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Ardad makes dream start

Spring can be a nervous time for stallion owners awaiting the first runners by their young sires, but there can be no furrowed brows at Overbury Stud in Gloucestershire, as **Ardad** has made a flying start to his second career.

The Gr.2-winning son of **Kodiak** was represented by his first winner when **Blue Collar Lad** triumphed in a close finish at Bath on 6th April. Robyn Brisland's charge is aptly named, having cost only 1,000gns from Book 4 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, and earned more than double that price tag with his first win.

Six days later, **Arboy Will** added his name to the score card at Windsor, winning by a length and a quarter over 5f in an EBF novice. Two days after that, **Vintage Clarets** struck over 5f at Beverley, hacking up by three and a quarter lengths, with his paternal half-brother **Honorah** in third. Clearly a well-regarded sort, the Richard Fahey trainee had been sent off favourite for the Brocklesby in which he finished fourth, but has already added a second easy victory to his tally, making all to score at Ayr by two lengths on 26th April.

The final member of the quartet to strike in April was **Vaunted**, winner of an EBF restricted novice at Bath on 16th April, in which he had his paternal half-brother **Blue Collar Lad** in third.

After the first full month of juvenile racing, **Ardad** is easily the leading first-season sire in Britain and shares overall first place with **Cotai Glory**.

That **Ardad** should be off the mark so quickly is hardly



Vaunted became his sire's fourth individual winner when scoring at Bath.

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surprising, given his own profile. Bred by Tally-Ho Stud, he was purchased by Blandford Bloodstock for £170,000 at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale and made his winning debut for Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah at Yarmouth in early June, winning by a length.

He was back in action only six days later when taking on 21 rivals in the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes, putting up a power-packed performance to triumph by three and a quarter lengths. Better was to come later in the season, when he stayed on strongly to win the Gr.2 Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster, winning by three quarters of a length. Among the vanquished were the subsequent Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes winner **The Last Lion**, the Gr.2 Norfolk Stakes winner **Prince Of Lir**, the Gr.2 Prix Robert Papin winner **Tis Marvellous**, Gr.3 Prix d'Arenberg winner **Afandem** the Gr.3 Molecomb Stakes winner **Yalta** and the Gr.3 Curragh Stakes winner **Hit The Bid**.

A full-brother to the dual winner **Kodiak Attack** and a half-brother to the winner **Armum (Society Rock)**, **Ardad** is out of a **Red Clubs** half-sister to the speedy filly **Ruby Rocket (Indian Rocket)**, who went on to produce the Gr.1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner **Maarek (Pivotal)**. Another half-sister is the Listed-winning juvenile **Alexander Alliance (Danetime)**, dam of the Gr.2-placed **Mystery Smiles (Mehmas)**, and also the Gr.3-placed **Inzar's Best (Inzar)** and the Listed-placed **Cool Panic (Brave Act)**.



The Gr.2 winner **Ardad**, who stands at Overbury Stud for £4,000, has made a flying start to his second career.

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