

AN IMPORTANT RACE



The 2019 Queensland Oaks was an important event worth \$300,000 to the winner. It was for the three-year-old fillies. These are the young female horses. Here Matthew McIllivray takes Winning Ways, the chestnut coloured horse with the white stripe on her face, to the start.

It is a long race. The field runs down to the winning post and then does a full lap of the track. In these top races the names of the horses are sometimes on the saddlecloth under the number.



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Can you find Winning Ways as the Oaks field settles down ?

She is light in colour and her rider has a red cap, and red sleeves?

The person watching from the tower is a steward. Their job is to see if any jockeys break the rules.

They use binoculars so they can watch what happens very closely. They also look at the television pictures after the race.



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The fillies in the Oaks have passed the post for the first time and are heading out of the straight. Can you see where Winning Ways is placed ?

Look how close together the fillies are ?

The jockeys have strong legs. See how they are balancing without sitting in the saddle.



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Winning Ways is getting close to the finish.

She has it won so Matthew McIlvray is not using the whip.

Look at her powerful hind quarters. That is the area of her body near the tail. You can see the muscles that drive her forward.

Winning Ways won the 2019 Queensland Horse Of The Year Award.



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No wonder Matthew McIllivray is so happy.
The Oaks victory was the best for him so far.

He has pulled Winning Ways up and
turned to come back to the crowd.

The filly has her ears pricked so
she is alert and feeling good too.



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The best place to be ! The number 1 spot is reserved for the winner.

The television camera is getting close up shots.

The proud owners meet their horses there after the race.

After taking the saddle off, Matthew headed to the room on the right.

He stepped on to the scales and his weight was checked.



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This is presentation time. On the left is Winning Way's trainer Garry Newham. He is wearing a great tie.

Matthew's son Max John is giving his father a clap. Matthew's wife Aimee is very pleased too.

The names of various sponsors are on the board at the back.



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Here is the beautiful trophy
that was given to the owner
of the Oaks winner.



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