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Wednesday's Strathalbyn Races Report

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Local stables were active early in the day when trainers Greg Lesnikowski and Roslyn Day trained two of the first three winners at Strathalbyn on Wednesday.

Along with the success of Lesnikowski and Day apprentice Jordon Frew added more flavour to the meeting with two winning rides along with being awarded the winner of the Marcellin Technical College Apprentice Challenge Series with fifteen points. Early leader Tillie Neve finished with thirteen and Lauren Stojakovic with twelve points.

Trainer Greg Lesnikowski and jockey Damien Robinson landed the first winner of the day when the Foxhound gelding Greybrow \$12, from the Curravilla mare Chaff Bag, was the one and a half length winner of the 1200 metre opening event.

Owned by Lesnikowski and Colin Harvey Greybrow settled at the rear of field and didn't make his presence felt until the top of the straight when he thundered home to defeat the Darryl Hewitt mentored David Tootell steered Cienna Now \$6. Returned at \$7 Finiguerra was a farther short half head away third for Darryl Dodson and Holly McKechnie.

Roslyn Day continued the local touch when she joined forces with rider Adrian Patterson in the three quarters of a length victory of the \$3.10 favourite Kuitpo Blaze in the 1350 metre third race.

From the Specrum matron In Flames and sired by the Irish bred entire Carnegie Kuitpo Blaze settled well before going on to claim victory over the Jeffrey Maund mount, the Ken M Knowles cared for Desert Tales \$91. The combination Bill Bogarts and Lauren Stojakovic supplied the minor placegetter Blue Chilli \$81 who was another two and a quarter lengths away third.,

Apprentice Jordon Frew brought up the first leg of his double when the John Croucher prepared Dictatorial, the \$3.20 punter's choice, was the neck winner of the fifth leg of the Marcellin Technical Collage Apprentice Challenge which was contested over 1600 metres.

A former New South Wales galloper and the Commands sired gelding, from the Jade Hunter mare Nutshell, Dictatorial held down a forward position and went on to beat a last start Strathalbyn winner, the Brian Mueller prepared Lauren Stojakovic guided Auburn Tiger \$10. Novahro \$3.70 was another half head away third for Leon Macdonald and Andrew Gluyas and their apprentice Jackson Matthews.

Riding his parents Heather and Kevin Few trained Serious Danger Jordon Frew won his second race for the afternoon scored a nose win in a spine tickling finish to the programme in the 1200 metre final event.

Going head to head with the Shane Coombs trained Chad Lever ridden Silver Raven \$10 the Noverre gelding, from Tivoli Queen a Swooping mare, Serous Danger - the winner of four races from five starts at the southern track - came from a mid field position to claim victory. He's A Houndog \$12 was a length away third for Barry Brook and Wayne Kerford.

An on-course pick-up ride at the expence of Matthew Neilson saw apprentice Libby Hopwood landing a long neck win on the Stuart Padman trained Cadasha in the 1600 metre second race.

Starting the \$3.30 favourite the Dash For Cash fathered Cadasha, from Lapsha a Euclase mare, took up a mid field position early and, coming with a strong run in the straight, beat Grinstone \$5 for the partnership of Heather and Kevin Frew and rider, son Jordon.

Bargain Buy \$31 was another half length away third for Ken Sweeney and Billy Egan.

Apprentice Krystal Bishop earned the points in the fourth leg of the Marcellin Technical College Apprentice Challenge when she was astride the Kirsten McGowan trained Arezzo \$8 , the neck winner of the 1600 metre event.

From the Hand Crafted mare Shavano Miss and sired by the Great Britain bred Xaar, Arezzo led throughout and beat the John Hyam trained and apprentice Amy Herrmann ridden Eaglehawk Star, the \$3.60 public elect, who headed Arezzo on the home turn.

Robeson was another two lengths away third for Stuart Dodd and Libby Hopwood.

Starting the \$3.50 public elect the O'Reilly seven year old gelding Doubly Sure gave trainer Karen Byrnes and jockey Shane Cahill a long head win in the sixth race which was run over 2050 metres.

From the Centaine mare Pyjamas, Doubly Sure maintained a mid field position before going on to record the victory over one of the early leaders, the Grant Young mentored Todd Pannell guided Birchmore

Road \$10. Leading from the barrier in the distance event of the day Yesquire \$51 was a farther one and half lengths away third for Barry Brook and Krystal Bishop.

Mentor Daniel Clarken and his apprentice Lauren Stojakovic stood proudly in the winner's stall after the two and a quarter length win of Fast Frank \$3.40 in the seventh event which was contested over 1350 metres.

The progeny of Nickelmine and the Kingston Mill mare Yuppeckiar Fast Frank was well placed and recorded his fourth win from five starts at southern course.

Fast Frank beat the \$3.30 favourite Dark Knight for trainer John Croucher and Jeffrey Maund. Maillot Vert \$31 was another one and three quarter lengths away third for Karen Letts-Maund and Wayne Kerford.