

# HERE COME THE JUVENILES

## JOHN SCANLON takes a look at some of the two-year-olds who will form part of the Johnston Racing team for the 2023 campaign

ONE OF the most satisfying aspects of last year's campaign for Johnston Racing was the performance of the juveniles within the string. In addition to the high-profile successes, such as Dubai Mile's Group 1 win at Saint-Cloud and Lakota Sioux's Group 3 Sweet Solera Stakes victory, a total of 63 juvenile wins from 422 runs was chalked up across the year, a strike rate of 14.93%.

Once again, the success enjoyed by our two-year-olds on

the track underlined the tremendous record which Mark and Charlie have established over the years in uncovering juvenile talent at the yearling sales at value-for-money prices for our owners.

So, this month and next, we are taking a look at some of the well-bred youngsters forming part of the Kingsley Park juvenile team of 2023, hoping that they will go on to match, or even better, improve upon the achievements of last year's runners.

At Book 1 of Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Johnston Racing acquired for 100,000gns a brown colt by Sea The Stars out of the Shamardal mare, Kitcara, which had been consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment. Now acquired by Tony Farmer and named **Align The Stars**, this late April foal is a full brother to Al Aasy and Sea Karats.

In addition to winning three times at Group 3 level — the Bahrain Trophy, John Porter Stakes and the Aston Park Stakes — Al Aasy lost out by just a neck to Pyledriver in the 2021 renewal of the Group 1 Coronation Cup. Sea Karats has run three times and has been placed on each start, including when second in the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket.

With Sea The Stars' reputation as a top-class sire strengthened last year by the Group 1-winning exploits of stars such as Baaeed, Hukum and Emily Upjohn, connections will be hoping that this colt can follow in the hoofprints of his siblings.

Also at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Johnston Racing acquired a bay filly, consigned by Voute Sales Limited, by **Kingman** out of the Galileo mare **Seventh Heaven**. This filly was acquired for 70,000gns in a private sale, and has now been bought by Kenny Alexander.

A four-time Group 1 winning miler, Kingman has made an excellent start at stud, with Commissioning, Kinross and Noble Style flying his flag at the top level last year.

Seventh Heaven won five races in all, including the Group 1 Irish Oaks, the Group 1 Yorkshire Oaks and the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes. She was also the full sister of the useful juvenile Coat of Arms, who was rated 106 after finishing a close second in the Futurity Stakes.

With both of Seventh Heaven's foals having been placed from just a handful of runs, this filly looks sure to give connections some fun in the months ahead.

Another well-bred individual in the 2023 juvenile line-up is **Sennockian**. This is a chestnut colt by No Nay Never out of the Compton Place mare, Lady Gorgeous, acquired by



Align The Stars (Giovanni Silva)

Johnston Racing for €120,000 at Goffs Orby Sale last September. A May foal, this colt has been snapped up by Alan Burke.

No Nay Never had a fantastic year in 2022, with six individual juveniles Group winners, including the Group 1 winners Little Big Bear, Blackbeard and Meditate, adding to Alcohol Free's July Cup win.

THE dam of this colt, Lady Gorgeous, was a Newbury maiden winner as a juvenile and has produced two winners from her five runners to date. They include Pretty Gorgeous, by Lawman, the joint Champion Two-Year-Old filly in Europe in 2020, who won the Group 1 Fillies' Mile, the Group 2 Debutante Stakes and who finished second in the Group 1 Moyglare Stud Stakes; and Alwaab, by Toronado, winner of the Listed Prix Nureyev at Deauville.

A half-brother to a champion juvenile filly by a sire with such a hot recent record with his two-year-old runners sounds like an exciting prospect for the Burke family.

Klarion readers might recall the exploits of the Arch filly, **Nyaleti**, who landed the German 1,000 Guineas at Dortmund for her owners, 3 Batterhams and a Reay, in 2018. We're

delighted to report that Nyaleti's first foal, a grey colt by **Frankel**, foaled on February 9, will form part of our juvenile team this year.

Frankel has added an impressive career at stud to his remarkable achievements on the racecourse. He now boasts more than 25 Group 1 winners to his name, with nine horses scoring at that level in 2022 alone. These included the Arc winner Alpinista, Chaldean and Inspiral.

In addition to that German win, Nyaleti also won the Group 2 Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot and the Listed Conqueror Fillies' Stakes at Goodwood. She is a half-sister to Weary, a Group 2 winner in Australia who has also been Group 1-placed on a number of occasions.

We wish Chris Batterham and his partners every success with this well-bred colt.

Readers might also remember the Champion Two-Year-Old filly of 2014 in England, the Kodiak filly **Tiggy Wiggy**. Her wins included the National Stakes at Sandown, the



The Kingman colt out of Seventh Heaven (Becky Wright up)

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**The Frankel colt out of Nyaleti (Chhailu Singh)**

Group 2 Lowther Stakes at York and the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket, and she was also the joint Champion Two-Year-Old Filly in Europe that year.

At Book 2 of the October Yearling Sale, Mark and Charlie acquired a bay colt out of **Tiggy Wiggy** by the legendary sire

**Galileo** for 115,000gns. This June-foaled colt is a full brother to Year of the Tiger, who won a Naas maiden as a juvenile but was sadly fatally injured on his only start at three.

He had shown decent promise by then, finishing fourth in



**The New Approach filly out of Reyaadah (Kiri Snells)**

the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes and third in the Group 1 Vertem Futurity.

This colt was snapped up by Sheikh Hamed Dalmook al Maktoum and we wish him every success with the colt. Incidentally, this colt is just one of three Galileo yearlings Mark and Charlie were able to acquire during the sales, all at a fraction of the cost of the late stallion's last covering fee.

Last, but not least, at Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Johnston Racing acquired a chestnut filly by **New Approach** out of the Tamayuz mare **Reyaadah**, consigned by Castlehyde Stud in Fermoy, for €30,000 and subsequently purchased by Jaber Abdullah.

A five-time Group 1 winner whose career highlights included wins in the Derby and both the English and Irish versions of the Champion Stakes, New Approach has had a consistently excellent stud career, producing Classic winners of the calibre of Dawn Approach and Masar and worldwide money-spinners such as Cascadian.

Reyaadah won a Newmarket maiden on her debut and was campaigned solely at Group/Listed level thereafter, finishing third in the Group 3 Sweet Solera Stakes and second in Haydock's Listed Dick Hern Fillies' Stakes. In the paddocks she produced a full-sister to this filly, Tamreer, who won three races and earned just short of £100,000. In particular, Tamreer won the valuable Sky Bet Handicap at York over a mile and a half.

In next month's Klarion we'll introduce you to another handful of juveniles looking to become 'value for money' winners for Johnston Racing's owners in 2023!



**The Galileo colt out of Tiggy Wiggy (Katie Williams)**



**Sennockian (Rebecca Wingate)**