

Beckhampton Trainer Joins Chorus To Ban Steroids Worldwide

Beckhampton trainer Roger Charlton has joined the chorus to ban the use of anabolic steroids worldwide. The trainer made the comments after Al Kazeem had won the bet365 [Gordon Richards Stakes](#) at Sandown Park.

Charlton trained Three Valleys when the colt was disqualified from the Middle Park Stakes in 2003 for failing a test for [Clenbuterol](#), which is a drug used to clear up a lung infection and aid normal breathing. The trainer remarked he thinks there is a debate about steroids and all any of us want, whether it is people riding bicycles or horses, is a level playing field. He added that it is unfortunate that animals or humans are given steroids and went on to raise a question: would you want to buy a mare that had been on steroids, or use a stallion that had been on steroids or buy a yearling from another country that had been on steroids, and then replied himself none of us want that.

Charlton is targeting a trip to Ireland at the end of May and said he was a bit apprehensive because a lot of mine will come on for the run and he looked great and that was a good effort. Charlton added we know he gets a mile and half, but a mile and a quarter is a more commercial distance, as long as he can win good races over that distance, but he will have entries over a mile and a half as well, and in the immediate future, I think he will go to the Curragh for Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Al Kazeem has entries in races such as the Coronation Cup and Prince Of Wales's Stakes this term; Kazeem was last seen when winning the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket 12 months ago but despite the layoff travelled well throughout the 10-furlong heat in the hands of James Doyle.

Doyle is expecting his mount to progress for the run and said since he's come back he's been galloping great at home and doing everything right and we expected this today, today is a stepping stone to bigger things and he couldn't have done it any easier. Doyle also added that it was his first run for ages so he didn't want to ask him to do too much too soon and when he got to the front he pricked his ears and lugged into the rail.

Barry Simpson, racing manager to owner Sir Robert Ogden, said the best three on form were first, second and third so you'd have to say that was a very good run and he thinks he might step up a couple of furlongs now.

In another development, Mahmood al-Zarooni has lodged an appeal over the eight-year Godolphin steroids ban he received from the British Horseracing Authority. The former Godolphin trainer was recently disqualified for a period of eight years after he admitted to administering anabolic steroids to 15 of his horses and has lodged an appeal with the British Horseracing Authority over the severity of his sentence.