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Worth Waiting, who has an Al Kazeem foal half-sister, wins the Aphrodite Stakes impressively at Newmarket yesterday

Timely boost for breeder as improving Worth Waiting impresses in Aphrodite

By Mark Scully

WHATTON MANOR STUD bosses were toasting the impressive victory of Worth Waiting in yesterday's Listed Smarke's Betting Exchange Aphrodite Stakes at Newmarket, a result that provides a timely boost with another busy yearling sales season around the corner.

A winner of each of her last two starts, Worth Waiting was well backed and once in the clear on the July course she powered away to score by a comfortable length and three-quarters, in turn becoming the third individual stakes winner for Juddmonte's Bated Breath.

Edward Player, of the Nottinghamshire-based Whatton Manor Stud that bred Worth Waiting, was full of praise for the filly's trainer David Lanigan and believes the best could yet be to come if she is given the opportunity.

"We're absolutely delighted," said Player. "Breeding any Listed winner is always exciting because it's not easy to do, so we're thrilled."

"We always thought she was a lovely yearling. She was quite tall but we liked her a lot and David has been very patient with her. She's clearly improved a lot for the step up in trip and the way

First-season sires with runners today in GB & Ireland

Sire	Progeny	Race
Alhebayeb	Aishling's Vision	Curragh 1.45
Alhebayeb	Tosen Shauna	Curragh 1.45
Bungle Inthejungle	Porterinthjungle	Curragh 1.45
Gale Force Ten	Zalmi Force	Redcar 2.00
Gregorian	Dancin Boy	Redcar 2.00
Kingman	Kingson	Redcar 2.00
Kingman	Wild Hope	Redcar 2.00
Moohaajim	Urban Light	Curragh 2.20
Slade Power	Mad Power	Curragh 1.45

Sea The Stars on the mark as Class excels in Classic

By Mark Scully

SEA OF CLASS came of age in a memorable finish to yesterday's Darley Irish Oaks at the Curragh, downing Epsom heroine Forever Together in the shadow of the post to become the latest Classic scorer for the great Sea The Stars.

In a performance her illustrious sire would have been proud of, Sea Of Class was switched off at the rear of the field by James Doyle and given every chance to prove her stamina under the most patient of rides.

It looked as if Galileo's Oaks winner Forever Together was about to become a dual Classic winner but Sea Of Class got up in the dying strides instead to join Taghrooda, Harzand and Sea The Moon as Classic winners for the Gilltown Stud-based sire.

Yesterday's race presented Galileo with his first opportunity since Kew Gardens' Group 1 success in France last week to equal his sire Sadler's Wells' tally of 73 elite-level scorers and the market had confidence that Magic Wand could do the job.

The Ribblesdale Stakes heroine never really threatened though, and nor did Bye Bye Baby, the other runner in the seven-strong field who could have tied the record.

It was ironic, then, that it should be Galileo's half-brother who provided the winner, in a result that yet again pays tribute to the remarkable broodmare Urban Sea, with four of the first five home boasting her in their pedigrees.



Sea Of Class (right) pounces late to land the Darley Irish Oaks at the Curragh yesterday

10 TODAY'S PLUS 10 RACES Curragh 1.45, 2.20

Galileo's pursuit of the record was of little concern to those behind Sea Of Class, however, including Johnny McKeever, who bought the filly for 170,000gns from the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale on behalf of Ling Tsui's Sunderland Holdings.

"Even at the time I thought to myself what a lovely broodmare, and what we paid for her is easily what she's worth on her breeding," McKeever told Racing Post Bloodstock before yesterday's race.

Those words ring all the more true now with a Group 1 success on her CV on only her fourth start to go along with a pair of Listed successes.

Being so lightly raced, it is not hard to imagine that there is more to come from Sea Of Class.

THIS SEASON'S CLASSIC WINNERS

By sire	Winner, race
Stallion	
Deep Impact	Saxon Warrior, 2,000 Guineas
Champs Elysees	Billesdon Brook, 1,000 Guineas
New Approach	Masar, Derby
Galileo	Forever Together, Oaks
Holy Roman Emperor	Romanised, Irish 2,000 Guineas
Mastercraftsman	Alpha Centauri, Irish 1,000 Guineas
Camelot	Latrobe, Irish Derby
Sea The Stars	Sea Of Class, Irish Oaks

It's anybody's year as Haggas filly strikes in Irish Oaks

IF 2018's British and Irish Classics will be remembered for anything, it will be the extent to which the glory has been shared around a number of different stallions.

Sea Of Class's success means that all eight of the Classics run in Britain and Ireland have gone to runners by different sires – a far cry from the dominance by Galileo of recent seasons.

Mark Scully

Delight for Doyles as father-son team unearth another Super Sprint scorer

By Mark Scully

ROSS DOYLE said the success of Ginger Nut in yesterday's Weatherbys Super Sprint at Newbury gives him renewed excitement to head back to the yearling sales, with the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale in Doncaster a little over a month away.

Ginger Nut was purchased by Doyle and his father Peter for only £23,000 from last year's Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale and was a cosy winner of the £122,925 first prize in the hotly contested Newbury feature.

Remarkably, the Doyle team has purchased three of the last ten winners of the race, which is restricted to horses bought from specific sales for no more than £63,000 and sees weight allocated based on their sale price.

Monsieur Chevalier won the 2009 edition having been picked up for 17,000gns at Tattersalls Book 3 in 2008, while Tiggy

Wiggy, bought for £41,000 at Doncaster, won in 2014 en route to Group 1 glory.

"We've been lucky over the years, myself and Richard [Hannon, trainer] and our fathers before us," said Ross Doyle. "They were always looking for these type of horses and we've just tried to continue it on and keep the process pretty similar."

"We're lucky too to have such a great bunch of owners who allow us to go and by these horses mainly on spec and then take them on trust, so it's great that Ginger Nut has gone and done the business now. She didn't cost a lot and she's gone and won a big pot."

Doyle added: "The ultimate satisfaction comes from buying Group 1 winners, but this gives us massive satisfaction. It's great for Doncaster sales too and for Alice Fitzgerald, who bred the filly, and Richard Hannon's team have done a massive job."

The result was a particularly



Ross Doyle: "This gives us massive satisfaction"

satisfying one for the Doyles, who bought Ginger Nut's sire Sir Prancealot for €140,000 from the 2011 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale and subsequently brokered the deal that sent him to Tally-Ho Stud following his racing career.

"We've had huge success from

him, so it's a great story all around," said Doyle.

The Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale gets under way on August 28 and Doyle will once again be on the hunt for top talent, with the Super Sprint naturally on his mind.

On sourcing a potential winner of the £250,000 race, he said: "There are loads of very good people out there, a huge amount of great judges in our game and a lot of us are looking for the same thing, so you need a bit of luck as well, but you want a good-looking, correct horse with a good attitude."

"The minute we get a good feeling from a horse, that does it for us. We don't try to go back too many times for one we really like – we like to go with our gut feeling."

He added: "The year has flown around but this just gives you a good feeling to get back there now when a filly like this wins a Super Sprint."