

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 20th October 2023

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: Out 7m

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

RACE 1: Breast Cancer Awareness Month Plate 1400m

Lake Hume – Was buffeted on jumping between Ice Skater which shifted in and Van Der Zee which shifted out after knuckling on jumping.

Van Der Zee – Knuckled on jumping. On straightening had to be eased when awkwardly placed on the heels of Hedwig which shifted out. Was held up in the early part of the straight until passing the 300m.

Reet Petite – Raced three-wide throughout.

Hedwig – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on the mare which was hard ridden from the barriers and took up a more forward position to be racing off the leader, rider Ms K Nisbet advised that she was instructed to ride her mount accordingly to race more prominently. Trainer Mr M Guenther advised that his instructions had been the same at previous starts and today he was surprised that the mare was able to take up such a forward position. Mr Guenther was nevertheless reminded of his obligations to notify such instructions when the mare had settled back in its previous starts.

Ice Skater – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted today particularly as to why the mare settled much further forward to lead, rider J Mallyon advised that his instructions were to take up a forward position and it was open for him to lead. He added that after being ridden to go forward the mare subsequently over-raced in the middle stages in front. Trainer Mr R Butler confirmed the instructions and advised that when the mare settled worse than mid-field last start at Moruya on 29 September 2023 from a wide gate, the instructions were to have the mare racing where comfortable. Mr R Butler was reprimanded under AR100 for failing to notify the change to today's instructions.

Ruff – Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

RACE 2: TAB Same Race Multi Plate 2000m

Bobby Sox – On arrival at the start underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared suitable to start.

Old Newmarket – Knuckled badly on jumping and lost ground. When questioned, rider Ms J Taylor advised that her instructions were to take up a forward position. She added that after the incident at the start, her mount was disadvantaged from having to race back in the field and subsequently was not able to respond when the race quickened and did not run on in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Beograd Boy – Slow to begin.

Mandalong Starz – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider M Heagney said that with blinkers applied today for the first time he was instructed to be more forward but did not necessarily anticipate leading and said that when his mount began well and when trapped wide early, he allowed his mount to stride to the lead.

RACE 3: Seears Workwear Handicap 1200m

To His Credit – Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Trainer Mr N Olive was told that the gelding which suffered a bleeding attack during the event, would incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under the provisions of AR79(4).

Up To Mischief – Co-trainers Mr C Maher and Mr D Eustice were fined the sum of \$100 for the late declaration of A Adkins as the rider of the filly. Stewards considered a protest lodged by A Adkins, rider of the filly which finished 2nd against Jazz All Knight being declared the winner alleging interference passing the 250m. On the evidence it was established that passing the 250m Jazz All Knight ran out abruptly and bumped Up To Mischief, which was unbalanced and lost ground. Bearing in mind the degree of interference suffered by Up To Mischief, the manner in which it was finishing off its race and the margin of a long neck between the respective runners, as Stewards were satisfied that, if not for the interference, that Up To Mischief would have finished ahead of Jazz All Knight, they upheld the protest and amended the Judge's placing to read 1st: Up To Mischief; 2nd: Jazz All Knight; 3rd Roman Miss and 4th: Grey Lad.

Jazz All Knight – Co-trainer Mr P Jones was told that a warning would be recorded against the filly which shifted out abruptly passing the 250m and bumped Up To Mischief.

Grey Lad – Slow to begin.

Roman Miss – Began awkwardly. Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Was held up for clear running until near the 250m.

Diablo Bolt – Near the 100m had to be restrained from the heels of To His Credit (B Owen) which shifted in when not clear. B Owen was advised to exercise more care. When questioned, rider H Van Der Hoven stated that from his wide gate his mount, which was resuming today, settled back in the field. He said that in the straight he felt that his mount was running home well however its momentum was stopped when suffering interference near the 100m and he expressed satisfaction with today's performance.

Toitime – Raced three-wide throughout.

RACE 4: Affinity Electrical Technologies Handicap 1000m

Bowie Of Dubai Raced three-wide throughout.

Lunar Solar – Kicked out at the back gates after entering its barrier stall and was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider app Ms H Durnan said that after being slow to begin and settling further back, her mount then laid out throughout the race and proved disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be in season and to have a minor cut to its near flank. Trainer Mr C Widdison was told that a warning would be recorded concerning the mare's barrier behaviour.

RACE 5: John McGrath Auto Group Handicap 1400m

His Honour – After being loaded, became fractious, got both forelegs over the front gates and struggled and was subsequently a late scratching on veterinary advice at 3:44pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on His Honour be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 3:44pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Owl Witness: 10c win and 12c place

2nd: Missile Seeker: 7c place

3rd: Astunner: 12c place

A further veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its near-foreleg (grade 1/5). Trainer Ms B Byrne was told that she 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.

True Valentine – Contacted on the hindquarter on jumping by Owl Witness which bounded on jumping and shifted out.

Owl Witness – Bounded on jumping, shifted out and bumped True Valentine on the hindquarter.

Chop The Ice – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J Martin stated that despite racing with its blinkers removed today, the gelding over-raced and laid out rounding the home turn and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G Vella advised that given today's performance, the gelding would be sent for a spell.

Missile Seeker – Slow to begin.

Add Milk – Knuckled on jumping. After the 1200m had to be steadied from the heels of Crazy Russian (A Adkins) which shifted in when not quite clear. A Adkins was advised to exercise more care. Was held up rounding the home turn.

Astunner – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider Q Krogh advised that he was instructed to obtain cover consistent with his mount's racing pattern. He said that his mount however began particularly well and assumed the lead without being pressured.

RACE 6: 25 November Canberra Community Chest Handicap 1200m

Banger – Slow to begin.

Blitzar – Slow to begin.

Big Day Out – Passing the 150m was directed to the inside of the heels of Tulla Park to continue into clear running.

Prophet's Pride – Raced wide throughout.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1600m

Cliff House – Slow to begin.

Stratum Pride – Began awkwardly. Was held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 150m.

Spitfire – Was a little slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn.

Offspring – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Trooper Knuckle - Began awkwardly and shifted out.

She's All In – Was taken out at the start by Trooper Knuckle which shifted out. Rider app J Barrett was interviewed concerning his ride in the presence of co-master and co-trainer of the

mare, Mr P Jones. App J Barrett advised that he was instructed to lead and establish a break on the field. Whilst he was aware that his mount was travelling at a solid tempo, he felt that he had made some effort to reduce its speed in the middle stages, however in retrospect he accepted that he should have made greater effort to slow his mount's speed after obtaining a break on the field. Mr P Jones confirmed the instructions and agreed that the mare had completed too faster sectionals for the first 1000m of the race which had contributed to the mare compounding in the straight. App J Barrett was told that in the opinion of the Stewards he had erred in that he should have reduced his mounts speed in the middle stages after aggressively finding the front to give it a better chance of finishing off its race. App J Barrett was fined the sum of \$200 under AR132(6)(c) for using his whip on his mount when it was out of contention.

RACE 8: Congratulations Tim Olive Life Member Handicap 1200m

Hold – Slow to begin. Hung in in the straight and between the 250m and 150m was inconvenienced by Donegal Lights (N Heywood) which shifted out under pressure. N Heywood was advised to exercise more care.

Fianchetto – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Dorami – Knuckled on jumping.

Donegal Lights – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Barrier Trial

Trainer Mr N Olive was fined the sum of \$50 under LR47B(1)(b) for the late declaration of Q Krogh as the rider of Invincible Dash.

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.

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| Race 5 | B Owen (Onsettling Down) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m |
| Race 6 | B Owen (Shafty) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m |

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | <p>Barrier Trial: Trainer Mr N Olive (Invincible Dash) \$50 (LR47B(1)(b)) – Late rider.</p> <p>Race 3: Co-trainers Mr C Maher & Mr D Eustice (To His Credit) \$100 (LR35) – Late rider.</p> <p>Race 7: App J Barrett (She’s All In) \$200 (AR132(6)(c)) – Use of whip on mount out of contention.</p> |
| Reprimands: | Race 1: Trainer Mr R Butler (Ice Skater) (AR100) – Fail notify change of tactics. |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Race 7: To His Credit – Bled 1 st occasion and incurs mandatory three-month ban from racing under AR79(4). |
| Warnings: | <p>Race 3: Jazz All Knight – Ran out abruptly.</p> <p>Race 4: Lunar Solar – Kicked out in barriers.</p> |
| Trials: | Race 5: His Honour – Fractious barriers. |
| Vet Certificates: | Race 5: His Honour – Lame near-foreleg (grade 1/5). |
| Falls/Injuries: | Nil. |
| Change of Colours: | <p>Race 3: To His Credit – White cap.</p> <p>Race 8: Prometio Mas – Black cap.</p> |
| Follow up: | Nil. |