

Tara has double the Mystique

TARA FITZPATRICK, the track's leading owner in 2009, added to the fine tally she has already racked up this season with a double - and there was another excellent performance from Ashcarne Nina, while Gilbeyhall Jack gave promise of something good to come.

Belfast-based M/s Fitzpatrick won most of her races last year with members of the homebred Hondo Black - Tylers Classic litter, and it was two of these, Mystique Rosa and Mystique Prince, who clicked on this all-graded card.

Rosa was very impressive. The now winner of eleven (from 22) came in as a replacement, taking her place in the wide outside.

She wasn't as well away as Gibstown Turbo, but showing a nice burst of pace got up alongside Tina McGrane's runner between the two bends.

Maintaining a strong gallop, the March '07 went away to score by almost two lengths in a career-best 21.46.

Most of Mystique Prince's previous six wins were over the sprint distance, but for this outing the strapping 80-pounder was moved up to the 525. It proved no obstacle to him.

Another to wear the stripes, the Fitzpatrick runner lost an early lead to You're Only Joking going down the far side, but after turning for home got back into it. He finished the stronger, getting home with almost three lengths to spare in 29.21.

Ashcarne Nina has got several mentions here in the past, and with very good reason. Alma Delany's daughter of Top Savings and Ashcarne Flojo is as consistent as they come, rarely if ever running below form.

She added to her win count on her 38th outing, bringing up a thirteenth success with her best-ever run.

The race was over the standard distance, and getting away well from three, the three-year-old raced upsides Seeyoujimmy going into the back.

She asserted her authority after that, going on to score by two lengths in 28.84, a career-best and the track's fastest run of the season.

Owner, Barry Cowen, was present to see his youngster, Gilbeyhall Jack, turn in an eye-catching display over the 400.

Winner of his only other race, the Francie Murray-trained June '08 son of Gilbeyhall Josh and Girl With Guitar - a litter-brother of another week-end winner, breeder Kieran Lonergan's And We Will - was last away from five, and was still the whipper-in going to the corner.

But keeping out of harm's way, the well-made black got a run going on the outside. He swept into the lead turning in, before running on to put four-and-a-half lengths between himself and Tyrur Giggs, recording 21.62. His move up in distance will be watched with interest.

Race 1: Toucan Bird, having his first outing since making his debut

back in November, was the convincing winner of this sprint.

Jimmy Slevin's dog made a good break from six and had the legs of the others going to the turn. He raced on well to score by three-and-a-half lengths from Pancho Blue in 21.78.

Race 2: This was a straightforward contest between Bernabeu and Princess Gaga, with the former just getting the verdict.

The Dublin-based bitch, trained by Jason Harris, was led down, but keeping to the inside grabbed the lead turning in. Princess Gaga stayed in touch, however, and was just a head behind the 22.04 winner at the line.

Race 3: Won by Gilbeyhall Jack.

Race 4: Derby-winning trainer, Brendan Mullan, marked his visit to the track this year by steering Glendas Girl to victory in this 525.

Glendas, a Droopys Maldini bitch owned by Daniel O'Hanlon, chased the fast-starting Saint Or Sinner for a good part of the journey.

She took over at the third bend, but before claiming the prize had to withstand a renewed effort of Saint Or Sinner. A short-head divided them in 29.34.

Race 5: Ardsallagh Aoife and Farkland Rocket were the two that interested punters most in this puppy 525, and they were the big players on the track as well.

Farkland Rocket was first to show, but it was Meath runner Ardsallagh who led into the back. Tom Reilly's bitch opened up a four-

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length lead, and looked certain to score comfortably, but Farkland fought back well, and at the line was just a length down.

Bred in the purple, by Droopys Kewell ex Droopys Top Gal, the winner clocked 29.43.

Race 6: Won by Mystique Rosa.

Race 7: German-born Eva Abedi, whose Princess Gaga was just touched off in an earlier race, gained ample compensation with Jaxxy Fantasy taking the only 550 on the card.

A Premier Fantasy bitch, Jaxxy Fantasy made a terrific start from six and was clear when trouble developed among the others at the opening bend. After opening up a huge lead, she finished six lengths

ahead of Massimos Cedais, recording 31.10 for her third win of the season.

Race 8: Second at the track on Friday night after coming in as a reserve, Come Back King went one better in this 525, leading all of the way.

Colm Farrelly's local runner was clear at the opening bend when crowding put an end to the favourite, Catunda Tommy's chances. He went on to lead from Rockview Mick, and had had enough in reserve to hold Priceless Johnno's late run. There was just over a length in it in 29.40.

Race 9: Won by Mystique Prince.

Race 10: Won by Ashcarne Nina.

RACEDAYS: MONDAY-FRI-SAT
PUBLIC TRIALS: Thurs morning, weigh-in 10-11am
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GRADING TIMES

350y - 20.30sec
400y - 22.90 sec
525y - 31.00 sec

TRACK RECORDS

350 - 18.71 sec
400 - 20.95 sec
525 - 28.39 sec
550 - 29.47 sec
575 - 31.14 sec
600 - 32.59 sec
620 - 33.51 sec
670 - 36.47 sec
900 - 49.99 sec

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