

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 3rd February 2023

Weather: Overcast

Track: Soft (6), upgraded to a Soft (5) at 12:35pm.

Rail: Out 9m

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

General:

Spider Brown - Stewards inquired into the death of the gelding after it collapsed and died following exercise at Queanbeyan racecourse on the morning of 20 December 2022. Evidence was taken from trainer Mr B Smith who also provided a copy of his stable treatment records. The evidence revealed that the mare had not had any veterinary attention that was required this preparation. A veterinary report completed by Dr H Lambe – Canberra Equine Hospital detailed that the mare was likely to have died from sudden 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, the inquiry was concluded.

General:

Gogethergirl – Stewards today inquired into the reasons why the mare was euthanised on 9 December 2022. Evidence was taken from trainer Mr R Cole and he also provided his stable treatment records. There was also no evidence of any veterinary issues with the mare whilst in the care of Mr Cole until 9 December 2022. The evidence detailed that the mare was being exercised at Queanbeyan racecourse that morning but approaching the winning post, hung left sharply and shied resulting in its trackwork rider being dislodged. Dr R Walshe – Canberra Equine Hospital subsequently examined the mare later that day and it was diagnosed with a spinal injury resultant from the incident with grade 4/5 lameness in its left foreleg and both hind legs, wide base hoof placement and other additional symptoms of spinal injury displayed. Due to the nature of the injury, the mare was euthanised on humane grounds. The matter was subsequently concluded.

RACE 1: The Dock Kingston Handicap 1000m

Off To War – As app R Bradley was injured, Stewards permitted app J Del Frari to be substituted as the rider of the mare. Shifted in at the start and bumped Titan Star.

Titan Star – Was contacted on jumping by Off To War which shifted in. Raced three-wide throughout.

Wiltshire – Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

All Formidable – For some distance after the 800m after improving into tight running to the inside of Akaka Falls, raced in restricted room.

El Salto – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app J Stanley cited his mount's big impost and being first up as the principal reasons for his mount's disappointing performance today. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: PRD Real Estate Bungendore Plate 1400m

La Segrada The filly which got its near hind leg up on the running board prior to the start being effected was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start.

Frankaz – Slow to begin. Near the 1000m commenced to over-raced and shifted out when improving near the heels of Caring Lass.

Bonaventure – Passing the 1100m was eased from the heels of Align The Planets (R Hutchings) which shifted in when not quite clear. R Hutchings was advised to exercise more care. Was held up over the concluding stages when awkwardly positioned near the heels of Align The Planets which shifted in slightly.

Witness To Love – Was unsettled in the barriers and was subsequently slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages. Rider J Richards attributed his mount's performance today to its poor start. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Free Choice – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was on debut, did not reveal any abnormality.

Caring Lass – Over-raced in the middle stages.

RACE 3: EPC Solar Handicap 1200m

Prometio Lass – Raced three-wide throughout.

Timaru – Was unsettled in the barriers and consequently began awkwardly and lost ground.

Miss Stalwart – Hung in in the straight and near the 200m became awkward on the heels of Incantata and was restrained and shifted in resulting in Ahrahmia being hampered. After the 100m continued to hang in and had to be corrected after becoming awkwardly placed near the heels of Bulleyes. Hung in over the concluding stages and could not be tested. Rider app Ms C Keatings was spoken to and told that when her mount had hung in in the straight she should have desisted from using her whip in her left hand and rather made greater endeavour to keep her mount straight.

Bulleyes – When questioned rider J Penza stated that his mount did not show its customary speed today, had raced like a tired horse and may be in need of a spell. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr A Warren concurred with the views of his rider and said that the gelding would now be sent to the paddock.

Martinontheside – When questioned, rider S Guymer explained that for some distance in the early stages until joining the course proper his mount got its head up and was inclined to hang out. He added that passing the 300m when Bulleyes improved to his outside, his mount which was fitted with blinkers today for the first time shifted in abruptly, made contact with the running rail and became very unbalanced. Stable representative Ms L Longmire was told that the mare would be required to prove its tractability in an official barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again. Ms Longmire indicated that trainer Ms D Seib was likely to experiment with the gelding's gear in the interim.

RACE 4: Redbuck Farm Supplies Handicap 1200m

Saiko – On return to scale rider J Penza stated that he had planned on riding his mount more conservatively today, but it had raced keenly in the early stages and took up a more forward position in running.

Onthetake – Turned its head to the left as the start was effected and was slow to begin.

Loose Love – Was held up rounding the home turn. Passing the 300m shifted out and made contact with Mittata which was disappointed for a run between that runner and Rubiwish.

Mittata – Raced keenly in the early stages. Passing the 300m was disappointed for a run between Rubiwish and Loose Love when contacted by that runner which shifted out. Rider S Guymer was reprimanded under AR131(b) for failing to ride his mount, which finished dead-heat for fifth with Loose Love, out fully to the end of the race.

RACE 5: Mike Cramsie Memorial Raced Day 1000m

Steel Blaze – Trainer Mr B Lazzarini was told that a warning would be recorded against the colt which was slow to begin (3L). Mr Lazzarini advised that the colt would now be spelled.

Celui – Rider app J Stanley reported that his mount raced greenly and was inclined to lay out and away from Gun rounding the home turn.

Gun – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding which was on debut, rider K Latham stated that his mount travelled keenly however on straightening was under pressure and proved disappointing in its response to his riding thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Chasing A Quid – Was unsettled in the barriers prior to the start, began awkwardly and was immediately crowded between Chop The Ice and American Glow which shifted out.

American Glow – Began awkwardly and shifted out. Passing the 250m shifted out and made contact with Say It's So.

Say It's So – Passing the 250m was contacted by American Glow which shifted out.

Back Page – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have partially dislodged a deciduous tooth.

RACE 6: Moirgans Financial Plate 2000m

Jimmy Manolo – On return to scale rider J Penza reported that his mount, with blinkers applied today for the first time, raced more prominently and pulled hard in the early and middle stages and refused to settle.

Mini Maya – When trapped three-wide in the middle stages was allowed to stride forward to take up a position outside the leader Jimmy Manolo passing the 1100m.

Wild Buckeroo – Trainer Mr J Scobie was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was uncompetitive having been beaten 29L.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1400m

Thistleto – Trainer Mr D Blundell was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of app Ms M Bourke as the rider of the gelding.

Twig – Began awkwardly. Raced three-wide throughout.

Propose To Me – Was slow to begin (2L) and then was slow to muster.

Cyborg – Over the final 150m was taken wider by I Am Mamwaazel (M Heagney) which shifted out under pressure. Rider M Heagney was told that he must stop riding and correct his mount in similar circumstances.

I Am Mamwaazel – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages. Laid out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 8: Mark Hughes Foundation Handicap 1200m

White Liar – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled equal lead.

Galactic Warrior – Raced three-wide throughout. On straightening was taken wider by Region time which was taken out.

Region Time – On straightening was taken wider by Bully For You which was taken out by White Liar.

Bully For You – On straightening was taken wider by White Liar which shifted out.

Kwik Az Hell – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider Ms E Hennessy said that in her opinion her mount did not handle today's shifty track surface and further had raced flat throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in its near-foreleg (grade 4/5). Trainer Ms A Neasham was told that she would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

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 1	App Ms M Bouke (Titan Star)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 8	App D Budler (White Liar)	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: El Salto, Lily Elsie

Race 2: Align The Planets, Free Choice, Bonaventure

Race 6: Mini Maya, Melanin

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: Trainer Mr D Blundell (Thistleto) – \$100 (LR35) – Late rider.
Reprimands:	Race 4: S Guymer (Mittata) – (AR131(b)) – Fail ride mount out to end of race.
Suspensions:	Nil.

Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 6: Wild Buckeroo – Uncompetitive (29L).
Trials:	Race 4: Martinontheside – Ran in abruptly and contacted the rail and became unbalanced.
Vet Certificates:	Race 8: Kwik Az Hell – Lamé near-foreleg (grade 4/5).
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 5: Steel Blaze – Green.
Follow up:	Nil.