

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 18th August 2023

(ACTON)

Weather: Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True

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

General:

Thoroughbred Park

Tia Karete – Stewards today inquired into the reasons why the gelding was euthanised on 12 August 2023. Evidence was taken from Mr G Vella, trainer of the gelding and a report was also provided by veterinarian Dr M Wright - Bungendore Veterinary Surgery. Mr Vella also supplied his stable treatment records. On the evidence it was established that the gelding was examined by Dr Wright on 8 August 2023 after displaying mild colic signs and inappetence that morning. The gelding was subsequently under veterinary treatment in the days following however on 12 August 2023 the gelding's condition deteriorated and the gelding was humanely euthanised that day on welfare grounds. The matter was subsequently concluded.

General:

Goulburn Jump-out 26 July 2023

Bet Red – Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the reasons why the gelding was euthanised on 7 August 2023 after it competed in a jump-out at Goulburn on 26 July 2023. Evidence was taken from trainer Mr P Murphy and he also provided his stable treatment and veterinary records. The evidence detailed that 700m into the jump-out the mare broke down in its right shoulder. The gelding was initially tended to on the day by Dr Peter Wright – Clinton Street Veterinary Clinic. Inconclusive radiographs were obtained on 27 July 2023 by Dr R Perez – Southern Highlands Equine Centre and whilst the gelding remained comfortable with pain relief and was under veterinary supervision, with the reduction of swelling, radiographs taken on 7 August 2023 by Dr Perez confirmed that the gelding had sustained a mid-body scapula fracture. As there was no treatment to allow for the successful rehabilitation of the gelding it was humanely euthanised on 7 August 2023. Dr Perez' veterinary report was tendered into evidence. As there was no evidence of any pre-existing injury that may have caused or contributed to the gelding's injury the matter was subsequently concluded.

RACE 1: Benchmark Joinery Plate 1750m

Beograd Boy – Slow to begin.

Verbatim Quote – Was a little slow to begin.

Secadia – Was contacted on jumping by Mick's Passion which shifted out.

Poker Dice – Slow to begin.

Mick's Passion – When questioned regarding the mare racing further forward, rider Ms E Hennessy advised that her instructions were to attempt to take up a forward position behind the anticipated leader Who's In Winny. Trainer Mr R Quinn confirmed the instructions and said last start the instructions were similar however the mare settled back after being slow to begin. He said today that with the addition of blinkers, the mare was sharper today and raced further forward. Mr Quinn was nevertheless reminded of his obligation to notify of today's intention to be closer.

Who's In Winny – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider app Ms R Bronett Pragg said that she was instructed to lead in accordance with the mare's pattern of racing and to build into the race from between the 800m and the 600m. She said that she established the lead however passing the 1000m she looked back and realised that she had opened up a substantial break on the field and made some effort then to ease her speed. She added that she subsequently increased her speed passing the 800m in accordance with her instructions however her mount commenced to weaken soon after straightening. App Ms R Bronett Pragg accepted that in hindsight she had made her mount travel far too quickly in the middle stages which resulted in it weakening in the straight. Trainer Mr R Quinn confirmed the instructions but said that the mare had been asked to do too much work when establishing the big lead on the field and expressed disappointment in the ride. Bearing in mind app Ms R Bronett Pragg's inexperience as an apprentice rider, she was told that she had erred in allowing her mount to travel at a too faster a tempo in the middle stages and thereafter should have held her mount up longer than she did, given the run tough run that it had, to give it the best chance of finishing its race off and was she was advised that she must rider her mount's with much greater judgement in future.

RACE 2: Infinite Joinery Handicap 1080m

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

Shalaa Magic – Trainer Mr A McRae represented by foreperson Mrs R McRae was fined the sum of \$100 under AR206(1) for presenting the gelding to race in a compression hood which was not approved under the National Equipment Register.

Hedwig – Slow to begin.

Silver Lily – Slow to begin (2L).

Conspiracist – Raced three-wide throughout.

Chop The Ice – Trainer Mr G Vella was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which proved difficult to load. Was contacted on jumping by Just Image If which shifted out.

Just Imagine If – Began awkwardly shifted out and made contact with Chop The Ice.

RACE 3: Capital Veneering Jockeys Celebration Day Handicap 1750m

Bringbackthebears – Lost the benefit of cover from the 1200m when Blazing Sunrise pressed forward to lead and raced exposed three-wide from that point.

Almahero – Passing the 1400m when over-racing had to be restrained from the heels of Departing Bullet.

Tillman – Passing the 1400m when over-racing had to be restrained from the heels of Almahero which in turn was restrained from the heels of Departing Bullet.

Shafty – When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the gelding, trainer Mr D Blundell stated that last start at Rosehill Gardens on 5 August 2023 he was most disappointed with the gelding's performance but said that in his view the gelding, which was transported to Sydney the day before the race may not have settled in its overnight stabling. He said that the gelding had subsequently pulled up well following the race with no issues to report.

RACE 4: CKC Joinery & Stone Plate 1280m TAB Federal 1080m

Via Rose – Change of tactics: To be ridden quieter to obtain cover; settled back with cover, however over-raced for some distance passing the 1000m.

Berta – Began awkwardly.

Le Qui – Was taken out at the start by Prince Gamble which shifted out resulting in its rider Ms E Hennessy being unbalanced. Raced very wide throughout.

Prophet Time – Over-raced for some distance passing the 1000m.

Prince Gamble – Began awkwardly and shifted out. Was held up between the 350m and until near the 100m.

Jukebox Money – Raced three-wide throughout. Shifted in over the concluding stages and was not able to be tested close to the line when awkward on the heels of Peak Contributor.

Old Newmarket – Passing the 900m when racing keenly had to be restrained from the heels of Texas Open (N Heywood) which shifted in when not quite clear. N Heywood was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 5: TAB Federal 1080m

Sister Moon – Rider J Martin was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Anticipated the start, made contact with the front gates and was slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

Mandalong Superb – Rider R Bensley was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Shores Of Avalon – Trainer Mr K Dryden was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of B Owen as the rider of the mare.

Deep Snow – Was crowded on jumping by Sister moon which shifted in.

Miss Ostend – Was crowded on jumping by King Gutho which shifted out. An inquiry was opened into M Cahill's riding of the mare rounding the home turn and in the straight. M Cahill advised that his he was under no specific instructions and the mare settled back in the field typical of its racing pattern. He said that from the 500m his mount, when trailing Deep Snow, was unable to improve when held in a pocket to the inside of Sister Moon. He said that rounding the home turn, his mount continued to be held up, and whilst he briefly shifted out to be on the back of Smuggler's Bay, Sister Moon remained on his outside leaving him no ability to shift out and so he initially shifted back in on straightening to attempt to obtain clear running. He added however at that point he heard a cautionary call from the rider of King Gutho and to avoid causing interference and simultaneously when no run was available, whilst a run developed soon after to his outside between Smuggler's Bay and Sister Moon he was initially unable to come out as his mount had improved just to the inside of the heels of Smuggler's Bay. M Cahill was further questioned as to why, soon after, when able to come to the outside of the heels of Smuggler's Bay when clear of that runner's heels, passing the 300m he did not take the run immediately to the outside of Smuggler's Bay but rather allowed his mount to continue to shift out further to the outside of Sister Moon. M Cahill explained that in his view the run between Smuggler's Bay and Sister Moon was narrow and he was concerned that Smuggler's Bay may shift out and tighten that run and rather, he came to the outside of sister Moon to obtain clear running from which point his mount found the line well. Trainer Mr N Gardner

confirmed the extent of the instructions and after taking evidence from him, Stewards adjourned the inquiry.

RACE 6: Top Shelf Joinery Handicap 1080m

Cash Is Queen – Was a late scratching at 4:07pm after kicking out and refusing to be loaded. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Cash Is Queen be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 1:15pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Titan Star: 11c win and 8c place

2nd: Love Of Air: 11c place

3rd: Geminids: 11c place

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Ms E Longmire was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

Newtown Is Coming – Slow to begin.

Keith – Slow to begin. Raced three-wide throughout.

Big Steve – Slow to begin.

Zanshin – Passing the 1000m was steadied from the heels of Love Of Air which hung in. Raced four-wide throughout. Passing the 600m was contacted by Areeba Spirit which shifted out.

Geminids – Slow to begin.

Areeba Spirit – Passing the 900m was steadied from the heels of Titan Star (app Ms M Bourke) which shifted in when not quite clear. App Ms M Bourke was advised to exercise more care. Passing the 600m shifted out and made contact with Zanshin.

RACE 7: Turners Building Supplies Handicap 1280m

Need For Greed – Rider S Guymer was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Over-raced in the middle stages.

Ces Soirees La – Began awkwardly and lost ground. App D Budler (Missile Leader) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 200m he permitted his mount to shift out under riding when insufficiently clear of Angel Academy was taken out contributing to Ces Soirees losing its rightful running and having to be checked. App D Budler's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 21 August 2023 and to expire on Saturday 2 September 2023 on which day he may ride.

Rebel Lilly - Slow to begin.

Khaleej – Slow to begin.

Chasing A Quid – Over-raced in the middle stages. Raced three-wide throughout.

Celtic Vader – Raced three-wide throughout.

Angel Academy - Passing the 200m was taken out by Missile Leader which shifted out.

Missile Leader – Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and passing the 300m was disappointed for a run to the inside of Quinlan and after continuing to be held up was shifted out passing the 200m to obtain clear running.

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	J Mallyon (Gundy Guy)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3	App Ms J Presits (Tillman)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 4	Q Krogh (Peak Contributor)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: All So Easy, Beograd Boy

Race 2: Just Imagine, Hedwig

Race 4: Hagler, Sherman

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: Trainer Mr A McRae (Shalaa Magic) \$100 (AR206(1)) – Unapproved gear. Race 5: Trainer Mr K Dryden (Shores Of Avalon) \$100 (LR35) – Late rider.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 7: App D Budler (Missile Leader) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding – Permit to ride in races suspended 21/8/23 to expire on 2/9/23 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 2: Chop The Ice – Difficult to load.
Trials:	Race 6: Cash Is Queen – Kicked out and refused to be loaded.
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.

Change of Colours:	Race 4: Sherman – Red, yellow diamond and armbands. Race 6: Keith – Gold, White cap.
Follow up:	Race 5: Inquiry into M Cahill's ride of Miss Ostend.