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WITH WILLIAM BUICK

He was once so small he was considered to be perhaps even too small to be a jockey. He made his debut in US racing in 2008 as an obscure apprentice/exercise



rider who got all of three mounts for Todd Pletcher at Gulfstream. But few riders in the history of racing have come so far so fast. Today, at the age of 28, William Buick is recognized as one of the top jockeys in the world. Buick is this week's guest on the Thoroughbred Daily News podcast. Click here to listen, or subscribe in your Podcast app on your iPhone or iPad.

Lordan Relishing New Challenge for 2017 Cont.

Wachman, John Magnier's son-in-law, remains involved in the bloodstock department of the Coolmore-Ballydoyle axis, so should be in even more regular contact.

Lordan had not been too surprised about his former employer's choice to bow out after 20 years.

"It was in the background but you'd be always hoping it wasn't going to happen," he said. "I believe it mustn't have been an easy decision for him but it was probably the best decision. Not only was he my boss, but we're good friends. Life goes on, sometimes you have to make changes, some people get affected by it, more people don't. There's not much you can do about it, once you're happy at the end of the day, that's the most important thing."

Dependability has characterised Lordan, in and out of the saddle. He was capable of being silky when Moore's injury allowed him back aboard Wachman's Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the 2015 Nassau and Matron S. Likewise he can drive one home in a finish, as demonstrated by his maiden Group 1 with 100-1 chance Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in the 2010 Nunthorpe S., or threading Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}) through the eye of a needle in the G2 British Champions Sprint S. One achievement missing so far is a Classic victory, and chances should come from Ballydoyle's hoard.

O'Brien, to whom hobbies away from racing are seemingly anathema, will find a kindred spirit. Lordan hunted with his father as a boy in Cork and a few days with the Tipperary in his off-season are a rare extra-curricular pleasure.

"When you're brought up with horses at home, you're always outside doing something with them. Whatever I enjoy, it's around horses, it seems."

Even those days could be precious soon, as Lordan's wife Carey Anne is expecting their first child in the summer. "2017 is going to be exciting anyway," he chuckled.

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APPOINTMENTS

Arnault Leraître: Bloodstock Director, Osarus

- "We are delighted to welcome Arnault who has worked in the industry for many years," commented Osarus Managing Director Emmanuel Viaud. "He is receptive and meticulous in his work and has developed an expert eye for selecting horses. His rich experience will be a great asset to the existing team."
- Leraître got his start in harness racing before interning with Dr. V. Pouret and discovering Thoroughbreds. After two years observing young horses with Dominique Sepulchre, Leraître then worked at Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard for over 20 years.
- "After helping the bloodstock team in 2016 to select yearlings for the La Teste sale, I am very pleased to join the team permanently," said Leraître. "After 23 years spent alongside horses having won the [Group 1s] Arc de Triomphe, Jockey Club, Prix de Diane, Poules d'Essai, Grand Prix de Paris, Jacques le Marois, Breeders' Cup and many more, I am very eager to participate in the development of Osarus."



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