



Volcanology scores at Brighton

HAVING JUST her second racecourse start, Kingsley Park 33's Volcanology landed a Brighton maiden on October 10.

The Phoenix Of Spain filly made her debut at Yarmouth on September 21 in a mile maiden run on good to soft ground. There, she showed decent pace to make the running under Rossa Ryan. Headed before the furlong marker, she faded in the closing stages to finish fifth of the seven runners.

At Brighton, Volcanology faced six rivals in a restricted maiden over a mile. In contrast to Yarmouth, the going was good to firm. The market leader, Prometeo, started as an odds-on chance while Volcanology, drawn on the outside, was ridden by Franny Norton.

Franny rides Brighton's unique track well, and he soon had Volcanology in the lead. By the time the field raced across Wilson Avenue, he had brought the filly over to the inside rail and led by a length or two.

Mysterious Soul looked a real threat to Volcanology in the closing stages but, despite edging left, the filly responded well to keep on strongly to the line,

scoring by two lengths. The favourite Prometeo kept on well in the final furlong to take second, with Mysterious Soul a neck back in third.

Volcanology saw the mile out strongly and, again, showed good speed to lead the field early on.

This was an 11th winner for the Irish National Stud's first-season sire, Phoenix of Spain. Volcanology is out of the Lawman mare, Kiltara, who was trained by Mark Johnston to win three races for Ballylinch Stud in 2015/16. Kiltara is a half-sister to the Group 1 winner Opinion, and to the Deutsches St Leger winner, Fox Hunt.

Edge Of Darkness too good at Musselburgh

KINGSLEY PARK 30's Edge of Darkness stepped down in class and trip to score comfortably at Musselburgh on October 16.

The Australia gelding has enjoyed a successful season for the partnership, winning three times to date (twice at Thirsk and once on Newmarket's July Course), and last time out he was a decent second in a handicap over a mile and

three-quarters at Redcar on October 7.

In advance of his trip to the Horses-In-Training Sales, connections decided to take the opportunity of targeting a fourth win of the year in a seller over an extended mile and a half of the East Lothian course.

Seven went to post for the race, with Andrew Mullen taking the ride on Edge of Darkness. As Skilled Warrior headed into the lead, Andrew was content to settle Edge Of Darkness in fifth, racing within four or five lengths of the leader.

Once in line for home, he asked Edge of Darkness to improve. The gelding made steady progress, taking over in front with two furlongs to race. Despite hanging a little to the right, Edge Of Darkness won by three and a quarter lengths from Achnamara, with Skilled Warrior a nose back in third.

Timewave on the mark at Kempton

TIMEWAVE LANDED a third win of the season when winning a Kempton handicap on October 18. Successful at Kempton in January and at Southwell in April, both over a mile and a half, the Kingsley Park 31's Sea The Stars gelding had run a dozen times in all this year before lining up at Kempton.

Stepping up in trip again to a mile and a half, Timewave faced 11 rivals and was one of just three three-year-olds in the field. He was ridden by Oli Stammers.

As Nonsuch Lad and Largo Bay joust for the early lead, Oli was content to settle Timewave in midfield, travelling in eighth. Nicely settled and travelling well, Timewave was angled out by Oli approaching the two-furlong pole to launch a challenge on the outer.

Running on strongly, he took the lead inside the final furlong and held on well to score from Big Jimbo and Largo Bay, the distances being a length and a neck.

This was a decent performance from Timewave in advance of his trip to the sales.



Timewave wins at Kempton under Oli Stammers