



KINGSLEY PARK 35 – Ready To Run Partnership's Outbreak thrilled partners with an impressive win on Newmarket's Rowley Mile course on May 5. The gelding's win sealed a Newmarket double on the day following The Gatekeeper's earlier success.

The four-year-old has been running well this term, landing a Lingfield handicap over a mile in late February.

HQ win for Outbreak

After two decent efforts on the all-weather, Outbreak ran well for a long way in a 0-100 handicap on the Rowley Mile on April 18, before fading in the closing stages.

Returning to Newmarket on May 5, Outbreak contested a 0-90 handicap over a mile and was one of ten horses who went to post for the race. Andrea Atzeni took the

Outbreak and Andrea Atzeni win in stormy conditions at Newmarket

ride.

Unusually, the race was started by flag because of safety concerns due to the stormy conditions. Azano was quickly away under Danny Tudhope towards the far side of the track, and Andrea decided to track the leader, in the process getting a lovely tow into the race.

Noted making smooth progress on Azano's outer two furlongs out, Outbreak hit the front soon after and kept on stylishly for Andrea to score by a length and a quarter from the early leader. The front pair pulled almost five lengths clear of the third horse, Cabinet of Clowns, and recorded a time significantly faster than that recorded by the winner of the Group 2 bet365 Mile earlier on the card.

Surprisingly, the stewards enquired into what they regarded as an apparent improvement in Outbreak's form here. Andrea's post-race comments seemed to sum it up.

'Outbreak got into a good rhythm and was suited by the better ground today,' he said.

The win saw Outbreak's official rating jump up to 97 (he started the year on a mark of 78). All being well, partners can look forward to a trip to Royal Ascot to see the Dark Angel gelding run. ■



Members of KP 35 celebrate Outbreak's victory at Newmarket

Darkness has the Edge

EDGE OF Darkness, owned by Kingsley Park 30, scored his first success for the partnership at Thirsk on May 20, with a comfortable win in a restricted novice stakes run over a mile and a half.

The son of Australia, gelded over the winter, made his seasonal reappearance in a Haydock handicap at Haydock on May 13. Slowly away, he made rapid headway to race in second after a couple of furlongs, and although he briefly led three furlongs out, he was run out of things in the closing stages and finished sixth.

Edge of Darkness faced six rivals at Thirsk, where Andrew Mullen took the ride. In the early stages, Charli Sands made the running at an ordinary gallop, while Edge of Darkness was nicely settled in second.

Turning for home, Edge of Darkness was sent into the lead with fully two furlongs to race. Travelling strongly against the far rail, he never looked like being caught and kept on well to score by a length and three-quarters from Moush, with O'Dells Star two and three-quarter lengths back in third.

By Australia, Edge of Darkness is out of the Lawman mare, Force of Darkness, whose racing career extended across Ireland, France and the United States. The winner of Deauville's Group 3 Prix Minerve over an extended mile and a half, perhaps her career best performance came when she was beaten only by two short necks in the Group 1 Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp.

With stamina on his dam's side of the pedigree, Edge of Darkness will presumably stay further as the season progresses. ■



Edge Of Darkness and his KP 30 owners at Thirsk