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# **Libranno all the way for Hughes**

Richard Hannon picked up another big juvenile prize when Libranno pinged out of the stalls and made all the running under Richard Hughes to take the Tanqueray Richmond Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

Enjoying his sixth success of the week, Hughes had to wake up the youngster inside the final furlong to score by one and a quarter lengths from The Paddyman in the Group Two contest.

The latter had been well-backed at 4-1 and looked menacing with two furlongs remaining, but Libranno found plenty in front, to the delight of the packed grandstands, returning as a warm 5-4 favourite.

Hughes said: "I was trying to get him to relax and get him breathing early on, as for nearly a minute I couldn't feel his belly going. He jumped extremely fast and I let him go to the front, but in the last two furlongs he was gawping at everything.

"I think he kills horses off halfway through the race with his speed and then just grinds it out at the finish. He had a hard race the last day and a tough enough race today, but he's a decent horse and a fast horse."

When asked about a potential next port of call for the juvenile, Hughes added: "Ideally something like the Prix Morny, but that might come a bit quick for him."

Hannon said: "We took him to Newmarket very raw, but we still thought he'd have a good chance in the July Stakes, and he's won very well again today.

"I don't really know what we're going to do with him now. It's up to the owner really, but he wouldn't want much further than six furlongs unless we can teach him to race in a different way."

Hughes went on to notch his 100th winner of the season, and effectively wrapped up the Goodwood jockeys' title, as he rode The Queen's Royal Exchange (3-1 joint-favourite) to victory in the RSA Nursery.

Winning trainer Hannon added: "It's great for Hughesie and for Her Majesty. This horse wants a mile really."

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