

Epsom racing season springs into action

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Epsom Racecourse report: Spring Meeting kicks off the new season as trainers John and Thady Gosden land a double on the day - including a potential Derby runner shortening in price after Trial victory

The new Flat campaign is off and running at Epsom after its Spring Meeting took place on Tuesday and yielded a double on the day for the Gosden's, who saw one of their winners cut in price for the Derby.

Saxon Street maintained his unbeaten record when landing the Listed Blue Riband Trial on Tuesday's card and has seen his price more than halve to land the Derby at the same track on June 6.

Read below for a full report of the Epsom card courtesy of **Sporting Life**.

Up first on the card was a mile novice stakes and the Gosdens landed the opener with Runman, another to maintain a perfect record in his career when landing the contest by a length and three quarters as a very prohibitive 1-12 favourite under jockey Oisin Murphy.

The mile and a quarter Blue Riband train was up next which was won by Saxon Street for Team Gosden, with William Buick riding this time, scoring by two and a half lengths from Rebel Rocker in second. Odds-on favourite New Zealand for Aidan O'Brien finished down the field in fourth.

Another mile and a quarter contest was up next at 3.15 and Rathgar landed the spoils here for trainer Jack Channon and jockey Tom Marquand, scoring by a length from 5-2 favourite Sallaal in second with the winner making all and always looking on top of proceedings.

A field of five tackled the mile and a half handicap in class three up next, where trainer Ian Williams picked up a win with Night Breeze ridden by Rossa Ryan - who landed a double of his own on the card - by a comfortable three lengths as Night Breeze landed the win just four days after finishing fourth at Musselburgh.

Ryan picked up a second win in succession when piloting On Message (2-1) to victory in the mile and a half a furlong class four handicap, another cosy winner by two lengths for trainer Ralph Beckett, while the finale of the afternoon (4.58) went the way of Shafdar, a three quarters of a length winner at odds of 15/2 to bag a second winner on the card for trainer Williams.

Epsom results - Tuesday

2.05 - Runman (1-12F)

2.40 - Saxon Street (5-2)

3.15 - Rathgar (3-1)

3.50 - Night Breeze (5-2)

4.23 - On Message (2-1)

4.58 - Shafdar (15-2)

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