

CORBIWOOD REVIEW 7/8/20

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Friday night marked the second meeting of the season at the Bannockburn track. Although there were only 5 races on the card, all the races were extremely competitive.

The first race, the maiden pace was the first of three races that were won from the dreaded death seat at CW – number 4 on the gate. The winner CROSSHILL CADILLAC gave owner Karen Kennedy her first win of the season. The race was won by driver William Greenhorn when he fired the four-year-old son of Yankee Lariat & Coalford Tracey to the front after winning the opening battle with KING NIDGE. From then on driver WG dictated the pace throughout, he did however come under pressure close to home from the fast finishing RAVENCLAW who made a mistake behind the Start Car.

Race two was the first maiden & novice race of the season at CW. There was 3 on the gate and two on 10yards with Dreamfair Adele being scratched sick. The eventual second place finisher TODAYSAHALLIDAY showed blistering speed out of the gate and quickly demanded the front at the 1/8th pole. AYR BEACH made a break and hampered the odds on favourite LANESIDE LOGIC, LITTLEMILL JO was given a lovely run up the inside to avoid danger by driver Steven Henderson. Grant Cullen quickly got LANESIDE LOGIC back into the race and passing Stuarts stables he tipped first over and quickly took the lead going to the bell, he then opened up a gap between himself and TODAYSAHALLIDAY but driver Richard Thomson didn't give up hope and tried to chase down the leader inside the last quarter but the now two wins from two starts son of The Preacher Pan and Laneside Lady looks destined for greatness was too clever on the night for the opposition.

Race 3 was the grade 1&2 OPH and again William Greenhorn put his foot on the gas and won the opening battle with the race winner HAWTHORNS DREAM from the death seat, he beat eventual second place horse OAKWOOD SPUR out the gate and from the front WG was once again able to decide what speed he wanted to go, stable companion JENNIFER CAMDEN made the move first over move from the second line, the 6 year old daughter of Pro Bono Best tired at the 7/8th marker and gave OAKWOOD SPUR and William Drysdale room to deliver a challenge on the leader but WG still had a few cards up his sleeve and quickened up into the straight to win comfortably for trainer Gregor Paterson this gave him his 3rd win at CW this season, his second for Mother - Anne Paterson. 3rd placing CRAFTY DREAM sat third on the rail leaving the gate and followed OAKWOOD SPUR throughout the first half, seasoned driver Robert Wilson wanted to leave the inside going to the bell and look for some clean air on the outflow, this move however proved not to be useful to the unbeaten 5 year old son of Dreamfair Vogel as he ended up having to tip 3 wide down the back. Around the last turn he looked to be tiring but at the top of the stretch he found his second wind and chased down the leaders going to the line. HAWTHORNS DREAM by Pierce Seelster oo JM Megabite

Race 4 was won by the pocket sitting STASHTHECASH and Hugh Menzies, this gave the 4-year-old daughter of Dreamfair Vogel and Yoko Hall her second win of the season, her first at York two runs previous. Third place finisher LITTLEMILL JO won her opening battle with I LIVE TO PARTY to lead the field of 6 pacers for a long way. The first over trip for I LIVE TO PARTY proved a little too much for the 8 Year old son of Dreamfair Vogel and when he began to tire at the 3/4 mark Hugh loaded the gun and passing Stuart's stables he tipped the winner out and went to battle with LITTLEMILL JO, he won the war at the top of the straight and went clear to win. Second placed AYR PAPARAZZI showed a real turn of speed again this week after following Hugh's helmet throughout the race, Joseph Riley tipped the 5 year old son of Soulofthematter 3 deep around the last turn and chased the winner home with every stride.

Race 5, the final race of the evening was an absolute cracker as 3 pacers entered battle out of the gate. VYRNWY SMOKE and driver Lauren Moran decided not to go into the first bend 3 deep and took a seat in the gap into 3rd leaving BLACKFIELD BIRD and BETTORBYBEST to battle it out on the front end. Grant Cullen took back from off the death seat with heavy backed favourite LIVE IN STAR, he found a seat 6th on the rail going into the home straight first time. They didn't sit for long and going to the carpark turn they tipped second over to sit behind BETTORBYBEST. Going to the bell the SHRC 2019 driver of the Year sent the FASTEST pacer on the British Isles this season 3 deep and to the front, he quickly opened up a distance between himself and the peloton. But favourite backers may have started to sweat as passing Stuart's stables Lauren Moran and Smokey found a gap and began to grind down the leader and with every stride the distance was closing but the challenge was too great and LIVE IN STAR found the line, giving the 7yo son of Doonbeg and Live In Beauty his second win of the season. TYLER CAMDEN looked to be getting back to himself and with a reported bit change by trainer Hayley Cassells, he was also chasing the winner down, the 8-year-old son of Pro Bono Best was quick at his heels finishing 3rd.

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