the licence sought should do so in writing, giving reasons, within 21 working days of publication of this Notice (quoting ref: FS 005721), to the Foreshore Unit, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@environ.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business on Friday 31st January 2014.

All objections and representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment prior to any decision being made in the matter. Material upon which the Minister shall determine this application may be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at: http://www.environ.ie/en/Foreshore/#Defamation_Notice/

Dated this 20th day of December 2013

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