

Partnerships among the winners

JOHNSTON RACING's April campaign saw the partnerships notch up a couple of winners and a near miss as the Flat season proper kicked in.

On April 9, Kingsley Park 31's **Timewave** landed a Southwell handicap in good style. The Sea The Stars gelding was a winner at Kempton in January over a mile and a half, and having suffered a reverse at Wolverhampton in March, Timewave was seeking a return to the winner's enclosure at Southwell over the same distance.

Daniel Muscutt took the ride on Timewave and, from the outset, he was content to sit in second place behind the early leader, Queenmambo. Sent to challenge for the lead as the small field swung into the straight, Timewave forged clear of the three remaining runners, allowing his jockey to ease him down in the final strides.

At the winning post, Timewave had prevailed by a length and a half and half a length respectively from Queenmambo and Sovereign Spirit.

This was a second career success for Timewave, who, on the evidence of this run, looks as though he would stay beyond the mile and a half in time. His dam, the Zafeen mare, Five Fifteen, was a Listed winner in France over 12 furlongs.

Then on April 13, Kingsley Park 28 – Gold's **Centre Court** pounced in a Newcastle handicap.

Having made a promising seasonal debut at Lingfield on April 7, Centre Court lined up at Newcastle against six rivals, headed by the favourite, Calypso. Joe Fanning took the ride on Centre Court, who was stepping up to a mile for the first time. The field were racing over Newcastle's straight mile course, with Centre Court drawn on the far side of the track.

Centre Court, a three-year-old filly by Showcasing, started briskly and soon led, having edged towards the centre of the course. Pushed along by Joe two furlongs from home, the filly went clear of her rivals.

Keeping on strongly, she scored by three and a half lengths from Tiamat, with



Centre Court wins at Newcastle under Joe Fanning

Calypso a length away in third.

'The mile suited her today,' said a delighted Joe Fanning after the race. 'I thought she ran a blinder. Hopefully she can improve again and she'll be a nice filly this year.'

The partners of KP 28 – Gold will hope Joe is right!

Earlier in the month, on April 7, **Outbreak**, of Kingsley Park 35 – Ready

To Run, looked the likely winner of a valuable mile and a quarter handicap at Lingfield.

The four-year-old Dark Angel gelding led the field into the straight under a positive ride from Andrea Atzeni but was caught in the closing stages by the fast-finishing Diderot and Qaasid, and ended up third, beaten just a length and a short head respectively. ■



Timewave and Daniel Muscutt win at Southwell