

THE FOURTH-generation, Lanwades Stud-bred **Francophone** made a thoroughly impressive debut at Ayr on August 7.

The juvenile filly, part of the first crop of the Lanwades-based stallion Study Of Man, was sent north to contest a fillies' novice event over seven furlongs. A field of seven fillies went to post, and Joe Fanning took the ride.

Francophone was sent into the lead on the rail, pursued in the early stages by Misemerald and Flow So Gently. Turning for home, Joe steered the filly towards the centre of the track, with Misemerald racing on her outer and Flow So Gently travelling on her inner.

As Misemerald began to challenge, Joe asked

ROUNDUP

... of the yard's August winners

Francophone for her effort, and without having to be ridden too strongly the filly began to pull clear of her rivals, scoring by two and a half lengths from Misemerald, with Roman Secret a length and a half back in third.

Wadacre Gomez ran well at Chelmsford in July when finishing third in a Class 4 handicap, and duly stepped up on that performance when taking up the running in the last furlong to land a handicap over a mile and a quarter at the same track on August 8.

Wadacre Stud's Brazen Beau colt, ridden by Franny Norton, faced 11 other three-year-olds and led on the rail until Born Ruler was sent to the head of affairs after three furlongs. Once headed, Franny was happy to settle Wadacre Gomez in third.

Turning for home Born Ruler continued to lead, pressed by Wadacre Gomez and Forest Demon. Franny was able to take advantage of a nice split on the rail and sent his mount into the lead just inside the final furlong. The colt kept on strongly to score by a length from Fleur De Mer, with Born Ruler three-quarters of a length back in third.

Sayidh Kingman opened her winning account at Kempton on August 9.

Jaber Abdullah's Kingman juvenile filly, who had shown ability in four previous runs this term, faced nine rivals in a competitive nursery over six furlongs. William Buick took the ride.

The field was well bunched early on but on taking the bend Sayidh Kingman was racing in fourth, on the outside of Via Electriano as Mariamne made the running. Asked for her effort two furlongs out, Sayidh Kingman made gradual progress at first but in the final furlong pulled clear to score by three and a quarter lengths from Mariamne.

Apparently suited by the switch to the all-weather, Sayidh Kingman is out of the Street Cry mare, You're Back. Representing Godolphin, You're Back was a winner in France over seven furlongs and was Listed-placed in Germany over the same distance.

The stable recorded an across-the-card double on August 17 with wins

Love De Vega is out of the Motivator mare, Ribble, who was a half-sister to the Al Quoz Sprint winner, The Right Man. He has now won three of his 12 races, acting both on a sound and a soft racing surface.

Johnston Racing's **Ask Peter** has largely

acted as a tutor for young stable apprentice Archie Young this term, and the pair combined to score a decisive win in the staying handicap which brought the Hamilton card to a close.

The Jukebox Jury filly was sent into the lead from the outset in the mile and a half handicap in which she faced six rivals. Archie asked his filly to increase the pace as the field climbed to the highest point of the course, and although the field closed slightly she kicked clear as they met the rising ground and kept on well to score by two and a half lengths from Aighear.

Ask Peter is out of the Zafonic mare, Attima, who raced at two in France before going on to land Grade 2 events around a mile at Hollywood Park and Del Mar.

A decent treble for the stable then, achieved at odds of just under 180/1, with our three winners all ridden by different jockeys! ■



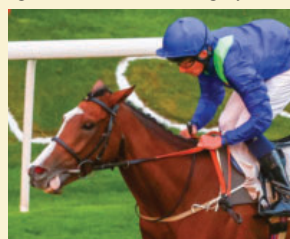
Johnston Racing enjoyed a special evening at Hamilton Park on August 14 when Dreams Adozen, Love De Vega and Ask Peter provided an exciting treble.

Deva Racing's **Dreams Adozen** (pictured above) lined up for a restricted maiden over 11 furlongs, with Jason Hart taking the ride. The Kingman filly led early on until three furlongs out when all of her rivals closed on her but could never quite get on terms.

She stayed on well to score by a length and three-quarters from Weigh Anchor. This was an overdue first success for Dreams Adozen, who is out of the Motivator mare, Ferevia, who won the Group 3 Prix Penelope over 10 furlongs at Saint-Cloud. The filly was purchased by Mark at Arqana's August Yearling Sale in 2021 for €60,000.

Coincidentally, the second winner in the treble was also out of a Motivator mare. **Love De Vega**, Mick Doyle's four-year-old colt by Lope De Vega, was having his third start of the season in a six-furlong event against five rivals. Ben Curtis was on board.

Iris Dancer and Sound Reason dominated the pace as Love De Vega raced towards the rear in the early stages. However, his stamina began to show and the further they raced the better he travelled. Taking the lead a furlong out the colt held on well to score by a length and a half from Iris Dancer.



Ask Peter and Archie Young

for **Doubletalk** at Beverley and **Bohemian Breeze** at Ayr. A step up in trip, a favoured low draw and an enterprising ride from Ben Curtis all conspired to allow Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's Doubletalk to open her winning account in a nursery run over seven and a half furlongs on The Westwood.

Smartly away from the stalls, Ben asked the Night Of Thunder filly to make the running against the rail in an event of 12 runners. She was pursued initially by Loubiere, although Whatwouldiknow took over in second around the halfway mark.

Travelling strongly, the front pair pulled clear of the field with a furlong to race. As Doubletalk began to tire she drifted a little to her left, but to her credit she dug deep to hold on to defeat Whatwouldiknow by three-quarters of a length.

Doubletalk is out of the First American mare Dutota Desejada, who raced in Brazil where she won four races.

Bohemian Breeze, a three-year-old Galileo gelding owned by Mrs Jane Newett, contested a maiden handicap at Ayr over 10 furlongs, with Oli Stammers aboard.

AS Tremendous Times made the running Oli was content to race in midfield. Making steady progress on the outer from the three-furlong pole, Bohemian Breeze took the lead with over a furlong to race and was always doing enough to score by half a length from Run Simba.

The gelding was bred by Coolmore. He is the first foal out of the Mastercraftsman mare, Wind Chimes, who finished third in the Poule d'Essai Des Poulisches (French Guineas). She went on to win the Group 3 Prix de Lieurey at Deauville before finishing a head second to Recoletos in the Group 1 Prix du Moulin.

A treble came on August 19 thanks to wins for **Lincoln Legacy** at Newmarket and **Spirit Catcher** and **Blue Antares** at Ripon.

Lincoln Legacy, a Footstepsinthesand filly owned by GPS Heart Of Racing (Bloodstock) Limited, was one of seven runners in a fillies' maiden over seven furlongs of the July course. Franny Norton took the ride.

Slowly into her stride, Lincoln Legacy found herself racing in last place and was still there three furlongs out. But then she was able to get a clear run and having taken the lead with a furlong to run she stayed on well to score by a length and a quarter from Expensive Queen.

Purchased by Johnston Racing for €36,000 at Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale last year, Lincoln Legacy is out of the Danehill mare, Crystal Valkyrie, a two-year-old winner over six furlongs.

Spirit Catcher contested a handicap over a mile at Ripon and faced 11 rivals, with Joe Fanning riding. The four-year-old gelding started well and raced in third for much of the trip before being nudged along by Joe approaching the two-furlong pole.

He edged ahead with a furlong to race and, keeping on strongly, pulled clear in the final furlong to score easily by five and a half lengths from Challet.

Five days later, Spirit Catcher was sent to York for a



Francophone wins at Ayr under Joe Fanning

valuable mile handicap at the Ebor Meeting. Racing off a stiffer mark, he performed with great credit finishing third of the 19 runners.

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Lincoln Legacy wins under Franny Norton at Newmarket

The treble was completed when Blue Antares won easily in the mile and a half handicap for three-year-olds at Ripon.

Pat Fitzsimons's Frankel colt was one of eight runners and Joe was in the saddle.

Blue Antares was held up in rear until around five furlongs from home when he started to make rapid progress and swept by the entire field to go well clear with a quarter of a mile to run. Heavily eased in the final furlong, he won by three lengths from Lincoln Rockstar.

The colt is out of the Royal Applause mare Scarlett Rose, making him a half-brother to the Group 1-winning sprinter Blue Point (by Shamardal).

After a cracking duel with Thunder Ball throughout the final furlong of the City of Chichester Handicap at Goodwood on August 27, **The Gatekeeper** was awarded the race in the stewards' room.

The Excelebration gelding, a four-year-old owned by Middleham Park Racing XIV, had run three days earlier in an ultra-competitive heritage handicap over a mile at York. At Goodwood, he faced four rivals, and Rossa Ryan took the ride.

Approaching the final furlong The Gatekeeper was sent to challenge the leader Thunder Ball, and after a titanic battle that rival was deemed

to have won by a nose But the stewards held an enquiry into the race as Thunder

Ball had carried The Gatekeeper left, off his intended line, in the closing stages and given the narrow margin the stewards awarded The Gatekeeper his third win of the season.

Fox Flame secured her second win of the year when staying on well to defeat a big field in a Southwell handicap on August 28. The Iffraaj filly, bred and owned in partnership by Alan Spence and Mr and Mrs P Hargreaves, was one of three three-year-olds in a field of 14 who went to post for the 12-furlong race with Jack Mitchell aboard.

Fox Flame raced in midfield until, turning for home, she went to the front with a furlong to run. She kept on well, though arguably idled a little in the closing stages. Notwithstanding that, she crossed the line a length clear of Kehlani, with Spring Glow a length and a quarter back in third.

ON August 30, the day **Carolina Reaper** won a Group 3 in Germany, Johnston Racing also chalked up a double at Musselburgh and a third win at Kempton.

Gone Rogue, a two-year-old homebred colt by Gustav Klimt and owned by Mrs Christine Budden and Partners, contested a seven-furlong restricted maiden with eight runners. Jason Hart rode.

Gone Rogue went straight into the lead, followed by Ready Or Nott who had had the ideal draw on the inside rail. The market leader Character Testing challenged Gone Rogue from two furlongs out, but the colt dug deep to hold off his rival and win by three-quarters of a length.

Gone Rogue is out of Mrs Budden's Holy Roman Emperor mare Assault On Rome and is thus a full-brother to the same owners' Gone.

The double was completed in the seven-furlong handicap



Blue Antares wins at Ripon under Joe Fanning

when Mick Doyle's **Love De Vega**, a four-year-old colt by Lope De Vega, saw off four rivals, ridden by Ben Curtis.

The colt made all the running and as his rivals gathered to launch a challenge, Ben asked his mount to find more with

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YORKINDNESS IS VERY MUCH AT HOME AT PONTEFRACT



PAUL YORK's four-year-old filly Yorkkindness clearly likes it at Pontefract, having won on each of the three times she has run at the west Yorkshire track.

Her latest two wins came last month and added to what is a decent record in her racing career to date. A homebred daughter of Nathaniel, Yorkkindness is out of Paul's Dalakhani mare, Yorkkidding, who herself carried Paul's colours to eight wins when trained by Mark Johnston between 2014 to 2017.

Yorkkindness has run 20 times in all. She has won four, been second four times and finished third twice, giving a win strike rate of 25% and a placed strike rate of 50%. She has earned her owner-breeder £32,000 in prize-money to date.

At Pontefract, her three wins have come over a distance of two miles one furlong. On August 9, she faced seven rivals and was ridden by Joe Fanning. The only filly in the field, she was settled in third on the inside rail as Champagne City and Giovanni Change made the early running.

When Champagne City began to weaken, Giovanni Change pressed on into the lead, with Ashington moving

forward to give chase.

Meantime Joe waited patiently on Yorkkindness. Approaching the final bend, El Borracho moved closer as Ashington struck for home. El Borracho took over in the lead with a furlong to race, but Joe manoeuvred Yorkkindness out to challenge on the outer, and the filly stayed on strongly to take over in the final 50 yards, winning by half a lengths from El Borracho.

YORKINDNESS, up 3lb, returned to Pontefract on August 20, this time to face six rivals, and again Joe was on board. She was quickly away, but Joe was happy to allow Desert Quest to make the running before striking for home with two furlongs to race. Although Miss Cynthia stuck close to the inner rail and initially looked a danger, Yorkkindness was always doing enough to win and came home a length and a half ahead of her.

'Yorkkindness loves it round here and she loves getting a lead,' winning jockey Joe Fanning told the Klarion.

'When there's no gallop she's a bit too keen, but when she can get in behind one she switches off and she's grand. She stays all day!' ■



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Gone Rogue wins at Musselburgh under Jason Hart

just over a furlong to race. Love De Vega responded well, stretching clear in the closing stages to score by two and a quarter lengths from Abduction.

Now the winner of four races, Love De Vega is clearly in top form and it will be interesting to see if he can land the hat-trick, whether over six furlongs or seven.

At Kempton, **Tenerife Sunshine** made it a double for Mick Doyle when winning a handicap over a mile and three furlongs at Kempton Park. The Lope De Vega colt, having

his first run in 326 days, faced eight rivals in a race restricted to three-year-olds, and Kevin Stott took the ride.

With a furlong and a half to race the colt was last, but at that point his stamina kicked in and he responded bravely to Kevin's urgings and got up to win by a length and a quarter from Maso Bastie.

Tenerife Sunshine is out of the Sea The Stars mare, Yarrow. She won over a mile and a half and was Listed-placed in the Pontefract Castle Stakes. ■



Love De Vega scored three times in August for owner Mick Doyle



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