



KP PARTNERSHIP NEWS



First runner, first winner

THE FIRST runner for any of the Kingsley Park Partnerships this year was Coppersmith, who made a belated debut for Kingsley Park 36 at Kempton on February 3.

The Mastercraftsman colt, who was unraced as a juvenile, was sent to contest the second division of a restricted maiden race over a mile which had attracted a field of eight runners. One of only two debutants in the field, Coppersmith was ridden by Joe Fanning and was well drawn on the inside rail.

Quickest away was Jaunty Lady, but Coppersmith soon took over in the lead with Thelastwinterarrow prominent on his outer. That rival pushed on into the lead with five furlongs to race, but by

the time the field turned for home, Coppersmith had regained a narrow advantage. With a quarter of a mile to run, Coppersmith still led, but both Mr Swivell and Belcamo had begun to make forward runs.

Keeping on well for Joe, Coppersmith edged a little to his right in the final furlong, but was always doing enough to hold off his challengers, and passing the post, he was ahead by a length from Mr Swivell, with Make A Scene a further two lengths back in third. The time of the race compared favourably with the first division of the race and also the opening apprentice handicap on the card.

Charlie Johnston was pleased with the colt's opening run.

'He was quite green beforehand and in the race,' he said.

'He should improve plenty. I'm sure he'll get further than this mile in due course.'

Bred by Kirsten Rausing, Coppersmith is the first foal out of the Leroidesanimaux mare, Akvavera. She won a fillies' novice event at Beverley over seven and a half furlongs at two, and two handicaps around a mile at Sandown and Epsom as a three-year-old. She was then placed fourth in the Listed Fleur de Lys Fillies' Stakes at Lingfield.

While it's hard to assess the merit of the beaten horses here, this was a decent first run by Coppersmith and one which delighted the KP 36 partners! ■

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