



New Partnership offers

THE ONSET of the yearling sales always heralds renewed interest in our successful and popular Kingsley Park Partnerships.

Readers of this magazine will be aware of the high-profile winners who have graced the colours of our partnerships across the years – Dark Vision, Rose of Kildare, Poet's Society and Dancing King to name but a few. Once again, we are delighted to offer prospective partners, old and new, the chance to join in one of our partnerships and to enjoy the thrill of owning horses like these for just a fraction of the cost.

Our partnership offers this autumn follow the now familiar styles of our existing partnerships. Two of them will involve horses purchased as part of the current round of yearling sales, while the other will comprise two horses to be purchased at Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale, due to take place at the end of October.

Anybody interested in one or more of these partnerships should contact the racing administration team at Kingsley Park on 01969 622237, or by email to info@johnston.racing.

KP 38

Kingsley Park 38 follows our standard partnership model. It will consist of 20 shares in three yearlings to be purchased in the current round of yearling sales, with a view to racing for the partnership in 2024/25.

Prospective partners can secure a share either by (a) making a one-off payment of £8,750 into the partnership bank account, or (b) by paying a deposit of £3,850 and setting up a standing order to pay six, monthly instalments of £900. For each of the three horses taken on into a second year of training, a further payment of £1,900 will be required (or 12 monthly instalments of £170) in November 2024.

Johnston Racing Limited will hold one 1/20th share at no cost, but will waive its usual 5% commission on sale.



Frankie does a flying dismount from partnership winner Poet's Society

KP 39 - GOLD

Kingsley Park 39 – Gold is similar to the standard model, but it is anticipated that the yearling purchase costs will be at a higher level. It will consist of 20 shares in three yearlings to be purchased in the current round of yearling sales, with a view to racing for the partnership in 2024/25.

Prospective partners can secure a share either by (a) making a one-off payment of £16,450 into the partnership bank account, or (b) by paying a deposit of £7,700 and setting up a standing order to pay six, monthly instalments of £1,550. For each of the three horses taken on into a second year of training, a further payment of £1,900 will be required (or 12 monthly instalments of £170) in November 2024. Johnston Racing Limited will hold one 1/20th share at no cost, but will waive its usual 5% commission on sale.

KP 40 READY TO RUN

Kingsley Park 40 – Ready To Run.

This partnership follows on the success of previous 'ready to run' partnerships, which consist of two horses, purchased at the Horses-in-Training sale with a view to racing across 2023/2024, and then being sold at the 2024 Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale.

It will consist of 20 shares in these two horses and will last until November 2024. Prospective partners can secure a share either by (a) making a one-off payment of £6,000 into the partnership bank account, or (b) paying a deposit of £3,000 and setting up a standing order to pay six, monthly instalments of £600.

Johnston Racing Limited will hold one 1/20th share at no cost, but will waive its usual 5% commission on sale.

As ever, these new Kingsley Park partnership offers are underpinned by the two essential and re-assuring pillars of the Kingsley Park Partnership brand.

Firstly, the partnerships are underwritten by Johnston Racing Limited.

This guarantees that no partner will ever be asked to contribute more than the sum to which they agreed at the outset of the partnership.

Secondly, the partnerships are charged Johnston Racing's inclusive daily training fee; this includes the cost of all veterinary treatments and medical costs. So there will be no nasty surprises, cost wise, if one of the horses needs treatment.

Lastly, people thinking about assuming sole ownership of a horse in the future would do well to gain some experience in a partnership, as, especially with a number of horses in a partnership, you will gain an insight into things you might not previously have considered, e.g. how much it costs to enter certain races at certain tracks. ■

KINGSLEY PARK 30's Edge of Darkness has been very much the star of the partnership horses during the last few weeks.

Successful at Thirsk in a novice event over a mile and a half in May, the

Australia gelding won twice in a week in early August. He returned to the Yorkshire track on August 5, as one of two three-year-olds taking on older horses in the mile and a half handicap. Weather conditions were markedly different than on his previous visit, with the ground soft after all the rain at the beginning of the month.

Ridden by Jack Mitchell, Edge of Darkness led from the outset, with Oasis Prince and Glittering Choice disputing the lead at various times. Turning for home, Edge of Darkness had a clear lead as the field crossed to the stands' side of the track. Glittering Choice was first to weaken, as Benadalid made progress into second on the outer. Billy No Mates

Edge of Darkness leads the way

also moved closer, as Oasis Prince fell away.

Meantime, Edge of Darkness kept on stoutly and as he was able to race on the rail in the closing stages, he galloped strongly to the line to score by a length and three-quarters from Billy No Mates, with Benadalid a head back in third.

The ground had changed again at Newmarket when Edge of Darkness attempted to land his hat-trick on August 12. Seven went to post for the mile and a half handicap on the July course, where the surface was good, good to firm in places. Jack once again took the ride on the gelding, who raced off a mark 4lb higher than at Thirsk.

Topweight Sea Grey set out to make

all the running, with Edge of Darkness racing in second on his outer. With two furlongs left to race, Rossa Ryan sent D Day Arvalenreeva into the lead, but Edge of Darkness showed great resolve and launched a

challenge on her outer. Keeping on strongly on the rising ground, Edge of Darkness pulled clear in the closing stages to score by three and a quarter lengths from the filly, with Tajanis a neck away in third.

A good turnout of partners was on hand to welcome Edge of Darkness back into the winner's enclosure. Charlie Johnston was delighted by the win.

'The only question mark was the ground,' Charlie told the racing press, 'as Edge of Darkness won on heavy last time. He's not had much racing and is just finding his feet really.'

Clearly on the upgrade, and now raised to a mark of 84, Edge of Darkness was entered in the Melrose Handicap at York's Ebor meeting. This is one of the racing calendar's best three-year-old handicaps and is run over a mile and three-quarters.

Ridden by Jason Hart, the gelding was sent into the lead after a furlong or so, pursued by Hollie Doyle on True Legend. He was still going strong as he led the 13-strong field into the straight. Collared four furlongs out, Edge of Darkness weakened in the later stages, but finished a creditable ninth.



Edge Of Darkness at Kingsley Park

EDGE of Darkness is out of the Lawman mare, Forces of Darkness, who won the Group 3 Prix Minerve at Deauville over an extended mile and a half and was Group 1-placed in the Prix Saint-Alary. Being by the double Derby winner, Australia, and having such stamina on the distaff side, Edge of Darkness is pretty sure to stay a mile and three-quarters in time.

Other partnership horses to run with credit in August included Mister Daydream (KP 32 – The Originals), who lost a shoe in finishing a half-length second in a Musselburgh maiden, and KP 37-Gold's Rosenzoo, who finished a close-up third in a Newcastle nursery event. ■