

Gundowry off mark for new boss Guest

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KRISHLOVY GUNDOWRY, who joined Richard Guest's stable when the trainer moved to Worksop recently, made a dream start to his career with Guest when successful on Moment Of Clarity, his first ride for the trainer, in the 1m4f handicap.

Gundowry, aged 23 and from Mauritius, made every yard of the running on the 20-1 shot, kicking the gelding clear off the home turn to score readily from Desert Hawk.

"This is only his fifth ride and he's judged the pace really well," said Guest's assistant Mike Gorvin of the apprentice. "He's a good worker at home and I'm delighted for him."

Trainer Ron Harris is having his best year hitting the 50 mark for the year when sending out Ten Pole Tudor to land the 7f nursery under Chris Catlin.

"It's my first 50, and that's been my target all year, so it's great to get there," said Harris. Ten Pole Tudor, who was following up his win in a novice event earlier in the month, showed a good attitude under pressure to score from The Last Bottle.

Steve Drowne, who rode a double in the last two races at Lingfield, made it three wins on the bounce when partnering Marino Prince to a comfortable victory over Mujahope in the opener, a 1m claimer.

Marino Prince, having his first run for Andy Haynes after being claimed out of Bill Tuner's stable here ten days earlier, was also completing a hat-trick after two wins for Turner.

"He's a lovely horse and I'd like to keep him," said Haynes of his winner, "but there's always the chance that he'll be claimed when you put him in a race like this." His fears proved wellfounded as Trevor Wall stepped in with a bid of £13,000 to secure the winner.

Feature of the 1m juvenile maiden was the market move for Tevez, backed from 7-2 to 13-8 favourite, but the Mark Tompkins-trained colt was in trouble turning for home and finished a moderate third behind all-theway scorer Cossack Prince, who is trained by Brian Meehan and was ridden by Robert Havlin.

Zaafira showed the benefit of a first-time tongue-tie as he bounced back to form to take the 1m seller under Stephen Donohoe.

"She's just been catching her breath at home and we felt the tongue tie would help," said trainer Eddie Creighton of his winner.

The victory came at a cost for Donohoe, however, as he was suspended for two days, (December 5-6), for using his whip with excessive frequency.

Ashley Hamblett was also suspended for the same two days for an identical offence on Mujahope, whom he rode into second behind Marino Prince in the claimer.

Star performance

Chris Catlin was seen at his strongest on Ten Pole Tudor in the nursery