

SILENCE PLEASE REMAINS UNBEATEN WEDNESDAY IN 3 STARTS IN IRELAND HANGS NOSE ON STABLE MATE ON WIRE TO CLAIM SALSABIL S. IN DUBLIN OWNERS MAY AIM FOR \$565,000 GERMAN OAKS AT DUSSELDORF IN AUGUST



Much was made of jockey Shane Foley, trainer Jessica Harrington's contract rider, opting for stable mate One Voice over Team Valor and Gary Barber's Silence Please in their seasonal debuts for Wednesday's Listed Salsabil Stakes at Leopardstown. [VIDEO](#)

Foley's decision was understandable, as the Glen Hill Stable purchase had won its maiden second time out eased up down the lane and is a more generous and impressive morning mount on the gallops. Silence Please, on the other hand, always seems to make heavy weather of her races and workouts. She gets the job done, but always does the bare minimum.

Jessica Harrington said she could not separate the two at home. When Foley picked One Voice, Harrington gave the mount to unheralded Tom Madden, the 21-year-old who won aboard Silence Please on debut when she provided a shock win at good odds.

One Voice had the run of the race, as she tracked the pacesetter sitting just off her flank, with Foley seemingly loaded all the way around. When the 7 fillies reached mid-stretch and reached the rising ground and the real racing began, Foley unleashed his mount and she quickly swamped the leader, opened up nearly a 2-length lead inside the final sixteenth and looked home and dried.

Silence Please, once again showing her greenness, experienced a bit of difficulty in gaining her balance as she approached the final furlong. Once she and Madden got into a good rhythm, it became apparent that they were generating enough speed to challenge if they had enough time left in the 10-furlong race. The task looked somewhat ambitious with just a few seconds remaining in the contest.

Lengthening her stride and battling furiously, Silence Please gobbled up the ground, reached her rival within sight of the finishing post, surged for all she was worth and, in the final stride, reached even terms with her rival. It was impossible to tell which filly had won. Slow motion replay indicated that perhaps Gary Barber's pink silks and black cap may have managed to get the nod.



The win was one full of merit, Harrington was gratified to be training an unbeaten filly in 3 races with considerable upside.

Silence Please earned new tops all around: 100 Official Rating, 99 *Racing Post*, 97P *Timeform*.

Her next start is likely to be the Navan Oaks Trial which she will use as a prep for the lucrative German Oaks in August, which with \$565,000 in prize money dwarfs all the other Oaks in Europe.