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Slatterys double up as Easy lands Cork feature

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Easy (right)

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The featured Irish Stallion Farms EBF Cork Stakes resulted in victory for 25/1 outsider **Easy** who completed a quick double for jockey Andrew Slattery and his father Andy after they had struck in the previous contest with Independent Expert.

A winner at this venue on her sole juvenile start, after which she had one unplaced run at three for Paddy Twomey, the daughter of Kodiak tracked the leaders before hitting the front over a furlong out to beat Yosemite Valley by a length and a quarter.

Winning trainer Slattery said of his winner who is owned by Team Valor International LLC and Gary Barber: "If I have a Group 1 horse, this is it. I knew she'd improve from today but we can't get her off the bridle and she was only half-speeding. I'd say she will improve a lot and hopefully we are heading for Royal Ascot.

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- trainer Andrew Slattery

"I never had a horse like her to pull away from horses so easily and that's how she initially got her name - everything was easy for her.

"I'm going to keep her to five or six furlongs as she has so much pace and talent. Both Group 1 sprint races at Royal Ascot would be the plan along with the Flying Five Stakes at the Curragh.

He added "she is back from injury so hopefully we can keep her sound. I got her back last July but we had a bit of patching up to do with her. She had knee problems so had to go for an operation. She is in training a long time before today but had no hard gallops done with her.

"She will go on any ground and she is exciting."