

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 24th February 2023

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves & Cadet X C Dalton (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), Ms K Head (Swab), P Toomey (Scales), Dr R Walshe (Veterinarian).

General:

The Burning - Stewards inquired into the death of the gelding after it collapsed after commencing light work at Thoroughbred Park on the morning of 10 January 2023. Evidence was taken from trainer Mr K Dryden who also provided a copy of his stable treatment records. The evidence revealed that the gelding had not had any veterinary attention that was required this preparation. The evidence also revealed that The Burning which was resuming from a spell had competed in an 800m jump-out Thoroughbred Park on 4 January 2023 with no issues and was due to complete its next jump-out on 12 January 2023. There was no evidence of health concerns with the gelding in the lead up to its death. A veterinary report completed by Dr S Bobis – Steve Bobis Holistic Vet, detailed that the most probable cause of the death of the gelding was cardiorespiratory failure. A post-mortem urine sample obtained from the gelding was returned clear following testing by the ARFL. As there was no evidence of any pre-existing condition that caused or contributed to the gelding's death the inquiry was concluded.

RACE 1: Snedden Hall & Gallop Lawyers Handicap 1300m

Fire And Gemstone – Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Passing the 50m was contacted and taken in by Burgundy Girl (app D Budler) which shifted in when forcing a run between that runner and Dream Inherit. App D Budler was told to exercise more care and that when attempting to improve into that run he should have desisted from using his whip and ridden more conservatively initially until properly securing the run which would have minimised the interference suffered by Fire And Gemstone.

Galactic Warrior - Was contacted on jumping by Majestic Lilly which shifted out. Raced keenly when obliged to travel three-wide without cover throughout.

RACE 2: TBC Distribution Plate 1300m

Norris – The gelding, which was late arriving on course due to transport difficulties was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start.

Miss Ghent – The filly which was found to have mucous present in its right nostril was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 1:19pm. Trainer Mr N Gardner was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Dissisit – Slow to begin.

Fairness Is Best – Slow to begin.

Ambitious Fella – Stable representative Ms R Nisbet was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was slow to begin (3L).

Westbrook – Rider M Heagney was reminded of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the end of the race.

RACE 3: Casino Canberra Canberra Guineas Preview 1400m

Region Time – The filly, which became fractious in the mounting enclosure and contacted the fence, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. Was taken out soon after the start by November Falls which shifted out.

Offspring – The filly which was fractious in the barriers and got its off-hind leg up on the running board was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. Trainer Mr K Dryden was advised that a warning would be recorded against the filly concerning its barrier manners and for also being subsequently difficult to reload when it continued to be fractious. Over-raced in the middle stages.

RACE 4: Mane Lodge Plate 1600m

Fierce Legend – Was bumped on jumping by Pure Hydrogen which shifted in. When questioned, rider S Guymer said that as the gelding had raced keenly in its recent races he was instructed to attempt to obtain cover just behind the speed. He added however that when trapped wide early he allowed his mount to stride forward but his mount then over-raced after settling to the outside of the leader Peak Contributor. He added that whilst this was the principal reason for his mount weakening in the straight, it was nevertheless still disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr R Freedman also shared the view that the gelding's performance today could be attributed to it over-racing.

Arch Of Titus – Was slow to begin.

Les Goh – Rider Ms M Bourke was told that as it was apparent that her mount was hanging out in the straight she should have desisted from applying her whip over the final 150m as it continued to shift out and that she should rather have made endeavour to correct it from shifting further ground.

Captain Jaywalker – When questioned, rider R Dolan stated that whilst the gelding led on debut at Newcastle on 11 February 2023, today the instructions were left open to him. He added that whilst his mount initially jumped away well, from its wide draw it did not then immediately muster and with speed to his inside he elected to take up a position back in the field. He further added that his mount consequently finished it race off well today.

Pure Hydrogen – Shifted in at the start and bumped Fierce Legend.

Zedly – Rider Ms J Duggan was interviewed concerning her riding after the 600m. Ms J Duggan explained that at that stage of the race Pure Hydrogen improved quickly around her, and whilst she did make attempt to shift out at the point, she was unsuccessful and a consequence, she was momentarily pocketed and held up on the heels of Arch Of Titus. Ms J Duggan was told that she must be more alert to runners improving at that stage of the race to avoid being held up and that she should have positioned her mount slightly to the outside of Arch Of Titus so as to enable her to more easily commence improving should other runners come to her outside. In not taking the matter further, Stewards noted that Pure Hydrogen had improved quite quickly to her outside and further that when considering the margin of 3 1/2L between her mount which finished second and the winner Pure Hydrogen, they accepted that Ms Duggan's riding at the relevant point of the race had not affected the placings.

RACE 5: Kennards Hire Handicap 1000m

Black Ehsom – Trainer Mr J Thompson, represented by Ms A Mulligan, was fined the sum of \$100 under AR106 when the mare was presented to race without its blinkers. Began awkwardly. Laid out under pressure between the 250m and the 150m.

Thrill Of the Fight – Slow to begin.

Decimus – Began awkwardly.

Prince Papa – Slow to begin. Was taken out between the 250m and until the 150m by Black Ehsom (B Ryan) which shifted out under riding and passing the 150m was eased by its rider to avoid Black Ehsom. B Ryan was reprimanded (AR131(a)). Was held up and not tested inside the final 100m.

Seeya Late Gater – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Dressed To Kill – Laid out under riding from the 250m until passing the 100m.

Successful – Passing the 100m was hampered by Dressed To Kill which shifted out. Rider Ms M Wishart was reprimanded under (AR131(a)) and told that in similar circumstances she should have stopped riding her mount along sooner than she had and corrected her mount.

RACE 6: Alan Rummery Bookmaker Shane Connolly Memorial Handicap 1000m

Yesterday's Gone – Shifted out at the start and contacted its near-side gate. Raced wide throughout and passing the 700m was hampered when contacted by Scream which shifted out after suffering interference and was taken even wider.

Zanshin – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Scream – Raced very wide throughout. App D Budler (*Zanshin*) represented by trainer Mr J Cleary pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Scream which had to be checked for some distance until near the 700m when it had to be shifted out to avoid the heels of Zanshin and made contact with Yesterday's Gone which was hampered. App D Budler's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 28 February 2023 and to expire on Tuesday 7 March 2023 on which day he may ride.

Beau Rock - Raced three-wide throughout.

Dehero – Was slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn.

Eurosay – Began awkwardly. For some distance after the 200m was not tested when in restricted room between Scream and Zanshin which shifted in.

RACE 7: ETS Refrigeration & Airconditioning Black Opal Preview 1000m

Clearedhot – Raced very wide throughout.

Big Demeanor – Was a little slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. Rider A Morgan reported that near the 600m his mount laid out and away from Chop The Ice and as a consequence that runner was able to improve to his inside.

Allaboutella – Was held up rounding the home turn. Passing the 50m the filly reacted and shifted out and away from Legolas when contacted on the chin by the whip of that rider when the whip was being brought through.

RACE 8: Affinity Electrical Technologies Canberra Mile 1600m

Mystery Shot – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward with blinkers applied and being up in distance; settled outside the leader.

Love Tap – In the tie-up stall area and prior to being led into the mounting enclosure for the race, the gelding was kicked in the right side of its abdomen by another runner and consequently sustained abrasions to its left shoulder after coming into contact with a wall. The gelding was initially examined by the Club's veterinary officer and examined again on arrival at the start prior to being cleared fit to race. Passing the 1400m was checked from the heels of Mission Phoenix which shifted in. During the inquiry into the incident it was established that just prior to the incident, Love Tap was following Mission Phoenix and as that runner was commencing to shift in, Love Tap (B Rawiller) was then shifted in and ridden to the inside of Mission Phoenix before suffering its interference. Stewards were satisfied that the rider of Mission Phoenix was not careless in the circumstances and B Rawiller was warned concerning performing the manoeuvre. Raced three-wide from the 1000m when it lost the benefit of cover behind Mystery Shot when that runner obtained a position outside the leader.

Cadre Du Noir – Was slow to begin.

Manderboss – Bounded on jumping.

Marsabit – Began awkwardly. Passing the 1100m commenced to pull hard and as reported by its rider Ms A Collett, when she could not hold the gelding, she shifted it away from the rail to the outside of the field to avoid clipping heels and as a consequence then raced wide for the remainder of the race. Trainer Mr D Williams was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding's racing manners.

Cyborg – Passing the 1100m was hampered and taken wider by Marsabit which, when pulling hard, was shifted out by its rider when awkward on heels.

Mission Phoenix – Trainer Mr M Newnham was told that the gelding which suffered a bleeding attack during the event for the first time, would incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under the provisions of AR79(4).

RACE 9: TAB Federal National Sprint Preview 1200m

Dubai Centre – Rider M Heagney was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Trainer Mr J Rolfe was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which missed the start (3L).

Shores Of Avalon – Raced three-wide throughout.

More The Merrier – Trainer Mr M Dale was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the mare.

Super Helpful – Passing the 700m had to be restrained when in restricted room between Look Only and Kattegat.

King Gutho – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Look Only – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Barrier Trial

Via Rose – Trainer Ms D Seib was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the filly.

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 2	Ms E Hennessy (Ambitious Fella)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3	M Travers (Gold Tracker)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5	Ms M Wishart (Dressed To Kill)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	Ms M Wishart (Nonshalaant)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 9	Ms R Freeman (Kattegat)	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 7: Big Demeanor, Chop The Ice, Legolas

Race 8: Cadre Du Noir, Mystery Shot, For Valour

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 5: Trainer Mr J Thompson (Black Ehsom) – \$100 (AR106) – Incorrect gear.</p> <p>Race 8: Trainer Mr M Dale (More The Merrier) – \$50 (AR65) – No TIC.</p> <p>Barrier Trial: Trainer Ms D Seib (Via Rose) – \$50 (AR65) – No TIC.</p>
Reprimands:	<p>Race 5: Ms M Wishart (Dressed To Kill) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.</p> <p>Race 5: B Ryan (Black Ehsom) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.</p>
Suspensions:	<p>Race 6: App D Budler (Scream) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding. Permit to ride in races suspended 28/2/23 and to expire on 7/3/23 on which day he may ride.</p>
Bleeders:	<p>Race 8: Mission Phoenix – Suffered bleeding attack (1st occasion) – Incurs mandatory three-month ban from racing (AR79(4)).</p>
Warnings:	<p>Race 2: Ambitious Fella – Slow to begin (3L).</p> <p>Race 3: Offspring – Fractious barriers and subsequently difficult to re-load.</p>

	Race 8: Marsabit – Pulled hard and had to be shifted out to avoid heels. Race 9: Dubai Centre – Missed start (3L).
Trials:	Nil.
Vet Certificates:	Race 2: Miss Ghent – Mucous present right nostril.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.