

REVIEW – TOOWOOMBA TURF CLUB – SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2009

Race 1 – 7 Sunrise QRIS 3YO Maiden Handicap 1300 metres: ARGENTEUM (g3 Iglesia-Mosse-Danzig) 1, Easy Knight (g3 Easy Rocking-Royal Insight-Royal Academy USA) 2, Truce (f3 Iglesia-Love Not War-Cossack Warrior) 3.

THE win by Argenteum (\$3.60, Phillip Wolfgram) was part of a massive day out for former Downs stallion Iglesia.

Argenteum followed wins by progeny of the deceased sire in Adelaide, Brisbane and the Gold Coast and he appeared to have plenty in reserve.

Nicely ridden by Wolfgram, Argenteum strode clear over the final stages to win by three-quarters of a length.

It was left to Easy Knight (\$2 favourite, Kenji Yoshida) to lead the rest of the field to the wire.

Easy Knight, which was the topweight, finished three-quarters of a length ahead of third placegetter Truce (\$6.50, Adam Best).

Placegetters trained by Neville Saunders, Michael Nolan, Mark Webb.

Race 2 – XXXX Gold Class 2 Handicap 1300 metres: RELEASED (C3 Tsuimai-No Reserve USA-Gone West USA) 1, Elimination (g5 Archway Ire-Mighty Atalanta-Mighty Avalanche) 2, All Kiwi (g5 Sky Chase NZ-Throne NZ-Paris House GB) 3.

THE combination of rider Adam Best and trainer Mark Webb improved on their third placing in the opening race to win with Released (\$2.25 favourite). Best rode Truce to fill the minor placing in the preceding event and pulled out all stops to score on the more than capable Released.

Owned by a Brisbane businessman, Released was having his seventh start and collected his second win. With placings on three other occasions, Released has amassed more than \$52,000 in racetrack earnings.

Released scored by a long head.

The placings went to Elimination (\$18, Amy Taylor) and All Kiwi (\$21, Wade Clasohm).

Placegetters trained by Mark Webb, Raymond Frazer, Dianne Steinbeck.

Race 3 – 7 Better Homes & Gardens Class 4 Handicap 1500 metres: PROFESSOR (g4 Iglesia-Research GB-Nashwan USA) 1, Canadian Poppy (m6 Canadian Silver Can-Dancing Squaw-Citidancer Ire) 2, Maitland Magic (g5 Magic Albert-Maitland Gold-Made Of Gold USA) 3.

IT was double time for the pairing of Webb and Best.

Successful in the second race through Released, Best rode Professor (\$3.10) to an even more impressive win for Webb in the third.

Well backed to start as the second favourite, Professor carried too much fire power at the end to win by one and a half lengths. Professor beat Canadian Poppy (\$4, Ron Goltz) into second spot to claim his third win. Professor has finished in the first three in 14 of his 22 starts.

The race favourite Maitland Magic (\$3, Katrina Ashton) ran third, finishing another three-quarters of a length behind Canadian Poppy.

Placegetters trained by Mark Webb, Barry Squair, Donald Baker.

Race 4 – XXXX Bitter Open Handicap 1625 metres: YIELD CURVE (g6 High Yield USA-Peek-Flying Spur) 1, Sam's Express (g5 Anglia-Express Train-Green Line Express USA) 2, Larson (g6 Distorted Humor USA-Slashing Sort-Blazing Sword) 3.

Weights favoured Yield Curve (\$6, Gary Geran) over a game Sam's Express (\$1.55, Jason Letherby).

THE handicapper gave Sam's Express topweight of 60 kilograms but Letherby lightened the load with his three kilograms, allowance.

However, Sam's Express was still conceding three kilograms to Yield Curve and the latter proved too good on the day to win by three lengths in fair time.

Punters rallied to Sam's Express despite being offered cramped odds.

Larson (\$8, Mark Folley) ran third.

Placegetters trained by Kath Carroll, Michael Nolan, Patrick Ryan.

Race 5 – PSP Video Class 1 Handicap 1050 metres: PSP Video Class 1 Handicap 1050 metres: RUFFLED (f3 Tale Of The Cat USA-Talamo-Prego Ire) 1, Ottens (m5 Fasliyev USA-Rather Yallah-Yallah Prince) 1, Street Stall (g3 Immovable Option Ire-Impediment-Canny Lad) 3.

THE winner Ruffled has pushed her earnings average to \$3500 for every start.

Her one length win was her second in six starts and Ruffled has also been placed on two other occasions for a prizemoney tally of \$21,000, or \$3450 per start.

Ruffled's win over Ottens (\$11, Kenji Yoshida) and Street Stall (\$6.50, Phillip Wolfgram) rounded out a great day at the office for the Mark Webb stable.

Webb landed a winning treble as did rider Adam Best after they also teamed with earlier winners Released and Professor.

Placegetters trained by Mark Webb, Paul Nolan, Neville Saunders.

Race 6 – Jewels Of The Range Maiden Plate 1050 metres: FIDAKAT (c3 Manner Hill-Vania-Fasliyev USA) 1, Esbend (g4 Sequalo-Kalmola-Runyon Ire) 2, Espionage (c3 Reset-Bold Promise-Luskin Star) 3.

AFTER a string of well backed winners, bookies gained some relief when roughie Fidakat found the line ahead of the pack.

Fidakat (\$26, Steven Galvin) scored a comfortable win by three-quarters of a length from Esbend (\$3.80, Ken Sawyers) and Espionage (\$4.40, Adam Best).

Placegetters trained by Ross Coveney, David Peoples, Mark Webb.

Race 7 – Southern Cross Automotive Maiden Handicap 1300 metres: PLAIN SKY (g6 Dantibes-Silicone-Canny Lad) 1, Thrillseeker (c3 Rock Of Gibraltar Ire-Blushing Rose USA-Mt Livermore USA) 2, Millsie Moo (m5 Shedad-Outback Opus-Western Symphony USA) 3.

IF Fidakat's victory in the preceding race bolstered the stocks of bookies, then Plain Skar did something similar.

With Jimmy Cook in the saddle, Plain Skar (\$18) overcame some tough rivals to win by more than a length.

It was the first time in seven starts Plain Skar found himself in the money after finishing fifth or worse in his previous outings.

Cook, who is in the veteran category, was at his top on Plain Skar to win by Thrillseeker (\$3.10 favourite) Adam Best) and Millsie Moo (\$5, Sheree Drake).

Placegetters trained by Mark Goodwin, Mark Webb, Laurie Richardson.