

OCTOBER ROUNDUP

KINGSLEY PARK's October campaign started with a bang thanks to an excellent display from **Dee Ex Bee** at Epsom on the first day of the month.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's juvenile Farhh colt, one of the yard's four winners at this year's Qatar Goodwood Festival, faced six rivals in a conditions event over a mile and half a furlong of the Surrey track, run in heavy conditions.

Dee Ex Bee, ridden by Franny Norton, was slowly into his stride and had to be ridden fairly wide to come round his field in the early stages. Silvestre de Sousa set out to make the pace on Move Over, and after a furlong and a half Franny Norton had Dee Ex Bee tracking the leader in second.

In the heavy conditions, the field crossed to the stands side once in line for home, and Dee Ex Bee was able to get to the stands' rail. Even so, Move Over didn't appear to be stopping under a determined de Sousa drive. In the final 50 yards or so, Dee Ex Bee grabbed the initiative and ran out the winner by three-quarters of a length, in the process landing a wildcard entry for next year's

Derby.

The colt was then sent by Mark to contest Newmarket's Zetland Stakes, a Listed race over 10 furlongs, on October 14. He turned in another smashing display on the Rowley Mile, finishing second behind the Coolmore challenger Kew Gardens, and staying the trip well. This was also his first run on good ground and he handled it well.

Another juvenile colt to make his mark during the month was **Austrian School**, who led home stablemate Making Miracles in a novice event at Pontefract on October 9. Dr Jim Walker's Teofilo colt won on his debut over a mile at Ripon in mid-August, and had finished third at Pontefract on heavy ground over a mile at the end of September.

Stepping up to a mile and a quarter for the first time, Austrian School was asked to make all the running by Franny Norton against nine rivals, headed by the



Dee Ex Bee wins under Franny Norton

favourite, Eyecatcher. He led well, as Making Miracles raced in last throughout the first six furlongs.

With two furlongs to race, Austrian School was joined by Dontgiveuponbob on his outer, and Eyecatcher threatened to close too. Meantime, Making Miracles was making relentless progress from the rear of the field under a powerful Phillip Makin drive.

In a dash for the line, Austrian School dug deep to repel Dontgiveuponbob, and passed the post three-quarters of a length

spoils by a length and a half from Shenanigans.

With a first prize of £31,125 secured for the owners, as well as winning the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association bonus worth £25,000 (to be spent on a covering by a British-based stallion), Mark was naturally delighted by the filly's success.

"Peach Melba tends to hang left and wears a pricker, so the rail helped her here," he said.

"She has been a busy filly this year and is a model of consistency."

At Redcar, Hamdan al Maktoum's **Khamaary** was one of 11 runners contesting the final of the course's Straight-Mile Series. Dane O'Neill took the ride on Khamaary.

The only filly in the field, and carrying top weight of 9st 10lb, Khamaary was quickly away from the stalls and set out to make all the running. Travelling sweetly for Dane O'Neill, the Tamayuz filly led up the centre of the course and looked to have most of her rivals in trouble with two furlongs to run.

Asked to lengthen, Khamaary momentarily edged right approaching the final furlong, but kept on really well to score by three-quarters of a length from Zeshov, with Off Art finishing third.

Khamaary has been progressive this year, having raced off a mark of 71 on her seasonal debut at Redcar. This fourth career win, from eight starts, came off a mark of 95, so connections will be entitled to think about landing some black type for her.

Khamaary is out of the Zafonic mare, Nufoos, a Listed



Austrian School and Franny Norton

up on Making Miracles, who claimed second by half a length from the Fahey challenger.

Assistant Trainer Jock Bennett was in little doubt that the step up in trip worked the oracle for Austrian School.

"Both horses needed every yard of it and Austrian School was very game. He showed last time that the mile was on the short side for him," Jock told the Klarion.

Stepping up to seven furlongs for the first time since running at Leopardstown in June, Garrett J Freyne Racing's **Rufus King** ran out the impressive winner of a valuable Newmarket nursery on October 14.

Already the winner of a Pontefract conditions event and an Ascot nursery, both over six furlongs, the Iffraaj colt faced seven rivals, including Kingsley Park stablemate, Prestbury Park, who was seeking a hat-trick.

Sent to the head of affairs by PJ McDonald, Rufus King made the early running before having a protracted duel with Porth Swtan throughout the final furlong. The front pair pulled a couple of lengths clear in the closing stages, and at the post Rufus King won by half a length, with Porth Swtan two and a quarter lengths ahead of Prestbury Park.

"Rufus King has been very in and out



PJ McDonald wins aboard Rufus King

with his form and we have questioned his resilience in the past," a delighted Mark told the Klarion after the race, "but it must be this fast ground that has made the difference."

Incidentally, Porth Swtan, or Church Bay, is a picturesque village in Anglesey in Wales.

At Lingfield on October 18, Paul Dean's **Star of Lombardy** pounced in the closing stages of a mile and a half handicap to land her second win of the month and her fifth success of a most

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Leading ladies!

IT was 'girl power' to the fore for MJR on October 7, when the yard chalked up a treble, thanks to the exploits of fillies Peach Melba, Khamaary and Star of Lombardy.

The three-year-old Dream Ahead filly, **Peach Melba**, has run well all season, and went into the Newmarket fillies' handicap over a mile with three wins and seven places from her 12 starts this year. She has been a credit to her owners, Lowther Racing and Partner, having risen from an opening mark of 75 in June to 91 in September.

At Newmarket, a field of 13 went to post for the mile handicap, headed by favourite, Shenanigans. Peach Melba was ridden by Franny Norton and drawn in stall five.

The stalls were situated against the stands' side rails, and so a fast start by Peach Melba allowed her to get close to the rail in the early stages, racing in company with the early leader, Lady Perignon.

Peach Melba was able to cross to the rail after four furlongs, just as Shenanigans was establishing herself in clear second. Asked to lengthen by Franny with a quarter of a mile to run, Peach Melba responded gamely and began to forge clear of her field. She stayed on really well on the rising ground to land the



Khamaary, left, wins at Redcar under Dane O'Neill

winner in her own right, and is a half-sister to the Middle Park Stakes (G1) winner Awzaan, as well as Hajras, Tasfeya, Muraaqaba and Muteela, all of whom won good races for owner Hamdan al Maktoum and Mark. The Tamayuz filly has definitely upheld the family honour this term!

The treble was completed by the four-year-old filly **Star of Lombardy** at Wolverhampton's evening meeting. Paul Dean's

daughter of Cape Cross had already scored three times this year, following up all-weather successes at Wolverhampton and Southwell with an Epsom handicap win in July.

This time, Star of Lombardy faced 10 rivals, including stablemate Voski, in a handicap over a mile and a half.

Partnered by John Egan, Star of Lombardy was drawn on the rail but was unable to get to the lead. Sir Gnet led at a steady pace, pursued by Enriching. Star of Lombardy was settled in third on the rail, closely attended by Mayasa.

Turning for home, John Egan initially looked to send Star of Lombardy to challenge on the inner. However, Sir Gnet was kept towards the fence by Kieran Shoemark, and Egan had to switch his filly wide to challenge.

By this time, several other horses had launched a challenge on the outer, and Star of Lombardy had to quicken again to get the better of them.

Keeping on really well to the line, Star of Lombardy scored by a neck and a head respectively from Omotesando and Singular Quest.

This was Star of Lombardy's fourth win of the year. She went on to score again 11 days later at Lingfield. ■

successful year.

The daughter of Cape Cross faced 10 rivals at Lingfield and, ridden by Joe Fanning, was carrying joint top weight of 9st 10lb. The favourite, So Celebre, seemed to have timed his challenge well, hitting the front with just over a furlong to run, but Star of Lombardy was always travelling well and once switched out by Joe stayed on well to take the lead with 70 yards to run.

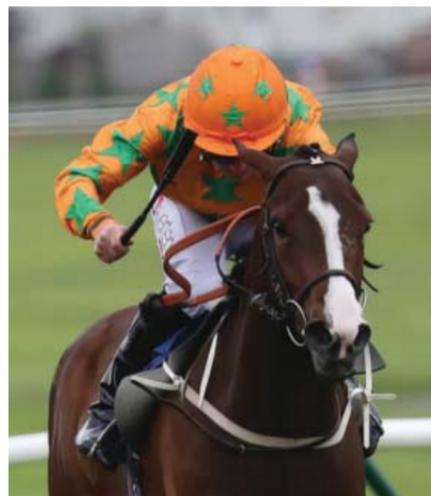
At the post, the four-year-old had won by half a length, with Clemento a length and a quarter back in third.

A first run on the all-weather for more than a year produced a welcome success for **Love Oasis** at

Wolverhampton on October 21. The Oasis Dream filly won handicaps at Ayr and Leicester in June and finished second three times in a row during July, beaten a total of less than three lengths in those races.

The fillies' handicap she contested at Wolverhampton over six furlongs attracted a field of 12 runners. PJ McDonald had Crone Stud Farms' filly away smartly, but Beau Mistral grabbed the lead, tracked by Kachess in second. Love Oasis had to be content with third place, racing on the rail.

Turning for home, fortune favoured Love Oasis as Kachess turned a little wider than Beau Mistral and PJ was able to send his filly through the gap. Challengers loomed up on the outer, but Love Oasis was always in control and held on to score by half a length from Four Dragons, with Kodicat a neck back in third.



Crone Stud Farms' Love Oasis



Lynwood Gold wins at Newmarket under PJ McDonald

The weather gods have been far from kind to John Barson's **Lynwood Gold** recently. The Mastercraftsman colt, so impressive when landing his debut success at Epsom at the end of August, has had to suffer as his last two starts at Musselburgh and Ayr were hit by torrential rain. In the circumstances, he did well to finish second twice in those events.

Back on terra firma, or at least on good to firm ground at Newmarket on October 25, the colt impressed again, racing to a comfortable success in a nine-furlong nursery.

A field of 10 went to post for the race, which witnessed a bold ride from Jim Crowley, who sent Regular Income clear of his field. He was still six lengths clear when Lynwood Gold moved into second three furlongs from home. But the Kingsley Park colt struck the front with

just over a furlong to race and stayed on well to win by two and a half lengths from Simpson.

Lynwood Gold is out of the Listed-placed mare Witch of Fife, making him half-brother to the Gimcrack Stakes second, Ho Choi, and our own Drumfir winner of the Solario Stakes as a juvenile and of a competitive handicap at Gloric Goodwood as a five-year-old under the recently-retired Jimmy Fortune. He looks the type to improve with age and distance, and is sure to make his mark three.

If ever a horse deserved to win a race it was surely **Tailor's Row** who won his first race of the year at Wolverhampton on October 28.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's three-year-old Street Cry colt was having his 16th start of the year, and having finished in the runners-up berth four



Joe Fanning on Paul Dean's Star Of Lombardy

times this season, surely no-one would begrudge him his success.

His form figures at Wolverhampton going into the race were 322, and with Andrew Mullen in the plate, hopes were high that he could break his seasonal duck on the Tapeta track. He was also stepping up in trip to an extended nine furlongs, having never raced beyond a mile before.

Settled in around fifth or six place, Tailor's Row travelled well for Andrew and when asked for his effort turning for home, he produced a sustained run on the outer to win comfortably from Barnaby Book and Bayston Hill, the distances being a length and half a length.

This win belatedly doubled his tally of wins to date, as the colt was a debut winner as a juvenile at Chelmsford in



Tailor's Row under Royston Ffrench

May 2016.

The stable's final winner of the month came courtesy of our penultimate runner, **Dr Richard Kimble**, who landed a Wolverhampton nursery on October 31.

Owned by Garrett J Freyne Racing, the Lawman colt was having his fourth

career start, but his first on an artificial surface and in handicap company. With Dream Mount a warm favourite to follow up his recent Lingfield win, Calling Rio set out to make the running with Dr Richard Kimble ideally placed, racing in second on his outer.

Turning for home, PJ McDonald was hard at work on Dr Richard Kimble, but having soon mastered Calling Rio, the colt had to withstand late challenges from Iconic Sunset and La La Land. Staying on really well in the closing stages, Dr Richard Kimble got home by half a length from La La Land, with Iconic Sunset finishing fast for third.

Older readers might recall that Dr Richard Kimble was the name of the lead character in the 1960s television drama, The Fugitive, starring David Janssen. ■

Doubling up across the card

KINGSLEY PARK enjoyed an across-the-card double on October 27, courtesy of juvenile Ventura Knight and the staying three-year-old Time To Study.

Middleham Park Racing's **Ventura Knight** became the second Kingsley Park juvenile to notch up four wins this season when landing a mile nursery at Doncaster.

The son of Casamento had made it a hat-trick in midsummer when winning at Leicester after victories at Beverley and Carlisle. At Doncaster, he carried top weight in a field of eight runners headed by the favourite, Dubhe, a Dubawi colt.

PJ McDonald sent Ventura Knight into the lead from the start. Asked for his effort by PJ with a quarter of a mile to race, he stayed on well, despite drifting over to the stands' rail. Although Regimented and Che Bella threw down decent late challenges, Ventura Knight always looked in command and passed the post a neck to the good of that pair, who dead-heated for second.

Tim Palin, MPR's director of racing, was delighted with the win, saying: "Ventura Knight was showing plenty of speed early on so we ran him over five furlongs, but he clearly wants this sort of trip. He is one of eight two-year-olds who have won four races this season, and MPR owns three of them!"

The first Kingsley Park juvenile to win four times this year was Izzy Bizu.

The across-the-card double was completed at Newbury, where **Time To Study** ran out the winner of a conditions event over an extended 13 furlongs.

Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori's Motivator colt has had a decent year, adding wins at Musselburgh and Doncaster to his two juvenile successes. Well fancied for the Cesarewitch, he failed to stay at Newmarket and dropped back markedly in trip for the Newbury race. There he faced just two rivals, Royal Line, who was seeking a hat-trick for John Gosden, and Duke of Bronte, a recent Ascot winner.

Franny Norton sent Time To Study into an early lead, tracked by the favourite, Royal Line, as Duke of Bronte was held up by Jim Crowley. Frankie Dettori brought Royal Line to join Time To Study with three furlongs to travel, but the Kingsley Park colt responded well and quickened clear of his rival with a furlong to travel. Duke of Bronte kept on well in the final furlong to snatch second, but at the post Time To Study had won by a comfortable two and a quarter lengths.

Bruce Raymond, racing manager to the colt's owner, Mr Al Mansoori, was looking to the future after Time To Study's third win of the year.

"He is a tough horse who didn't stay in the Cesarewitch," he said.

"I think this is his best trip and I'm sure he can improve next year as he won with a bit in hand here."

Racing off a mark of 102 at Newbury, Time To Study will surely be targeted at Listed or Group 3 events sooner rather than later. Being out of the Sillery mare Dissertation, three times a winner for Crique Head-Maarek, Time To Study is a half-brother to the Prix de la Foret winner, Dedication, and his double Group 3 winning brother, Dunkerque. ■



Doncaster win for Ventura Knight