



WINNER'S IN THE PINK

Commentator's blushes are spared as grey filly Rascal In The Mix wins world's first ever 'pink' horserace in aid of Breast Cancer Care



Friday 9th July 2010 - The world's first ever 'pink' horserace for female horses and jockeys took place at Chester Racecourse this evening in front of packed stands. There was a thrilling finish, with Rascal In The Mix taking the prize. The race commentator had his work cut out calling the winner home; all nine runners and riders lined up in pink, the jockeys wearing specially designed pink racing silks and the horses sporting pink number cloths!

The Breast Cancer Care Pink Mile was arranged by Chester Racecourse and Racing for Change, the body set up to broaden the appeal of the sport, with the aim of raising £25,000 for the charity. Over £10,000 has already been pledged and a number of companies within the industry have also promised their support. Racing UK, the UK's leading racing channel, have agreed to donate £5 of every subscription placed today to Breast Cancer Care, while the Racing Post, racing's daily newspaper, are also donating 50p of every paper sold at the racecourse.

The bookmaking industry have also been quick to support the event and Betdaq, Betfred, Sporting Index, Totesport and Star Sports have all confirmed that they will donate a percentage of their profits on the race to the charity. Louise Owen, wife of footballer Michael, presented the prize to the winning connections.

Amy Ryan, winning jockey comments:

“That was great – I flew up from Newmarket this afternoon where I had a winner, so it’s my first ever double. It was great to be involved in a race for such a great cause and I hope lots of money has been raised for Breast Cancer Care.”

Nick Attenborough, spokesperson for Racing for Change comments:

“The pink silks looked fantastic and we are really pleased that there was such an exciting finish. A serious amount of money has been raised for Breast Cancer Care and we would like to thank everyone who has helped to put the race on. Chester Racecourse have been absolutely fantastic, as have the media and bookmaking industry who have kindly donated funds to the charity. Anyone else who would like to donate can get in touch with us at Racing for Change.”

Breast Cancer Care Special Events Officer Hayley Bishop adds:

“We are absolutely delighted with the race and all of the horses and jockeys looked wonderful. It’s been a great event for us – both in terms of building awareness and obviously the money that has been raised. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has made it happen.”

Chester Racecourse CEO Richard Thomas says:

“The race went really well and it was a great sight to see the pink field power up the Chester straight. We have raised significant money for an excellent cause and also made a small piece of horseracing history.”

