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True Wisdom gallops under
Jason Hart at Kingsley Park

True Wisdom steps up

IT'S ONE of the fascinations of British racing that some races, in themselves relatively unimportant, have become notable because of the horses that have contested or won them in previous years.

One such race is the EBF mile juvenile maiden on Newmarket's July Course, the 2023 renewal of which took place on August 18. For back in 2010, two colts finished clear of the field in this race; the debutants were none other than Frankel and Nathaniel, with the legendary Frankel coming out on top by half a length.

In 2017, the four-time Group 1 winner Roaring Lion made a winning debut in this event, too, as did the subsequent Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes winner, Coroebus, in 2021.

So in landing this year's renewal of such an important race for uncovering juvenile talent, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's True Wisdom has certainly given notice of her arrival on the juvenile scene.

The Le Havre filly made her debut at the Qatar Goodwood Festival, where she was one of the stable's horses to contest the Tatler Maiden Fillies' Stakes, run over seven furlongs on soft ground. There she ran prominently from the outset, racing in third until gradually weakening in the final quarter of a mile.

Conditions were markedly different at Newmarket, where the going was good to firm. Seven runners went to post for the race, including Odyssey, who had finished third in the Group

2 Superlative Stakes over seven furlongs of the July Course. Joe Fanning was aboard True Wisdom, the only filly in the race, who was sent off the outsider of the field at 33/1.

From the off, the field split into two groups. While Kingdom Of Time, an 800,000gns yearling, and Odyssey disputed the lead on the stands' side, True Wisdom led a group of four in the middle of the track.

Travelling strongly throughout, True Wisdom kept on strongly as the field met the rising ground and although Bellum Justum tried hard to get on terms, the filly kept on well to score by half a length, with Odyssey two and a quarter lengths back in third.

Bred by Godolphin, True Wisdom is out of the Galileo mare, Dalkova. A grand-daughter of the Group 2 Prix de Royallieu winner, Dalara, Dalkova won three races, including the Listed Corrib Fillies' Stakes at the Galway Festival. True Wisdom is the fifth of six foals out of the mare, and the fourth scorer.

CONNECTIONS will doubtless wait to see how the filly comes out of this memorable race before firming up future plans for True Wisdom.

Incidentally, remember that race when Frankel beat Nathaniel? Back in the field that day, finishing 11th of the 12 runners, was our own Colour Vision, who went on to win four times for the yard, and then landed the Ascot Gold Cup as a four-year-old when transferred to Saeed Bin Suroor.