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Melbourne Cup drama as protest changes placings after local upstages foreigners in thriller



Vow And Declare wins 2019 Melbourne Cup.

Source: Twitter

November 6, 2019 6:25am | by AAP WITH STAFF WRITERS | Source: FOX SPORTS

Vow And Declare has held off the international challenge to win a thrilling Melbourne Cup but the placings behind him were changed after the first protest in the race since 1991 was upheld.

One of the most inexperienced horses in the Cup, Vow And Declare triumphed against its many fancied overseas rivals as decorated jockey Craig Williams won Australia's greatest race for the first time with a brilliant run up the inside of the track.

Irish stayer Master Of Reality crossed the line second and English-trained Prince Of Arran third however post-race drama saw the finishing order drastically shuffled.

FROM FIRST TO LAST: WHERE EVERY HORSE FINISHED

DIVIDENDS: WHAT THE WINNER, TRIFECTA PAID

CUP STUDS & DUDS: WHO SHONE AND WHO FLOPPED





Vow and Declare wins Melb Cup 1:10

Stewards lodged a protest for fourth-placed Il Paradiso — trained by Aiden O’Brien — against Master of Reality — trained by his son Joseph — in second.

The protest was upheld, meaning Master of Reality dropped to fourth, Prince of Arran climbed up to second and Il Paradiso took third spot.



Craig Williams holds the Melbourne Cup after winning with Vow And Declare.

Source: Getty Images

Williams tasted a sweet victory after famously missing the winning ride on the French-trained Dunaden in the 2011 Melbourne Cup because of suspension.

In a desperate finish involving four horses, the Danny O’Brien-trained Vow And Declare took an inside run and put his head down when it counted to win in a photo finish.

Master Of Reality looked set to give jockey Frankie Dettori his first win, shooting clear at the 200m before just failing to hold off the winner.

“I have to thank everyone around me that has touched my life throughout my career and given me advice, confidence and they’re all a part of this win,” Williams said.

O’Brien said the race didn’t work out for Vow And Declare.

“It wasn’t a race that was going to plan ... but he’s a great horse, he’s got great stamina,” O’Brien said.

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Jockey Craig Williams who rode Vow and Declare and trainer Danny O'Brien.

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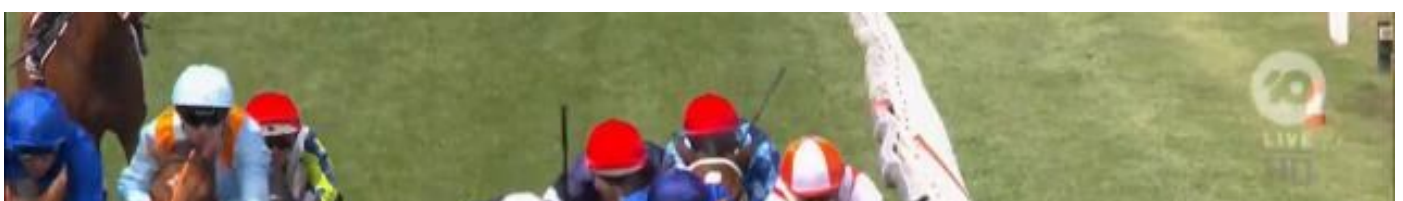
Il Paradiso was fourth across the line and stewards protested against the runner-up for interference late in the race.

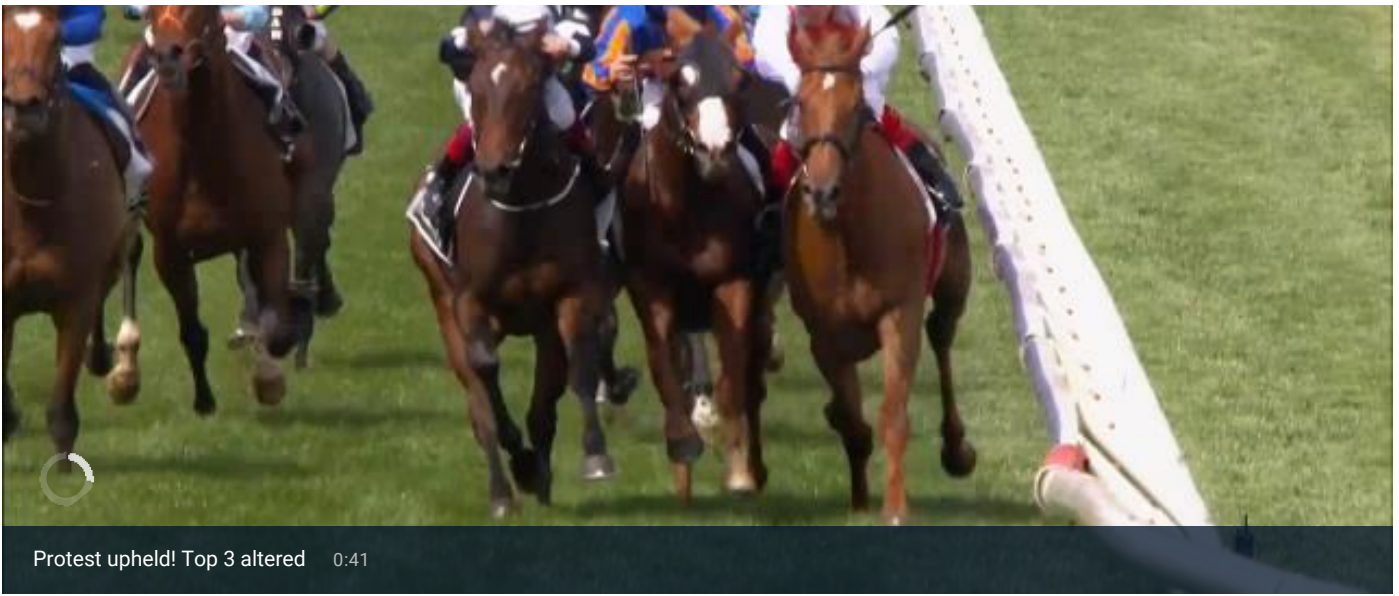
Williams has now completed the grand slam of Australian racing after winning the Golden Slipper, Cox Plate and Caulfield during a decorated career.

Rostropovich was last of the 24 runners after pulling up injured.

RACE THAT ROBBED A NATION? PUNTERS, JOCKEYS REACT TO DRAMA

ROSTROPOVICH RELIEF: CUP RUNNER’S INJURIES ‘NOT LIFE THREATENING’





FINALISED 2019 MELBOURNE CUP FINISHING ORDER

1. VOW AND DECLARE

2. PRINCE OF ARRAN*

3. IL PARADISO*

4. MASTER OF REALITY*

5. SURPRISE BABY

6. MER DE GLACE

7. FINCHE

8. CROSS COUNTER

9. STEEL PRINCE

10. MAGIC WAND

11. TWILIGHT PAYMENT

12. SOUND

13. CONSTANTINOPLE

14. MIRAGE DANCER

15. HUNTING HORN

16. RAYMOND TUSK

17. THE CHOSEN ONE

18. LATROBE

19. SOUTHERN FRANCE

20. YOUNGSTAR

21. NEUFBOSC

22. DOWNDRAFT

23. MUSTAJEER

24. ROSTROPOVICH

** placings changed after 4th v 2nd protest upheld*



FULL FLEMINGTON RACE CARD & RESULTS

10.55am RACE 1: Ottawa Stakes, 1000m, Group 2: 1st 2. *Aryaaf* (\$9.40, \$3.90), 2nd 8. *Muntaseera* (\$2.10), 3rd: 7. *Marchena* (\$3.30), 4th: 6. *LA Girl*

11.35am RACE 2: 4&5 YO BM90 Handicap, 1400m: 1st 3. *Bravo Tango* (\$7.20, \$2.00), 2nd 5. *East Indiaman* (\$2.30), 3rd 1. *William Thomas* (\$2.00) 4th 7. *Phaistos*

12.10pm RACE 3: TAB Trophy, 1700m: 1st 7. *Sure Knee* (\$5.00, \$2.00), 2nd 4. *Aliferous* (\$4.40), 3rd: 13. *Extreme Pride* (\$2.70), 4th 3. *Sheezdashing*

12.45pm RACE 4: BM96 Handicap, 2800m: 1st. 3. *Shared Ambition* (\$1.40, \$1.20) 2nd. 8. *Creedence* (\$3.80) 3rd. 1. *Big Blue* (\$4.50) 4th. 7. *Gayatri*

1.20pm RACE 5: Super Vobis 3YO Plate, 1000m: 1st. 4. *Garner* (\$4.00, \$1.90) 2nd. 3. *Can't Be Done* (\$2.40) 3rd 2. *Hawker Hurricane* (\$4.90) 4th 17. *Varda*

1.55pm RACE 6: Jim Beam Black Stakes, 1400m: 1st. 2. *Teleplay* (\$13.90, \$4.10) 2nd 8. *La Tigeresa* (\$1.80) 3rd. 4. *Sweet Scandal* (\$1.80) 4th. 6. *River Jewel*

3pm RACE 7: Lexus Melbourne Cup, 3200m, Group 1: 1st. 23. *Vow And Declare* (\$11.40, \$3.90) 2nd. 3. *Master Of Reality* (\$7.50) 3rd. 12. *Prince Of Arran* (\$4.60)

4pm RACE 8: Melbourne Cup Day Plate, 1800m: 1st 2. *Yulong Prince* (\$10.40, \$3.30), 2nd: 11. *Looks Like Elvis* (\$2.20), 3rd 8. *So You Win* (\$1.90), 15. *A Shin Rook*

4.40pm RACE 9: MSS Security Sprint, 1200m: 1st 2. *Tactical Advantage* (\$7.60, \$2.20) 2nd 11. *Holbien* (\$6.70), 3rd 4. *Milwaukee* (\$2.20), 4th 6. *Parsifal*

5.15pm RACE 10: HKJ Club Stakes, 1400m

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