

SPORT

Danielle's daring challenge to the boys Show me what you got

CAIRNS Kart Racing Club competitor Danielle Stevens has one message for her male opponents - bring it on.

The 17-year-old, who contested the club's first competition round at Edmonton on Saturday, has welcomed an influx of new drivers to the senior national light class.

Last year she was one of only two competitors in the category but has been joined by group of talented young male drivers who have moved up from the junior national light division.

Stevens believes their presence will help lift her performance. "It was good to have the boys to race against," she said.

"This year should be quite a challenge and I'm looking forward to it."

"It will be close competition going by the first race, and I will have to lift my game."

Trailing Damian Klopogge by a solitary point after the heats, Stevens should have been identified as a threat by her male counterparts in the final but was able to sneak under their guard.

"The boys started to race each other which allowed me to stay up front," she said.

It is unlikely Stevens' opponents will make the same mistake next time.

"They've already said I have to watch my back," she laughed. "But it's going to be good."

Klopogge, who went on to finish second to Stevens ahead of Ryan Wilkins, said he had enjoyed his first senior division race.

"I think it was a pretty good start after winning three races," the 16-year-old said. "I'll be out to win the next round but it's all good fun."

The day marked a return to action for Stevens' father Jim who, after an absence of three years, finished with a third placing in



Second best: Damian Klopogge is determined to turn the tables on Danielle Stevens next time.

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the senior national heavy class to Craig Beehag and Graham Ewing.

Blake Harris captured the sportsman light honours ahead of Lucas Stover and Lydon Dodge who had to be content with third spot after his kart twice failed to go the distance.

The junior national light class proved to be a tight tussle with Aiden Wright, Matt Coulson and Christian Clark producing fast times and gutsy passing moves on their way to a 1-2-3 finish. Callum Thomas and Callan Sayers also waged an entertaining bat-



tle in junior national heavy competition with Thomas narrowly edging out Sayers with Craig Williamson third.

Other results: Midgets: Zachary Ewing 1, Jaidyn Farmer 2.
Rookies: Jimmy Croul 1, John Underwood 2, Matthew Flay 3.

IN BRIEF...

Mulgrave on top

CAIRNS: The unbeaten Mulgrave Magic has taken top spot on the 2008 FNQ Super League basketball ladder with a 63-51 victory over Phoenix at the Bendigo Bank Basketball Stadium on Sunday. Charles Opion shot 17 points and Patrick Donald 14 for the victors. In other results, All Stars defeated Under-18 Marlinns 60-53, Choice Cats beat Atherton 70-66 and Innisfail Cyclones forfeited to Timberwolves.

Misses costly

BUNDABERG: FNQ had its chances to secure a win but was beaten 2-1 in its opening Football Queensland Under-15 Girls State Championships soccer encounter against Sunshine Coast yesterday. Coach Tony Panetta said a few crucial errors and an excellent performance by the Sunshine Coast goalkeeper had prevented FNQ from claiming a match it should have won but praised the team's effort. FNQ takes on South North Queensland today.

Titanium face

SYDNEY: Former swimmer Simon Cowley will have five titanium plates in his face for the rest of his life after suffering horrific injuries when he was king hit in a Sydney bar last week. Cowley, 27, was discharged from hospital yesterday, three days after a complex series of operations.

Happy trainer

SYDNEY: David Payne is happy just to have one Golden Slipper runner but could find himself with three after Saturday's final qualifying races. The Payne-trained Stripper is safely in the field with four spots up for grabs in the Magic Night Stakes and Paga Paga Stakes at Rosehill. In an effort to help New South Wales and Queensland horses that missed spring racing due to equine influenza, second placegetters in the four Sydney Turf Club lead-up races gain an automatic berth as well as the winners, a move which has caused some controversy.

TOWNSVILLE races Tuesday

QR TAB GUIDE

Daily Double 6, 7
Extra Double 2, 3
Trebble 5, 6, 7
Quadruple 4, 5, 6, 7
First Four All Races

TRACK/RAIL WEATHER
Track good. Rail is out 5.5m from the 1000m to the winning post, then 1m for the remainder. Weather fine.

1 1.13 Cowboys Supporters 1000m

- (Apprentices can claim) Maiden \$10,000
- 1 4X2X6 Chief Cheron bh (9).....D Crossland 59 2.50
 - 2 0X Bjelke (8).....D Green 56.5 13.00
 - 3 0X7X0 Barramundi Tom b (3).....A Cox 54 4.60
 - 4 809X0 Commisar Danlov (5).....S Watkin 54 13.00
 - 5 0X000 Desert Lightning h (4).....**SCRATCHED**
 - 6 45X44 Hey Cheetaah (1).....Ms C Eaton 54 3.50
 - 7 47X6X Miss Springale Girl h (2).....G Cullen 54 5.50
 - 8 0X80 Miss Springale (7).....Garry Baker 54 7.50
 - 9 07X26 Show It All (8).....F Edwards 54 11.00
- CHIEF CHERON, Hey Cheetaah, Knowledgeable Girl, Show It All

2 1.48 Tickets Online Hcp 1000m

- (Apprentices can claim) Class 1 \$10,000
- 1 1X Motivated c (7).....D Crossland 57 2.25
 - 2 63X1X Roy's Joy (8).....Garry Baker 56.5 5.50
 - 3 120XK Akowe (3).....F Edwards 55.5 11.00
 - 4 24X5X Amber Futuh ch (4).....P Cullen 55 9.00
 - 5 32614 Godwit cmh (2).....I Fry 55 2.80
 - 6 60314 What's Your Angle (5).....A Cox 54.5 6.00
 - 7 06X49 Nuclear Drama ch (1).....Ms C Eaton 54 4.50
 - 8 1 Sunny Will (6).....**SCRATCHED**
- MOTIVATED, Akowe, Godwit, What's Your Angle

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3 2.23 Cowboys Tipping Comp 1200m

- (Apprentices can claim) 3-y-o Maiden \$10,000
- 1 Shedir h (2).....G Cullen 58 5.00
 - 2 3X55X Red Light Bandit (7).....Garry Baker 57.5 2.50
 - 3 8 Dontworryboutdat (1).....D Green 57 8.00
 - 4 07X57 Garoupe (8).....S Watkin 56.5 6.00
 - 5 7742X Lamp h (4).....P Cullen 55.5 2.80
 - 6 0 Special Woman (3).....Ms C Eaton 55.5 9.00
 - 7 7 Stallar Act (5).....A Cox 55.5 13.00
 - 8 908X Turn h (6).....I Fry 54.5 21.00
- RED LIGHT BANDIT, Lamp, Garoupe, Shedir

4 2.58 www.cowboys.com.au 1200m

- (Apprentices can claim) Class 4 \$10,000
- 1 77211 Perugin Thought tm (6) D Crossland 58.5 2.00
 - 2 55X76 Tully Storm db (3).....C Whiteley 59 6.50
 - 3 7637X Branch d (2).....Ms C Eaton 57 7.50
 - 4 31X1X Hostility tc (8).....Garry Baker 56.5 3.00
 - 5 24171 Silent Tide tcm (7).....F Edwards 54 9.00
 - 6 0X891 Andamom dh (1).....A Cox 54 11.00
 - 7 111X3 Cheyenne Kid d (5).....D Green 54 6.50
 - 8 X7X66 Solidified ch (4).....P Cullen 54 21.00
- CHEYENNE KID, Perugin Thought, Hostility, Silent Tide

5 3.33 Cowboys Junior Boots 1200m

- (Apprentices can claim) Class 2 \$10,000
- 1 144X3 Chief Red Feather tch (10).....G Cullen 58 4.00
 - 2 977X6 Cherry Gaze dh (3).....I Fry 57.5 6.00
 - 3 121X2 Pubz c (5).....D Crossland 56.5 3.50
 - 4 3415X Innocent Verdict cdm (2).....Ms C Eaton 56 6.00
 - 5 33143 Dodge Larry tc (6).....C Whiteley 55.5 3.00
 - 6 206X4 Lambourn Jewel h (9).....F Edwards 54 15.00
 - 7 9310X Carolina's Belle tb (8).....Garry Baker 54 11.00
 - 8 357X9 Lambourn Jewel h (9).....F Edwards 54 15.00
 - 9 94089 Power Lines tmh (7).....S Watkin 54 21.00
 - 10 0X7X0 Signid (4).....J Long 54 26.00
- PUBZ, Dodge Larry, Chief Red Feather, Innocent Verdict

6 4.08 Mascot Bluey Plate 1630m

- (Apprentices can claim) Class 3 SW \$12,000
- 1 41611 Brian T (9).....I Fry 58.5 2.50
 - 2 50X54 Follow The Rules h (4).....Garry Baker 57 4.60
 - 3 03959 Kelvian th (1).....A Cox 57 8.00
 - 4 54312 Next Size Up th (5).....D Green 57 4.60
 - 5 0X742 Stay True ch (6).....Ms C Eaton 57 5.50
 - 6 50X09 Triumphator dm (3).....F Edwards 57 16.00
 - 7 8X281 Up To Mischief tm (2).....D Crossland 57 5.50
 - 8 2X583 Forsaken Lifestyle (8).....S Watkin 54 21.00
 - 9 0X458 Notthin' Leica Girl dh (7).....P Cullen 54 16.00
- BRIAN, Next Size Up, Follow The Rules, Stay True

BRIAN (A Swift) 4g (10-2-2-1): Aiming for hat-trick after 1-1/2 len win (58.8) Perfecto, Higglybake 1400m Townsville C1 dead 9/4 Mar 4 and 1-1/4 len win (58.5) Carry The Repeat, Dodge Larry 1400m Townsville C2 Mar 13. Hard to go past despite outside ally.

FOLLOW THE RULES (W Butts) 5g (20-2-4-3): Headed the run first up 4-1/2 len (58.0) Up To Mischief 1300m Townsville C3 Mar 13. Not a bad effort 1-3/4 len (48.5) Up To Mischief 1300m Townsville C3 Mar 22. Value hope.

KELVIAN (Ms O Carmel) 4g (21-2-2-2): Poor 5-1/4 len (54.8) Brian 1400m Townsville C2 Mar 13 then 4-3/4 len (54.0) Maddyford 1600m Townsville C2 Mar 27. Place preferred.

NEXT SIZE UP (Z Daviel) 6g (20-2-7-4): Charged home for impressive 2 len win (55.9) High Priority, Cheyenne Kid 1200m Townsville C3 Mar 13 then 2 len and (57.0) Coomac Cruz 1250m Mackay C3 April 3. On the quick back up. Must be considered.

STAY TRUE (Shawn O Day) 4g (24-3-4-1): Didn't have much luck 2-1/4 len (4th) (56.0) Jacobo Rick 1400m Townsville C2 Mar 13. Went down fighting to 2nd (57.0) Maddyford 1600m Townsville C2 Mar 27. Makes strong appeal.

TRIUMPHATOR (G S Purdy) 6m (24-1-4-4): Resumed with 15-1/4 len 11th (57.0) Jacobo Rick 1400m Townsville C2 Mar 13. Not a bad effort 1-1/4 len (55.0) Maddyford 1600m Townsville C2 Mar 27. Place preferred.

UP TO MISCHIEF (R Masanaphan) 6m (24-1-4-4): Improved on 6-1/2 len (8th) (56.0) Mischief 1600m Townsville C2 Mar 27. Rates high.

FORSAKEN LIFESTYLE (G L Doonan) 4g (15-0-3-1): Followed 8-1/2 len (8th) (57.0) Angolider 1200m Townsville Mar 13 with 1-1/2 len 1st (58.0) Academy Boy. Must Diva 1600m Townsville Mar 22. Prefer in easier company.

NOTHIN' LEICA GIRL (A Puvall) 6m (20-1-3-3): Back from let-up with 4-1/2 len (5th) (52.0) Bullard Chic 1600m Gold Coast C1 Mar 8 then 8-1/2 len (6th) (53.0) Gwerno 1400m Townsville C1 Mar 22 before heading home. This looks more suitable.

TOWNSVILLE GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: Barramundi Tom (blinkers on again); Desert Lightning (tongue-control bit off noseband); Miss Springvale (blinkers on first time) **RACE 2:** Motivated (bandages on first time); Nuclear Drama (cross-over timeband off first time) **RACE 3:** Garoupe (tongue-tie on again); Special Woman (blinkers on first time); Turn (blinkers on again) **RACE 4:** Tully Storm (blinkers off again) **RACE 5:** Lambourn Jewel (pacifiers off first time)