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KP PARTNERSHIP NEWS



WITH JULY's campaign largely curtailed by the prevailing wet conditions, partnership runners were relatively thin on the ground and a winner proved elusive.

However, with the Qatar Goodwood Festival due to start as the Klarion went to print, we thought it timely to look back on a particularly notable Goodwood win for the partnerships -- the 2018 success of Dark Vision in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes.

A bay colt by Dream Ahead out of the Dansili mare Black Dahlia, Dark Vision was foaled on February 16, 2016, and bought by Johnston Racing for just 15,000gns as part of Book 2 at Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Allocated to the Kingsley Park 10 partnership, he made a decent start to his racecourse career, following up a win in a Yarmouth novice event with an emphatic success in a Class 3 event at York, both wins coming in July.

The timing was right for an outing at

Dark Vision's Vintage Stakes

Glorious Goodwood, but Mark Johnston was torn between running him in nursery company or targeting the Vintage Stakes.

Taking the bold option, Dark Vision was declared for the Vintage Stakes and faced 11 rivals on the day. Ridden by Silvestre de Sousa, the Kingsley Park colt started as the 100/30 favourite.

It was to prove an eventful race. Not particularly well away from the stalls, Dark Vision seemed to find trouble in running early on and dropped to the last pair after two furlongs. Silvestre bided his time, keeping Dark Vision close to the rail.

Although he closed somewhat in the straight, it wasn't until he was switched to the left that he began to run on. Dark

Vision then made ground hand over fist, hitting the front with half a furlong to race. He won going away from the second horse, Dunkerron, by a length.

It was a hugely impressive performance, with the colt flying from last to first with a

devastating burst which completely eclipsed his rivals.

Godolphin were among those to have taken note of the performance, and soon they were to make the partnership an offer for the horse that simply could not be refused.

ALL in all, Dark Vision's stunning display on the Downs gave the Kingsley Park 10 partners a wonderful day to remember.

The full story of Dark Vision's success, as well as the exploits of his fellow KP 10 horses, Victory Command and Seductive Moment, can be read in Robin Holleyhead's excellent book, The Golden Partnership, which is available to purchase through Amazon. ■



Dark Vision wins under Silvestre de Sousa at Glorious Goodwood