

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 21st April 2023

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5)

Rail: Out 8m

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

RACE 1: Ginninderra Cricket Club Handicap 1300m

Buff Mobile – Raced three-wide throughout.

Texas Open – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with Danish Lane.

Danish Lane – Was contacted on jumping by Texas Open which shifted in and crowded when taken in onto Gypsy Romance.

Gypsy Romance - Was contacted on jumping by Danish Lane which was taken in.

Summerset Girl – Was contacted on jumping on its hindquarter by Gypsy Romance which shifted in.

Little Complicated – Passing the 300m, when attempting to improve into a narrow run between Ambitious Fella and Texas Open, was contacted by Texas Open when that runner shifted in slightly when weakening.

RACE 2: Freedom Projects Plate 1000m

Tilly's Love – Raced three-wide throughout.

Cherry Capital – Reared high as the start was effected and struck its head on the barrier stall superstructure and lost ground. When questioned concerning the incident rider A Sweeney was of the view that the gelding's contact with the structure had no bearing on its performance today. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Best Intent – Slow to begin. For some distance passing the 500m was tightened by O'So Demanding which laid in and lost ground when reluctant to hold its position. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

Falreine – Rider S Guymer was questioned regarding his riding of his mount out over the concluding stages. Whilst S Guymer had desisted from using the whip over the concluding stages, the Stewards were satisfied that he had complied with AR131(b) in that he had continued to push his mount out to the line with his right hand.

RACE 3: Archer Real Estate Canberra Plate 1600m

By Nine – Change of tactics: Option for rider to be more forward; settled mid-field.

Ellie's Dream – Was slow to begin. Over-raced badly in the early and middle stages. Was not able to be tested close to the line when racing in restricted room to the inside of Zedly.

Go Seeking – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Nopain – Slow to begin.

Satirical Fan – Hung out rounding the home turn.

RACE 4: Thanks For 5 Years Mark Deeker Handicap 1200m

Hell Right - Slow to begin and soon after was eased from the heels of Deep Shimmer which shifted in. Raced four-wide throughout.

In De Sun Iwilcome – Raced ungenerously with its head up in the early stages.

Danish Hussar – When questioned, rider D Budler stated that his mount weakened in the straight and furthermore felt somewhat awkward in its action. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 5: TAB Federal 1400m

Crucial Witness – Began awkwardly and contacted the off-side gate. Near the 200m the mare's near-side winker dislodged.

Cyborg – Laid in over the final 200m and near the 100m rider app Ms C Keatings dropped her left rein before regathering it and correcting her mount which continued to lay in.

RACE 6: Page Bottler Handicap 1200m

Almahero – Raced three-wide throughout. The explanation tendered for the late declaration of N Heywood as the rider of the gelding was accepted by Stewards.

Charlemagne – Was held up rounding the home turn and had some difficulty obtaining a run near the 250m.

Nic's Hero – App Ms H Durnan was reminded of her obligation to ride her mounts out fully to the end of the race.

Yes You Think – Passing the 1100m was eased from the heels of Noble Beauty (S Guymer) which shifted in when not quite clear. S Guymer was advised to exercise more care. Over-raced for some distance after.

Red Mick – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider Ms A Collett stated that whilst her mount was not suited by the tempo of today's race given the moderate speed in the middle stages and when the race subsequently quickened, her mount was nevertheless disappointing in its failure to respond to her riding in the straight. The only other excuse that she could offer was that gelding which was resuming at its previous start at Hawkesbury on 1 April 2023 was under pressure throughout, given the solid tempo of the race, and that effort may have had some bearing on its performance today. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Dehero – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider J Penza stated that his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be bilaterally lame in front (grade 2/5). Co-trainer Mr G Ryan was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

RACE 7: Freedom Projects Handicap 1000m

Game Cove – Raced five-wide throughout.

Pretty Extreme – Raced four-wide throughout.

Papaver Miner – Raced three-wide throughout.

Hamish The Swift – Began awkwardly.

Mooshaka – Was held up rounding the home turn and briefly on straightening and passing the 300m was shifted to the inside of Nonshalaant to continue into clear running.

Raise Hell – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider Ms W Costin stated that she was instructed to ride her mount where comfortable. She added however that her mount did not travel at any stage of the event and failed to respond to her riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr D Williams stated that the gelding had pleased in the lead up to today's race with no issues to report. He did advise that whilst he expected the gelding to perform well

from its wide draw he felt that it would likely settle further back. Mr Williams expressed disappointment with today's performance but did suggest that the kickback may have been a contributing factor, but also that the gelding was of slighter stature and he would now consider giving the gelding a freshen up prior to its next start. Mr Williams was told that in light of today's poor performance the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 8: Archer Real Estate Canberra Handicap 1400m

All The Shops – Raced keenly in the middle stages and passing the 900m had to be restrained from the heels of Opera Tickets which had clipped heels when the pace slackened. Was held up rounding the home turn.

Opera Tickets – Passing the 900m had to be restrained for some distance passing the 900m when the pace slackened and ultimately shifted out, clipped the heels of Zariz No Other, blundered badly and lost ground.

Fifty Carats – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Zariz No Other – Rider app Ms O Chambers was spoken to regarding failing to ride her mount out fully close to the end of the race.

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	J Penza (Easy Rosie)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
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Swabs:

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

Race 1: Gypsy Romance, Summerset Girl

Race 2: Asteria Star, O'so Demanding

Race 4: In De Sun Iwilcome, Mil Ciento

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 7: Raise Hell – Poor performance.
Vet Certificates:	Race 6: Dehero – Bilaterally lame in front (grade 2/5).

Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 6: Charlemagne – Black cap. Race 8: My Blue Jeans – White cap.
Follow up:	Nil.