

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Sunday 12 March 2023

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5)
Rail: +3m entire

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), G. E. V. Hargraves, C. G. Polglase and Cadet X. C. Dalton (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), J. Turner (Swab), P. Toomey (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), Dr R. Walshe and Dr J. Saltet (Veterinarians)

RACE 1: TAB Federal Riharna Thomson Memorial Handicap 1200m:

Fairness Is Best – Passing the 700m was tightened by *Threethumbsup*, which shifted in when overracing. Held up rounding the home turn.

Threethumbsup – After the 1000m had to be steadied from the heels of *Vonk* (K. McEvoy), which shifted in when not quite clear. K. McEvoy was advised to exercise more care. Passing the 900m, when overracing, was taken in and had to be restrained from the heels of *Giddy Up Gidleigh* (Q. Krogh), which shifted in when not clear. Q. Krogh was reprimanded under AR131(a). Ms A. Collett reported that, as her mount had overraced throughout the event, she had recommended to connections to remove blinkers at the gelding's next start.

Rowdy Rocket – Slow to begin.

Sunshine Reggae – Raced three wide throughout.

Impending Harmony – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, App. T. Schiller stated that he was instructed to obtain a position in the first three. He said, however, that his mount was obliged to race three wide throughout, albeit with the benefit of cover, behind *Sunshine Reggae*. He added that his mount did not quicken rounding the home turn and proved disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have kickback material in its left eye.

Miss Ghent – Held up rounding the home turn.

Miss Stalwart – Overraced throughout the early and middle stages and for some distance approaching the home turn had to be restrained from the heels of *Racey Vixen*. Was held up rounding the home turn and, near the 300m, had to be shifted out across the heels of *Threethumbsup* to obtain clear running.

Racey Vixen – Passing the 900m had to be restrained from the heels of *Threethumbsup*, which shifted in after receiving interference.

RACE 2: PFD Food Services Handicap 1000m:

Chief Conductor – After being led out on to the track en route to the start the gelding attempted to buck resulting in its rider B. Ryan being harmlessly dislodged. Trainer Ms S. Ryan was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding's behaviour.

Press Ahead – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on her mount as compared to its last start on 8 May 2022 when the gelding had led, rider R. King stated that today she was instructed, from a wide gate, to obtain cover just behind the speed. Trainer Mr M. Smith confirmed the instructions and was reminded of his obligation to notify any alteration to the tactics to be adopted.

Successful – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

Ultragirl – Began very awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Constantinou*.

Constantinou – On jumping was contacted by *Ultragirl*, which shifted in.

RACE 3: Airconditioning Canberra, Daikin Specialist Handicap 1600m:

Loose Love – Overraced in the middle stages.

Lights On The Hill – Slow to begin. After the 1400m commenced to overrace badly, got its head up and had to be shifted out. Continued to overrace throughout the middle stages. Trainer Mr J. Stewart was told that under the provisions of AR79(6) the gelding, which suffered its second bleeding attack today, would incur the mandatory ban from racing in Australia.

Aggrandize – Slow to begin.

Nopain – Began awkwardly and soon after was inconvenienced by *Loose Love*, which shifted in.

One More Effort – Slow to begin.

RACE 4: Polytrack Handicap 1400m:

Jumeirah Beach – On jumping was contacted by *Temoin Chaud*, which shifted out.

Bon Frankie – Raced three wide throughout. After the 200m was accidentally struck across the nose by the whip of the rider of *Louie's Legacy*.

Altimeter – Slow to begin.

Temoin Chaud – Shifted out at the start and made contact with *Jumeirah Beach*.

The Pres – Slow to begin (2L). Raced keenly for some distance after the 1000m. After the 200m had to be momentarily eased after improving on to the back of *Mookareena*.

RACE 5: Underground Spirits Handicap 1200m:

Lemaire – Slow to begin.

Onsettling Down – The gelding, which was kicked by another runner whilst parading behind the barriers, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start.

Retiro – Trainer Mr M. Dale was fined the sum of \$100 under AR107(3)(a) for the late notification of concussion plates in front on. After the 1000m and nearing joining the course proper the gelding, which was shifting in, got its head up and reacted when *Zelago* shifted out marginally.

Kimura – On return to scale rider K. Latham explained that, from his inside draw, his mount was disadvantaged when he was of the view that the filly did not appreciate the shifting track conditions closer to the rail and furthermore had resented the kickback. A post-race veterinary examination of **Kimura** did not reveal any abnormality. K. Latham was spoken to regarding easing his mount down inside the final 100 metres, which exaggerated the filly's beaten margin.

Sheriff – Dipped on jumping. When questioned regarding the gelding leading today, App. O. Chambers stated that it was not her intention to be so far forward, however, her mount began particularly well and as a consequence was able to lead without being unduly pressured.

RACE 6: Landhq Quality Sprint 1000m:

Distillate – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *I Call June Home*. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, App. A. McLucas stated that her mount did not begin well and she initially settled further back than was planned, however, her mount did not travel comfortably at any stage of the event. She said that, furthermore, the mare resented the kickback and lost ground from the 700m and was most disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed **Distillate** to be lame (grade 1/5) in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr M. Dale was advised that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare having to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before racing again.

Akeed – Raced three wide throughout.

Look Only – Soon after the start was contacted by *Platara*, which was taken in by *Akeed*.

Shores Of Avalon – Bounded on jumping. Raced very wide throughout.

Delacour – Laid in under pressure inside the final 150 metres.

Crowned Empress – Passing the 250m rider J. Richards dropped his whip.

I Call Junee Home – Shifted out at the start and made contact with *Distillate*, which shifted in. Hung out for some distance after the 700m.

Platara – The explanation provided by Trainer Mr M. Gee for the late declaration of D. Beasley as the rider of the gelding was accepted by Stewards. Began awkwardly. Soon after the start was taken in slightly by *Akeed* and, as a consequence, made contact with *Look Only*. Raced four wide throughout.

RACE 7: Seears Workwear National Sprint 1400m:

Handle The Truth – Near the 1200m had to be eased from the heels of *Another One* (D. Beasley), which shifted in when not quite clear. D. Beasley was advised to exercise more care. Held up rounding the home turn.

Vreneli – On jumping was contacted by *Another One*, which shifted out. After the 300m, when weakening, had to be restrained when crowded from running between *Cavalier Charles*, which laid in slightly, and *Handle The Truth*, which shifted out slightly and away from *Super Helpful* (Q. Krogh), which initially shifted out slightly. In all the circumstances Q. Krogh was advised to exercise more care. When questioned regarding the performance of **Vreneli**, rider R. Bayliss stated that his mount raced flat today and, whilst he received interference after the 300m, it was a beaten horse at the time of that interference. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Mr N. Paine undertook to report back on the immediate racing plans for the gelding.

Another One – On jumping, shifted out and made contact with *Vreneli* and, shortly after, was contacted by *Handle The Truth*, which shifted out.

Super Helpful – When questioned, rider Q. Krogh stated that he was instructed to allow his mount to race where comfortable. He said that, after beginning fairly, he allowed his mount to stride forward, however, after obtaining the lead his mount pulled very hard in the middle stages and, as a consequence, travelled much faster than he would have liked. Passing the 150m **Super Helpful** laid in slightly and had to be checked from the heels of *Another One* (D. Beasley), which simultaneously shifted out slightly. In the incident, and with the contact on the hindquarter of *Another One*, that runner was turned out across the running of **Super Helpful**, which was the main contributor to the interference suffered by **Super Helpful**. In all the circumstances D. Beasley was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 8: John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes 1200m:

Legolas – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider B. Ryan stated that, in his view, his mount had not raced comfortably between horses today and also gave ground from the 300m. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Make A Call – Laid in during the straight.

Love Shuck – Ran out at the start. Raced wide throughout.

Tiz Invincible – Raced very wide throughout.

RACE 9: Seppelt Plate 2000m:

Thailand – Held up rounding the home turn.

Bring The Boom – Trainer Ms A. Neasham was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of A. Collett as the rider of the gelding. Passing the 1500m had to be restrained when tightened for room to the inside of *Captain Jayhawker* which, after making the crossing awkwardly, had to be restrained from the heels of *Picko Rocks*, which had been checked.

Red Redemption – On jumping was contacted by *Peak Contributor*, which shifted out.

Peak Contributor – Shifted out at the start and made contact with *Red Redemption*. OVERRACED in the early and middle stages.

Picko Rocks – Made the 1600m crossing awkwardly and soon after had to be checked away after improving close to the heels of *Beenvane*.

Despoina – Raced three wide throughout.

Captain Jayhawker – Made the 1600m crossing awkwardly and soon after had to be restrained and shifted in to avoid the heels of *Picko Rocks*, which had been checked.

GENERAL:**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted that the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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| Race 4 | T. Clark (Jumeirah Beach) | 6 strikes |
| Race 4 | A. Sweeney (The Pres) | 6 strikes |
| Race 9 | R. King (Thailand) | 6 strikes |

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

Race 1: Threethumbsup, Sunshine Reggae

Race 2: Press Ahead, Troika

Race 3: Loose Love, Epimetheus

Race 4: Jumeirah Beach, Twig

Race 5: Crucial Witness, Zelago

Race 6: Southern Lad, Akeed, Look Only

Race 7: Handle The Truth, Vreneli, Another One, Saigon, Super Helpful

Race 8: Disneck, Legolas, The Years, Love Shuck, Cap Ferrat, Tiz Invincible

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | <p>Race 5: Trainer Mr M. Dale fined \$100 for late notification of concussion plates in front on Retiro (AR107(3)(a)).</p> <p>Race 9: Trainer Ms A. Neasham (Bring The Boom) fined \$100 for late declaration of rider (LR35).</p> |
| Reprimands: | Race 1: Q. Krogh (Giddy Up Gidleigh) – careless riding (AR131(a)). |

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| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Race 3: Lights On The Hill (Trainer Mr J. Stewart) – bled (second occasion) (AR79(6)). Incurs lifetime ban from racing in Australia. |
| Warnings: | Race 2: Chief Conductor (Trainer Ms S. Ryan) – attempted to buck en route to barriers. |
| Trials: | Race 6: Distillate (Trainer Mr M. Dale) – poor performance. |
| Certificates: | Race 6: Distillate (Trainer Mr M. Dale) – lame (1/5) in near foreleg. |
| Fall/Injuries: | Race 2: B. Ryan (Chief Conductor) dislodged en route to barriers – no injury. |
| Tactics Notified: | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Race 7: Vreneli (Co-trainers Ms G. Waterhouse and Mr A. Bott) – immediate racing plans. |
| Change of Colours: | Race 4: Mookareena – red, yellow diamond and armbands. Race 7: Saigon – navy cap. |