

No stopping Glencairn Star now he has found his niche

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HIS Classic hopes may long since have been forgotten, but an eight-day hat-trick could be on the cards today for Glencairn Star, now reinvented as a progressive sprinter.

A week after making all in a six-furlong handicap at Wolverhampton, the three-year-old was caught flat-footed on this step down to the minimum trip but came from off the pace to lead close home and defy a 6lb penalty under Tom Eaves.

The Jim Goldie-trained colt is now set for a quick return to six furlongs in another handicap at Southwell this afternoon, gets no extra penalty and is expected to go very well again.

'Five-furlong pace caught him a bit napping and he has done it well in the end,' said the trainer's son and assistant, also Jim.

'The jockey said he is better at six furlongs and he should go well tomorrow. He had problems as a youngster and he was very colty but he is a lovely big horse and we will give him a break after tomorrow.

'He was entered in the Guineas as we thought a lot of him as a two-year-old - he is out of Bianca Nera, who won the Moyglare Stud Stakes for David Loder.' Doctor's Cave still has theoretical Classic aspirations as he holds an entry in the Derby, though he could manage only second place behind Major Faux Pas in the two-year-old novice stakes.

The winner is unbeaten in two starts but is set to be put away due to limited opportunities before Christmas.

A year to the day that he first sat on a horse, Jim Lawless launched his career

as a jockey by finishing seventh on Airgusta in the one-mile amateur riders' handicap, leading early on but outpaced in the straight and beaten nine and a half lengths at the line.

'The plan was to make the running as he is a stayer, not a sprinter, and I was very happy with that,' said the 35-year-old motivational speaker, who wanted to take up race-riding to land a pounds 1 bet.

'We will keep moving along, the horse and me. I hope he will be out again in ten days. This is not a one-off - it took far too much work.'

Victory went to ex-Irish Colemanstown under Lorraine Ellison, who hopes the handicapper was impressed by her mount's two-length success in a 46-55 affair.

'He did that well and I hope he will go up in the ratings, so he will get in other races,' said the rider, daughter of trainer Brian Ellison.

'The owner Graeme Redpath has spent around 300,000gns on yearlings and it is great to have a winner for him.'

Chris Ely, a 22-year-old apprentice from Liverpool, rode his first winner on Bogaz, who was bought in for 6,500gns after taking the two-year-old seller by seven lengths.

Trainer Paul Blockley completed a double when Ink In Gold took the maiden under Mark Lawson.