

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 23rd June 2023

(ACTON TRACK)

Weather: Overcast

Track: Synthetic

Rail: True

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).

General

Sapphire Coast Sunday 11 June 2023

Race 4: Support Services 2 YouBenchamrk 58 handicap 1400m

An inquiry was continued today into interference passing the 300m where multiple horses suffered interference and three riders were dislodged. Further evidence was taken from S Guymer (Sooboogeliscious), B Ward (Diecourse, app Ms J Del Frari (Jessandi) and evidence was taken on the first occasion from app Ms T Martin (Wunambal). S Guymer (Sooboogeliscious) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that near the 300m he made insufficient effort to prevent his mount from shifting in when not clear of *Duecourse* which after being contacted by *Sooboogeliscious*, was checked by its rider B Ward, blundered and fell dislodging B Ward. As a consequence, *Wunambal* which was following was unable to avoid the fallen *Duecourse*, made heavy contact with that mare, blundered, fell and dislodged its rider app Ms T Martin. Further, *Jessandi* which was racing to the outside of *Wunambal* also made heavy contact with *Duecourse*, blundered, became unbalanced and dislodged its rider app Ms J Del Frari. Additionally, *Celtic Vader* ridden by Ms L Day had to be restrained and shifted out abruptly when hampered by *Jessandi*. Further *Steve Steve Steve* ridden by Ms K Nisbet had to be checked and shifted in abruptly to avoid the fallen *Duecourse* resulting in *Never Lose Faith* ridden by app Ms R Haylock which was racing to the inside of *Steve Steve Steve*, clipping the heels of that gelding and blundering when being checked. S Guymer's license to ride in races was suspended to commence on Sunday 2nd July 2023 and to expire on Monday 24th July on which day he may ride. When assessing penalty stewards took into account S. Guymer's excellent riding record and also that his mount began to lay in prior to the incident.

Riding Changes:

As Q Krogh was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

Race 1	Moombah Flyer – B Ward
Race 2	Sea Rise – H Van Der Hoven
Race 4	Romeo Vella – J Innes Jnr
Race 5	Sherman – Ms R Freeman
Race 7	Accrue – H Van Der Hoven

RACE 1: Redbank North Plate 1900m

Got You Down – Was a late scratching at 12:01pm after kicking out and refusing to be loaded. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Got You Down be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 12:01pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Sugoi Legend: 0c win and 0c place

2nd: Lynber: 0c place

3rd: Guard: 0c place

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr P Facoor was told that the filly would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

Desirearm – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled handy three-wide throughout.

Feeling Friskee – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled worse than mid-field.

Guard - Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled back. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider Ms K Nisbet confirmed the notified change of instructions. She added that in the early stages when there were a number of runners pressing forward, she elected to position her mount just behind the speed. She said however because runners were going forward, she got shuffled further back than intended but also, after passing the winning post on the first occasion, she was momentarily tightened by Feeling Friskee and as a consequence elected to come back even further which resulted in her mount settling last.

Lynber – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Moombah Flyer – On return to scale rider B Ward reported that he was instructed to obtain a position behind the leaders, however his mount began particularly well and led without being pressured to do so.

Albanian Eagle – Began awkwardly and soon after was crowded by Eight Willows which shifted out. After the 900m was eased from the heels of Eight Willows (N Burrells) which shifted in when not quite clear. Ms N Burrells was advised to exercise more care. Rider app Ms B Panya was questioned concerning her riding passing the 600m and again in the early part of the straight. App Ms B Panya stated that passing the 600m when following Eight Willows she commenced to shift her mount out to attempt to establish running to the outside of that runner, however when her mount was not travelling strongly enough and when Sugoi Legend improved around her, as she had not fully established her run, she became pocketed behind Eight Willows at which time her mount had also come into contact with Sugoi Legend and was consequently unable to improve for some distance. When further questioned regarding her riding in the early part of the straight Ms Panya said that when following Sugoi Legend, she had intended coming to the outside of that runner to make her run, but after using her whip in her left hand her mount shifted in and then had to be checked from the heels of Eight Willows and had to be shifted back to the outside of the heels Sugoi Legend to obtain clear running. Ms Panya Was told that passing the 600m she should have made greater effort to urge her mount along and shift out to fully establish her position to the outside of Eight Willows to prevent her from being pocketed. She was further told that soon after straightening, rather than using her whip in her left hand contributing to her mount shifting in and being held up, she should have instead balanced her mount up and directed it to the outside of Sugoi Legend before using her whip.

RACE 2: John McGrath Auto Group Handicap 1080m

Missile Leader – Was a late scratching at 12:37pm after refusing to be loaded. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Got You Down be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 12:01pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Light Press: 34c win and 25c place

2nd: Shecanmixit: 22c place

3rd: Prometio Mas: 22c place

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr K Dryden was told that the gelding would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

Inveterate – Slow to begin.

Sea Rise - Raced wide throughout.

Berta – Was contacted on jumping by Prometio mas which shifted out.

Prometio Mas – Shifted out at the start and contacted Berta. Passing the 800m was eased from the heels of Man Of Time which was taken in.

Man Of Mine – Was contacted on jumping by Prophet time which shifted in. Passing the 800m was crowded by Prophet Time which was taken in.

Prophet Time – Shifted in at the start and contacted Man Of Mine. Passing the 800m was contacted when crowded for some distance by Sea Rise and carried in onto Man Of Time which was crowded and taken in resulting in Prometio Mas being eased. Rider H Van Der Hoven (Sea Rise) was reprimanded (AR131(a)).

RACE 3: Iron Jack Handicap 1750m

Turnaround Time – From the inquiry room, prior to correct weight, Stewards identified that rider S Guymer had used his whip on ten occasions prior to the 100m, five more times than is permitted under the Rule. When Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that Turnaround Time had gained an advantage that resulted in it finishing in first place in the race, in accordance with AR221(2), they therefore declined to exercise their powers under AR132(10) and did not proceed with a formal protest. At a subsequent inquiry rider S Guymer pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using his whip on ten occasions prior to the 100m, five more times than is permitted under the Rule. Bearing in mind S Guymer's good current record in relation to breaches under the Rule, he was fined the sum of \$300.

Layla Of Monaco – Began awkwardly.

Verbek – Slow to begin.

Departing Bullet – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider app Ms B Panya advised that given that her mount was stepping up in distance again today, she was instructed to lead and obtain a break on the field but to attempt to provide the gelding with slower mid-race sectionals to allow the gelding the opportunity of finishing off its race. She added that she felt initially that she had complied with instructions however after viewing a replay she conceded that she should have made more effort to steady her mount's speed in the middle stages to more fully comply with her instructions. Trainer Mr P Niceforo confirmed the instructions and added that he would have preferred the gelding be given a quieter ride in the middle passages of the race. App Ms B Panya was told that, whilst the gelding was able to find the line fairly in the circumstances, she had allowed her mount to travel too quickly during the relevant section of the race and should have slowed her mount's tempo.

RACE 4: Thoroughbred Park Function Centre Handicap 1080m

Romeo Vella – Was crowded on jumping between Heavenly Light and Vaaroom both of which shifted ground. App Ms R Haylock (**Heavenly Light**), represented by her master Mr J Cleary pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 900m she made

insufficient effort to prevent her mount from shifting in when insufficiently clear of *Romeo Vella* which lost its rightful running and had to be checked and was taken in resulting in Bromeo losing its rightful running when unable to hold its position between Romeo Vella and Evanora. App Ms R Haylock's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 2 July 2023 and to expire on Saturday 8 July 2023 on which day she may ride.

Evanora – Raced three-wide throughout.

RACE 5: TAB Same Race Multi Plate 1280m

Good Kitty – Slow to begin.

Iron Ruler – Slow to begin and raced four-wide throughout.

Dollywood – Trainer Mr J Cleary advised that the gelding which was obliged to race very wide throughout and consequently weakened in the straight would now be sent for a spell.

Rangatira – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Ten Feathers – App Ms E Ly advised that after jumping away, her mount immediately felt awkward in its hind action and for this reason in the middle stages she desisted from riding it along and it took no further part in the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its near-hind leg (grade 2/5). Trainer Mr J Rolfe was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding also being required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Tavolo – Was held up rounding the home turn.

RACE 6: Congratulations 300 Games Jarrod Croker Handicap 1280m

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

Witness To Love – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled mid-field where it was obliged to race very wide throughout. Passing the 200m was contacted by Lunar Ashes which shifted out.

Khaleej – Was slow to begin (2L). Over-raced in the middle stages and had to be restrained from the heels of Mixed Up Grey after the 1000m and again near the 900m.

Star To Fall – Shifted out at the start.

Lunar Ashes – Was a little slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages and wide from the 900m.

Mixed Up Grey – Over-raced in the middle stages and was checked from the heels of Last Hand passing the 1000m.

Hell Right – Passing the 100m when over-racing had to be restrained from the heels of Lunar Ashes. Passing the 200m was contacted by Witness To Love which was taken out by Lunar Ashes.

Knuckle Warrior - Ms R Freeman (**Star To Fall**) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that after the 1000m she permitted her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Knuckle Warrior* which had to be checked and was taken in resulting in Calmer Karma having to be restrained. Ms Freeman's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 2 July 2023 and to expire on Saturday 8 July 2023 on which day she may ride. Penalty reflected Ms Freeman's good record in relation to breaches under the Rule.

RACE 7: Tab Federal 1206m

Accrue – Rider N Heywood was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

I'm Not Leaving – Was a little slow to begin. Raced four-wide throughout.

Almost Persuaded – Raced three-wide throughout. Rounding the home turn was tightened between I'm Not leaving which shifted in slightly and Beau Rock which was taken out by Star To Fall which shifted out. Trainer Mr R Potter subsequently reported that the mare sustained a laceration to its off-hind leg.

Keep It Down – Was crowded on jumping by Devine Miss after being slow to begin.

Emma's Gift – Passing the 900m was crowded by Almost Persuaded (app Ms C Keatings) which shifted in. App Ms C Keatings was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 8: Affinity Electrical Technologies Handicap 1206m

Heavenly Prophet - Trainer Ms J Greentree was fined the sum of \$100 under AR206(2) for the late application of a tongue-tie to the approved racing gear of the mare.

Magic Stratagems – The explanation tendered by trainer Ms S Murray-Leslie for the late declaration of Ms R Freeman as the rider of the gelding was accepted.

Talent Award – Slow to begin.

Spirited King – Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and near the 200m had to be shifted to the outside of Magic Stratagems to continue into clear running.

Danish Hussar – Over-raced in the middle stages. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the gelding, stable foreperson Ms R McRae advised that the gelding had trialled particularly well at Goulburn on 9 March 2023 when resuming but did not appreciate the soft surface at Sapphire on 31 March 2023. She added that at the two Canberra races on 21 April and 19 May, the gelding may again not have appreciated the soft surfaces and on the latter of those occasion had been disadvantaged by being slowly away. She further added that the gelding’s feet have had to be managed, and in her view the gelding had found today’s Polytrack surface accommodating and it had performed accordingly.

Tee Cee Tiger – Passing the 150m had to be restrained when commencing to improve to the inside of Hasalake which was taken in by Tiz War Bro (H Van Der Hoven) which was angled to the inside of Heavenly Prophet to obtain a narrow run. In the circumstances H Van Der Hoven was reprimanded (AR131(a)).

Epaullo Creed – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider app Ms C Keatings said that in her view her mount did not appreciate today’s Polytrack surface and did not respond to her riding and would be better suited back on turf tracks. 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 4	J Innes Jnr (Romeo Vella)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 4	B Ward (Lethal Lady)	7 strikes prior to the 100m (incl 1 consec).
Race 6	J Innes Jnr (Knuckle Warrior)	8 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Hadouken, Flic En Flac

Race 2: Wagunda, White Foot

Race 5: Port Douglas, Opera Tickets

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 3: S Guymer (Turnaround Time) – \$300 - (AR132(7)(a)(ii)) – Excessive whip use.</p> <p>Race 8: Trainer Ms J Greentree (Heavenly Prophet) \$100 (AR206(2)) – Late gear change.</p>
Reprimands:	<p>Race 2: H Van Der Hoven (Sea Rise) – (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.</p> <p>Race 8: H Van Der Hoven (Tiz War Bro) – (AR131(a)) – Careless</p>

	riding.
Suspensions:	<p>General: S Guymer (Sooboogeliscious) – (AR131(a)) – Careless riding. License to ride in races suspended 2/7/23 until 24/7/23 on which day she may ride.</p> <p>Race 4: App Ms R Haylock (Heavenly Light) – (AR131(a)) – Careless riding. Permit to ride in races suspended 2/7/23 until 8/7/23 on which day she may ride.</p> <p>Race 6: Ms R Freeman (Star To Fall) – (AR131(a)) – Careless riding. License to ride in races suspended 2/7/23 until 8/7/23 on which day she may ride.</p>
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	<p>Race 1: Got You Down – Kicked out and refused to load.</p> <p>Race 1: Missile Leader – Refused to load.</p> <p>Race 5: Ten Feathers – Not tested due to lameness near hind leg (grade 2/5).</p>
Vet Certificates:	Race 5: Ten Feathers – Lameness near hind leg (grade 2/5).
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	<p>Race 1: Lynber – Red, yellow diamond and armbands.</p> <p>Race 3: Mandalorian – Blue cap.</p> <p>Race 7: Loui's Legacy – Red, yellow diamond and armbands.</p>
Follow up:	Nil.