



# Thundering Blue

**Thundering Blue**  
Own: Washbourn Clive

Gr/ba. h. 5 (Apr)  
Sire: Exchange Rate (Danzig)  
Dam: Relampago Azul (Foresley)  
Br: Dr. Tom Castoldi (Ky)  
Tr: Menuisier David(0 0 0 0 .00) 2018:(0 0 .00)

Life	20	6	3	4	\$473,205	-	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2018	7	3	1	1	\$403,911	-	Wet(405)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2017	8	3	0	3	\$65,983	-	Synh	5	0	1	2	\$3,155	-
Wo	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(305)	15	6	2	2	\$470,050	-
							Dst(259)	2	1	0	0	\$81,040	-

23Sep18 BPA	gd	1 1/2 @	2:28 3/4	Stockholm Cup International-G3 Maiden 159300	12 1 2	Berry F	130	*.45	Thundering Blue <sup>2</sup> Crowned Eagle <sup>1 1/2</sup> Our Last Summer <sup>4</sup>
22Aug18 York (GB)	gf	1 1/2 @ LH 2:07 3/4	3 1/4	Juddmonte International Stakes-G1 Stk 1370700	8 3 3 1/2	Berry F	132	50.00	Roaring Lion <sup>3 1/2</sup> Poet's Word <sup>1 1/2</sup> Thundering Blue <sup>1 1/2</sup> Hld up in rr: hdwy 3f out: rdn along over 2f out: styd on w/ a p
28Jul18 York (GB)	gs	1 1/2 @ LH 2:09 3/4	3 1/4	Sky Bet York S.-G2 Stk 157200	7 1 1/4	Berry F	132	5.00	Thundering Blue <sup>4</sup> Broccocc <sup>4</sup> Elargam <sup>2</sup> Hld up in rr: pushed along and hdwy over 2f out: rdn to close ldrs
14Jul18 York (GB)	gf	1 1/2 @ LH 2:09 3/4	3 1/4	59th John Smiths Cup Handicap Stakes (Cl) Hcp 264700	19 2 1/2	Berry F	130	6.00	Euchen Glen <sup>2 1/2</sup> Thundering Blue <sup>4</sup> Kynren <sup>1 1/2</sup> Hld up in rr: hdwy over 2f out: rdn w/ over 1f out: styd on w/ in
22Jun18 Ascot (GB)	gf	1 1/2 @ RH 2:27 3/4	3 1/4	Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes (Class 2 Handic) Hcp 119200	17 1 1/4	Dettori L	131	5.00	Dash of Spice <sup>2 1/2</sup> Sir Chauvelin <sup>1</sup> Walton Street <sup>1 1/2</sup> Stkd s: hld up in last quintet: switchd lift and effort on outer ove
18May18 York (GB)	gf	1 1/2 @ LH 2:09	4 1/4	Equinity Technology Handicap Stakes (Cl) Hcp 40500	11 1 1/2	Atzerri A	126	*3.00	Thundering Blue <sup>1 1/2</sup> Banditry <sup>3</sup> Titus <sup>3 1/2</sup> Hld up towards rr: hdwy over 3f out: trckd ldrs 2f out: rdn over
25Apr18 Epsom (GB)	gd	1 1/2 @ LH 2:08 3/4	4 1/4	Investec City And Suburban Handicap Stak Hcp 69900	10 5 3 1/2	Crowley J	124	7.00	Ajman King <sup>1</sup> Dash of Spice <sup>4</sup> Another Touch <sup>1 1/2</sup> Hld up in last: nudged along over 2f out: briefly ct on heels w/
30Sep17 Newmarket (GB)	gs	1 1/2 @ Str 1:51 1/4	3 1/4	Betfred Cambridgeshire Handicap Stakes (Cl) Hcp 214400	34 7 3 1/2	Crowley J	119	*6.00	Dolphin Vista <sup>1 1/2</sup> Sands Chorus <sup>4</sup> Cote d'Azur <sup>1</sup> Towards rr of midfield on far side: rdn over 2f out: hdwy w/ in edg

● There's no doubt that Thundering Blue is at the top of his game. The five-year-old son of Exchange Rate heads into the Grade 1 International off two victories in his past three starts, including a two-length score in the Group 3 Stockholm Cup on September 23 for owner Clive Washbourn.

● "Thundering Blue's last race was a very important one," said trainer David Menuisier. "Blue' never travelled on an airplane to race before and he isn't the best traveller, as he can feel a bit claustrophobic, so it was a big test to go and run in Sweden. While in Sweden, it took him about 24 hours before settling in, so it was by no means a penalty kick. Bro Park in Sweden is a tight track to European standards and the horse had never run on a track with such a profile before, so we were delighted he handled it fine. He managed to win the race quite easily and confirmed also that one mile and four furlongs is a trip he can thrive on."

● Menuisier hopes his latest journey has another fairy tale ending, just as he did three starts ago, when Thundering Blue eked out a neck nod in the Group 2 York Stakes on July 28. "His Group 2 win at York was magical as it was his first attempt in a pattern race. He spent the whole of his career in handicaps. Went from a below average handicapper to a very talented one in the space of 12 months giving us the feeling he was a pattern-class horse. The horse still gives us the real signals following a long season. He has been thriving after each run throughout the year and feels great and fresh at the moment, so hopefully he will be able to show his true potential at Woodbine. No reason why not, as we speak!"

● Although Menuisier has never been to Canada's Showplace of Racing, he believes his turf star will enjoy the E.P. Taylor Turf Course. "I have spoken to a few experts and everybody tells me it is a very European-like turf course with a decent final straight, so I am looking forward to being there and see it with my own eyes. It should suit Thundering Blue, as he has been so versatile so far winning races at Epsom, Newmarket, Sandown, York and Bro Park. Five tracks that are all drastically so different."

● Menuisier, born in France and now training in England, is a big fan of his International starter away from the race. And he's not the only one. His two-year-old daughter, Lucie, might be Thundering Blue's biggest supporter. "His personality is amazing - he is the kindest horse you'll ever meet. He's a real gentleman and very smart with it. He absolutely adores Polo mints - that's how we keep him sweet, I suppose. Lucie is his best buddy."

## Owner – Clive Washbourn

Clive Washbourn is enjoying a strong season as an owner, having won 11 races from 60 starts as of October 5. His £385,467 in earnings is a lifetime best. Washbourn's top horse is Thundering Blue, but he has also enjoyed success with four-time winner Danceteria and two-time victor Chief Ironside.

## Trainer – David Menuisier (dmhorseracing.com)

A French-born racehorse trainer based at Coombelands Racing Stables – the state-of-the-art equine facility in Pulborough, West Sussex, England – Menuisier has gained a wealth of experience assisting some of the most prestigious racehorse trainers from around the globe, including Christiane Head-Maarek, Richard Mandella and John Dunlop OBE. "My family bred horses to run on the flat as well as over jumps and this fed my enthusiasm and love for the sport. I have happily and passionately spent my whole life surrounded by racehorses, with the early aspiration of becoming a racehorse trainer from the age of seven. It is an honour and a privilege to be based at the exquisite Coombelands training stables with fantastic facilities set in a picturesque location, and close to many of the best tracks in the UK."

## Jockey – Fran Berry

Fran Berry began his career as a National Hunt jockey, winning the Coral Cup at Cheltenham in 1999, but went on to concentrate on Flat racing. His father, Frank Berry, was Irish jump racing champion jockey 10 times, and saddled Fran's first winner on Mayasta at Sligo Racecourse in April 1997. He served as second rider behind Mick Kinane at John Oxx's powerful Curragh stable from 2002 until the end of 2009 when Kinane retired and Berry was promoted to the number one spot for the 2010 campaign. Berry landed the 2005 Ascot Stakes at the Royal Meeting on the Tony Martin-trained Leg Spinner and recorded a first Group 1 success as the Jessica Harrington-trained Pathfork landed the National Stakes at the Curragh in September 2010. He also rode four Group race winners in Japan in 2013 and 2014.