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The Fillies Trial Stakes — 1983

Camimoto Triumphs In A Free For All Trial

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Camimoto the Grey Gaston Ex Cellandine grey filly in the all red Khatau silks proved herself to be head and shoulders above the rest and she won the Fillies' Trial Stakes by five easy lengths from Snow, with Meher-E-Dashmesh a neck away in third place and Everything another half length behind fourth. For trainer Rashid Byramji this win must surely have had a deep significance because this was the one Classic that he had never won after Sweet Memories won it for him back in 1974. Intriguing after all that he should now win this race in the very field where a daughter of Sweet Memories ran and finished third.

In a race run in the fast time of 1 min 38.8 sec, Camimoto's brilliant victory was marred by a race full of rough riding which led to a heated exchange of words after the race from 700 metre marker the race became a real free for all with Vasant Shinde being the main culprit.

Sheer Delight was in front and then fell back to third place as Snow was sent into the lead three and a half furlongs out. Camimoto who was on the outside of Sheer

Delight at this stage suddenly shifted in and Sheer Delight was knocked out of the race completely while Camimoto and Shinde had the rail.

Entering the straight Snow led the field with Camimoto just behind her on the rails and Everything with Shroff up on her outside. It was here that the controversy came up. Camimoto was now hemmed in along the rails. She had no place to go. Snow who was in front was tiring and everything ranging alongside Camimoto was trying to ensure that she did not get out from that pocket. There was nothing wrong with these tactics in the least. It was quick thinking on the part of young Shroff to have outsmarted Shinde who, had he had any brains would never have gone and made his move along the rails knowing fully well that with Snow in front, and her own stablemate Everything on his own there was every likelihood of his being boxed in.

It was from this juncture that the controversy came into the limelight. Shroff was doing his utmost to keep Shinde on Camimoto hemmed in along the rail thus giving Snow every opportunity to hold on to the lead in front.

While doing so Byramji's connections felt that he had struck Camimoto across the face with his whip. Well for one thing at that point, Shroff had his whip in his right hand and was only slapping Everything on the shoulder with it. To have hit Camimoto across the face with the whip at that stage would have been quite difficult. This is proved when the rerun is viewed.

Now Shinde finding himself so hopelessly hemmed in took drastic action. Camimoto was still moving very well and he took advantage to push his way past Shroff on Everything who he virtually bumped out of his way in his endeavour to win. It could have been only at this stage that Shroff's whip might have hit Camimoto's face because she had gone right across Everything in trying to extricate herself from the pocket. Hence if anyone ought to have been accused of rough riding it should have been Vasant Shinde and not Shroff who rode a tactically brilliant race in keeping Camimoto hemmed in along the rails for as long as he could. Shinde tried to steer the attention off his rough riding and bumping

Everything by accusing Shroff of being the culprit. Hence he covered up his own mistake and by taking the offensive put Shroff off from objecting.

Coming back to the race proper Camimoto was definitely the best filly in the bunch and the second Shinde showed her daylight she left Snow and the rest of the field standing. But the verdict of 5 lengths could have been much less had Reuben managed to settle Snow in the early part. He jumped her out and kept her on the outside all the while, when he ought to have brought her on to the rails and tucked her in behind one of the runners. Instead he kept her four horses of the fence all the way and fought her for the first five furlongs as she struggled for her head. He simply could not get her to settle and he had to hit the front 700 metres from home making Snow do all the work on that uphill stretch before the bend. As a result she was a beaten filly in the straight. Perhaps had he been able to settle her the way Shinde did when he rode her first time out she would certainly have a run.

Replican's Shock Defeat Changes Classic picture

On a day when form reasonably true and the ourities duly obliged connections, it was left the shortest priced favorite of the namely Replican provide the biggest shock the weekend. Running in last race of the day, the herto piping hot favourite next weeks Colt's Trial S finished third in the F Stud Plate, after having chance to win entering straight.

Making his first appearance of the season on Sunday was to have been the prelude to next weeks but after this ever so disappointing showing it is doubtful that he will be deemed to start next week.

What happened? Something must have gone wrong with the big made charge from the Byramji camp because there was no other explanation for his running a poor race. Moreover wasn't that he was running lame, because he finished the race perfectly sound.

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The Khataus and trainer R. Rashid Byramji are all smiles after their filly Camimoto (V. Shinde) romped home in the Fillies Trial Stakes-1983.