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Livermore's remarkable double

On Thursday, October 22, Ipswich trainer Geoff Livermore partnered with jockey Shannon Apthorpe to pull off a remarkable double.

The meeting started off with a huge bang for Livermore and Apthorpe as they claimed the first two races of the day. The remarkable part was the odds on offer for the double. While the stable and connections collected several thousand dollars from the Tote and bookies, a \$10 all up investment on both winners would have returned near to \$50,000.

Unfortunately no one doubled up the two gallopers, but with the individual odds on offer no one was complaining too much.

The first winner was four-year-old Telesto gelding Tahiti Dream and the second was three-year-old Danasinga filly April Folly.

The winning efforts of each galloper were very similar when analysed.

Both gallopers were first-up from spells after unplaced runs earlier this year, both won over 1350 metres, and both won in the same manner.

Apthorpe had each of the winners in front for most of the trip before kicking away on the turn and staving off late challengers.

Both gallopers were also at long odds paying \$83 and \$57 respectively on the UNITAB Tote.

Tahiti Dream is bred and owned by long time Ipswich breeder/owner Ron Lobwein and he and his family were thrilled at the win. The connections were also thrilled at the collects they made from "relatively small" bets on the horse.

Lobwein's daughter Joanne claimed the credit for the win having selected the sire Telesto to serve the broodmare Double Up Charm. This mare has now had three progeny to race for three winners.

Tahiti Dream is nicknamed "Kankles" by the family and the scream of "Go Kankles!" reverberated through the grandstand as he lead the field ran down the straight.

Lobwein has owned gallopers for many years and remembers a similar priced winner



Smiles turned into bewilderment after Geoff Livermore and Shannon Apthorpe turned horse racing miracle workers

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that he owned, Lord Nearway, 40 years ago when he won at 60-1.

Lobwein was complaining just a little that he bet on the bookmakers at the odds of 60-1, after seeing the Tote price blow out, and seeing the rest of the family present claiming the juicier odds.

While Geoff Livermore is also a part-owner of Tahiti Dream, it was the second winner April Folly who is the Livermore-

owned family affair. The owners of this filly are Geoff Livermore's wife Jan, along with daughters Angie, Chelsea, Cheryl, and Paula.

Angie strapped the filly that day and after the race was excitedly declaring to watch out for this filly in the Caulfield Cup in 2010.

The Caulfield Cup is a long way from a maiden at Ipswich but the connections obviously have quite an opinion of the filly and are certain that she will get over ground as she matures.

Congratulations go out to both the Lobwein and Livermore families who have been long time supporters and participants of breeding and racing in Ipswich. Livermore has been the president of the Ipswich Thoroughbred Owners and Trainers Association for 15 years and has been training at Ipswich for 35 years while Lobwein has bred and raced thoroughbreds around Ipswich for more than 40 years.

Livermore and Lobwein have had countless winners over the years, although the double on the 22nd will hold a fond place in the memories of the pair for a good while. ●

Trimble and Milford win at Toowoomba

The interestingly named Crazy Woman had a win in the Class 2 race at Toowoomba on Saturday night, October 17.

Crazy Woman is trained in Ipswich by Bill Trimble and was ridden by Ipswich apprentice

jockey Matt Milford who continues to claim four kilograms.

Another Toowoomba winner on the same day with Ipswich connections was Early Up. This galloper is the little brother of Daunting

Lad who raced in Brisbane on that date.

Both gallopers were trained by Bill Naoum previously but are now in the care of other trainers as Naoum has scaled down his operations and leased out his Ipswich facility. ●

Changing of the guard at Ipswich

On Thursday, October 1, Ipswich racing saw a changing of the guard to a degree in relation to official positions at meetings.

Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) installed industry employees in a number of official positions for the first time at Ipswich with the biggest change being the starter's role.

After decades of seeing the highly respected Ron Corvi start at Ipswich, it was quite different on October 1 as there was no Mr Corvi who recently retired after turning a young 70 years of age.

While change is inevitable, it is reassuring

that with collectively 150 years of experience amongst the Ipswich barrier attendants, there is a great deal of knowledge and experience on hand.

Course ranger Graeme Schultz has racked up 30 years at Ipswich and groundsman Grant Greasley has many years of starting experience as the understudy of Ron Corvi.

This wealth of experience has Ipswich well placed to see through these subtle changes in starting procedures.

Another area of official position adjustment is the judging role. Again in the area of

judging, Ipswich has enormous experience in Paul Chilton who has judged in excess of 1200 meetings around 15 different venues throughout South-East Queensland.

Chilton was on hand on Thursday, October 1 as part of the new judging team when the newly appointed QRL judge Ivan Schultz had his hands full on the first race that he officiated at Ipswich.

The new team could not split Alan Bailey's No Ransom who dead-heated with Ron McRae's Rainy Knight to give the new judge a dead-heat to start with at Ipswich. ●

Bailey heads trainers premiership



Don Barron delivers the verdict after Favours Traded continued Alan Bailey's fortunes at Ipswich

The win (or half win) on October 1 for Alan Bailey pushed him further clear on the Ipswich trainers premiership table.

No Ransom was ridden by the former Ipswich Cup and Melbourne Cup winning jockey Scott Seamer.

Most of Alan Bailey's winners this season have been ridden by Glen Colless although there was another winner on October 15 with a different jockey. Favours Traded won the first race of the day on October 15 and was ridden by Don Barron for trainer Bailey.

It was terrific to see Barron have this win, back fully recovered after a serious fall at Ipswich last season. Alan Bailey has had a terrific start to the new season and at the end of October was five wins clear of his nearest rival on the premiership board. ●