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Starspangledbanner followed in his sire's footsteps as the son of Australian champion Choisir blazed to victory in the Golden Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Aidan O'Brien warned jockey Johnny Murtagh before his British debut at York last month that he would need a parachute to slow the four-year-old, such was his blistering speed.

And while he may have been beaten that day, the colt showed his true colours on the final day of the Royal meeting as he made all on the stands rail to take the six-furlong dash.

Murtagh stole an advantage breaking from his inside berth and was never headed as the 13-2 joint favourite blitzed his way to a length-and-three-quarter success from Society Rock and Kinsale King.

O'Brien said: "If he hit the gates the way we thought he could, then we knew it would be straightforward as there is no horse who can lead him. I have not seen the time of the race but can believe it is quick as he sets serious fractions at home.

"He worked coming here and did the second-last furlong in just over 9.5 seconds. We have never had that before and I have never seen a horse do less than 10 seconds. He is one of those very unusual beasts.

"He's the fastest we've had, no doubt. We've never had one go that fast furlong by furlong. We will look forward to the July Cup, hopefully. He's an incredible sprinter."

Choisir landed the Golden Jubilee in 2003 and went on to finish second in the July Cup.

Murtagh added: "Aidan was very confident coming into this race. He told me just to jump him out and let him use that stride. Everything just worked perfect. He jumped well, travelled really well, a good strong gallop all the way.

"I sensed them coming to him at the two and when I let him go, he ran straight up the rail. He responded very well and went all the way to the line. I couldn't pull him up. He's a great horse. He's very similar to his sire Choisir, big and strong."

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