

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 4 February 2022

Weather: Overcast

Track: Soft (5)

Rail: Out 9m

J D Walshe (Chairman), K E Blanch & C G Polglase (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), Ms L Milton (Swab), G Hargraves (Scales), Dr A Willi (Veterinarian).

General

Rheingau – Stewards today inquired into the death of the gelding after it was discovered deceased in its stable at Thoroughbred Park on the morning of 22 January 2022. Evidence was taken from trainer Mr N Olive who also provided the stable's treatment records for the gelding. On the evidence it was established that the gelding had had no health issues on the afternoon of 21 January 2022 and was also found to have eaten its late afternoon feed provided that day and consumed a normal volume of water. The gelding was found to have an abrasion on its poll and have blood present at its nostrils and a stable wall was found to be severely damaged indicative of a stable mishap. On the available evidence, the inquiry was concluded.

RACE 1: Mike Cramsie Memorial Handicap 1000m

Cool Amigo - Trainer Mr T Martin was fined the sum of \$100 under AR206(2) for the late application of blinkers to the colt's racing gear, despite the colt having trialled in that gear. Began awkwardly. Ran in under pressure passing the 200m.

Buzz Bomb – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: TAB Federal 1400m

Rapidity – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on the mare and in particular as to the reasons why her mount was trapped three-wide throughout, rider Ms L Day stated that she was under no specific instructions. She added that whilst there was no obvious leader in the race, she anticipated that Romeo Vella would go forward. She said however that in the early stages when that runner did not immediately press forward to lead and Onsettling Down initially held its position to the inside of that runner, she remained trapped three-wide. She added that whilst she briefly attempted to press forward with a view to leading in the middle

stages, as she did not believe she her mount possessed sufficient speed to do so and as she felt that the speed was genuine, she elected to remain racing three-wide without cover for the remainder of the race. Trainer Mr J Stewart advised that no specific instructions were issued other than to have the mare travelling comfortably. Ms L Day was told that bearing in mind that there did not appear to be much pace in the race, and from her wide draw, she had erred in that in the early stages she should have shown initiative to attempt to lead rather than remain racing wide throughout, and by pressing forward to lead it would have given her mount a greater chance of finishing its race off.

RACE 3: A-Plus Plumbing Handicap 1200m

Sojo – Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Starmoss – Change of tactics: To be ridden more conservatively; settled mid-field and was trapped wide throughout.

Miss Givings – Proved difficult to load and after then after being loaded became fractious and got its head down and became momentarily cast and was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 2:35pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Miss Givings be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 2:35pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Sojo: 20c win and 17c place

2nd: Onya Lional: 20c place

3rd: Fighting Pleasure: 21c place

At a subsequent inquiry Trainer Mr P Murray representing trainer Ms M Ritchie was told that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 4: Redbuck Farm Supplies Plate 1400m

Direct To Space – Change of tactics: To be ridden more conservatively; settled back.

The Watchman – Slow to begin.

Woodson – Was held up in the early part of the straight and passing the 300m was directed out to obtain clear running. Was taken in over the concluding stages by Mediaro (J Ford) which shifted in. J Ford was advised in similar circumstances he should have made greater effort to correct his mount.

RACE 5: Maritex Commercial Handicap 1200m

Redicon – Slow to begin.

Important Product – Was a little slow to begin.

Linden – Over-raced in the early stages.

Allgemeine – Held up rounding the home turn. Laid out over the final 200m.

Wilkshire – Passing the 150m had difficulty attempting a narrow run to the inside of It's Business Time and after the 100m was eased when disappointed for that run and had to be shifted out.

RACE 6: PRD Real Estate Bungendore Handicap 1200m

Annual – Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Kitty Karine – Rider A Layt was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. On arrival at the start the mare was examined by the Club's veterinary officer at the request of rider A Layt who expressed concern regarding his mount's action during the preliminary. The mare was subsequently cleared fit to start. On return to scale rider A Layt reported that his mount was short stepping soon after the start and as he felt that something was amiss with the mare, he retired it from the race in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J Van Duren was told that Kitty Karine would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Loose Love – Began awkwardly.

Alpha Lane – Was a little slow to begin.

Fourmadec – Was crowded soon after the start by Beau Rock which shifted in. Raced wide throughout.

Beau Rock – Raced three-wide throughout.

Yesterday's Gone – Rider Ms L Day (*Fourmadec*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 50m she permitted her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Yesterday's Gone which lost its rightful running and had to be restrained. Ms L Day's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Thursday 10 February 2022 and to expire on Saturday 19 February 2022 on which day she may ride.

RACE 7: EPC Solar Handicap 1000m

Red Kanzi – Slow to begin.

Brothers Of Antrim – Slow to begin.

Mandalong Superb – Was contacted on jumping by Brothers Of Antrim which shifted in. When questioned regarding the performance of mare, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that passing the 800m her mount put in an awkward stride and thereafter hung out and did not respond to her riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Deviate – Began awkwardly.

Haralben – Raced three-wide throughout. Rider app D Budler was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the end of the race.

Rafha’s Choice – Raced wide throughout.

RACE 8: Morgans Financial Plate 2000m

Antigonus – Change of tactics: To attempt to lead; led.

Destacado – Passing the 1300m, when pulling hard, had to be restrained away from the heels of Abbey Bride (Ms L Day) which shifted in when not clear. Ms L Day was reprimanded (AR131(a)). When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider A Layt stated that his mount pulled far too hard in the early and middle stages which was the principal reason for his mount weakening in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 5	App D Budler (It’s Business Time)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	Ms W Costin (Golden Passport)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 8	J Penza (Crime Spree)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

Swab samples were obtained from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Black Tahitian, Cool Amigo

Race 2: Onya Lional, Starmoss

Rac: Balonne, The Grundler

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: Trainer Mr T Martin (Coola Amigo) – AR206(1) \$100 – Late gear notification.
Reprimands:	Race 8: Ms L Day (Abbey Bridge) (AR131(a) – Careless riding
Suspensions:	Race 6: Ms L Day (Fourmadec) (AR131(a) – Careless riding – License to ride in races suspended 10/2/22 until 19/2/22 on which day she may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 3: Miss Givings – Fractious in barriers. Race 6: Kitty Karine – Not tested due to rider’s concerns.
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.