

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Saturday 27th January 2024

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5), upgraded to Good (4) at 2:05pm

Rail: Out 7m

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

Supplementary Report

Canberra 12 January 2024

RACE 5: TAB Federal 1300m

Incentive – An inquiry was continued into rider J Innes Jnr's handling of the gelding throughout. On the day J Innes Jnr explained that his instructions were to make his mount begin, allow it to roll early and try to get a break and hold his mount together as best he could to force the field to chase a long way out. He added that after his mount was a little slow to begin he rode his mount forward and was aware that he established a five to six length break in the early stages. He said that his mount which has a tendency to travel keenly in its races, did so again today from the 900m and he felt that as a consequence, it had extended the lead by a further two lengths in the middle stages. He added that he was aware that the tempo being set by his mount, particularly as it was up in distance over 1300m, was too fast and he said that whilst he made some effort to ease his mount's speed he was reluctant to unduly restrain his mount as he was of the view that the gelding would continue to over-race and resent such pressure and further felt it would be detrimental to fight his mount and give up the ground it held to its advantage. Trainer Mr K Dryden advised the instructions were to allow the gelding to roll to the front and after establishing a margin, to try to settle the gelding because it had the tendency over-race in its races and in its trackwork. Mr Dryden also agreed that the gelding had gone too quickly during the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which subsequently weakened in the straight did not reveal any abnormality. The inquiry was resumed today and a report prepared by Mr Craig McDonald, Manager – Wagering Integrity and tendered into evidence detailed no integrity issues with regards to betting activity on the race. When considering the relative blameworthiness of his riding and the gelding's tractability history and circumstances of the race, rider J Innes Jnr was told that particularly as his mount was stepping up in distance from 1000m to 1300m, and as he was aware that the gelding had a propensity to pull hard in its races and track work, that he had erred in making far too much use of his mount

from the gates to establish the lead and break than was necessary, which had contributed to his mount over-racing in the middle stages. Further, he was told that he had erred in that when he was aware that the pace set by his mount was too fast, he should have made greater effort to attempt to bring his mount back, which would have given the gelding a better chance of being able to finish off its race.

RACE 1: Affinity Electrical Technologies Plate 1000m

Vella Icon – Stewards permitted S Guymer to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Cordiality – Was a little slow to begin.

Taytay Bay – Slow to begin. Soon after the start was brushed by Dark Glitter which shifted in.

Kitty Jinks – Ran out near the 200m and had to be corrected by its rider.

Dark Glitter – Ran in after the start and brushed Taytay Bay. Raced greenly throughout. Hung out passing the 450m and laid out in the straight.

I'm A Chocoholic – Following the race, trainer Mr B Lazzarini reported that the filly had sustained a laceration beneath its right hip. The filly was subsequently examined by the Club's veterinary officer in respect to that wound. Despite investigation by Stewards, they could not determine how that laceration was caused.

RACE 2: 43 Days To The Black Opal Handicap 1000m

Volare – Raced three-wide throughout.

Sugarfire – Held up rounding the home turn.

The Power Of Love – Passing the 300m was hampered by Sugarfire (S Cherchi) which shifted out when not clear. S Cherchi was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 3: CBR's First \$1M Race Day – 10 March 2024 Handicap 1600m

Liangelo – Change of tactics: To attempt to lead; slow to begin and settled back. Passing the 700m hung out which afforded Region Time the opportunity of improving to its inside.

Stratum Pride – Raced three-wide until passing the 1000m.

Heir Jordan – Rider Ms R Freeman was reminded of her obligation to ride her mounts out fully to the end of the race.

Region Time – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider app Ms C Keatings said that her mount was disappointing in its failure to respond to her riding in the straight and in her view may not have appreciated the relatively quick back up following its fifth placing at Cowra on 21 January 2024. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 4: TAB Federal 1000m

No incidents.

RACE 5: Airconditioning Canberra Handicap 1200m

Zephyr Wings – Began awkwardly. Held up rounding the home turn.

Miss Stalwart – Hung out rounding the home turn.

Press Lightly – When questioned, rider B Owen advised that his mount was under pressure from the 500m and had weakened noticeably inside the final 200m but otherwise had felt fine in its action. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr D Wagstaff advised that in his view the mare may have displaced its soft palate and for this reason he would add a tongue-tie to the mare for its next race start.

Jacob Joe – Was not tested close to the line when pressured by White Liar (app Ms C Keatings) which shifted in. App Ms C Keatings was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 6: TAB Same Race Multi Handicap 1300m

Prince Papa – Trainer Mr P Murphy was fined the sum of \$100 under AR206(2) for the late application of blinkers and a tongue-tie to the gelding's racing gear.

Kaikana – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider Ms E Hennessey advised that her mount was slow to begin and had not travelled at any stage of the event and had raced greenly. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Ms L Dean was told that the filly which had been uncompetitive, being beaten 63L would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Tenacious Lady – Was slow to begin and crowded soon after by A Shin Warrior which shifted in. Was held up rounding the home turn and until the 250m.

Prince Papa – Was held up until passing the 250m.

Occhiata – Was held up rounding the home turn and until near the 200m where it was shifted in to obtain a narrow run between Flying Ned and Miss Artfire and in doing so made contact with the hindquarter of Miss Artfire.

Miss Artfire – Near the 200m was contacted on the hindquarter by Occhiata which shifted in to obtain a narrow run.

A Shin Warrior – Raced three-wide throughout.

RACE 7: Canberra Community Chest 1400m

Paziah – Was crowded on jumping by Out Wrapped which shifted in.

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

Heromania – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; slow to begin and settled worse than mid-field.

Denaru – Slow to begin. Passing the 250m and 150m shifted out and brushed Where Is Ken.

Where Is Ken – Was brushed by Denaru on two occasions passing the 250m and 150m when that runner shifted out.

Miss Antwerp – Rider J Innes Jnr was spoken to regarding the use of his whip on his mount when it was out of contention.

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 3 | App Ms C Keatings (Region Time) | 8 strikes prior to the 100m incl 1 consec. |
| Race 4 | Ms R Freeman (Annual) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m |

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Cordiality

Race 2: Pro Forma, Sugarfire,

Race 3: El Lago, Liangelo

Race 5: Zephyr Wings

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Race 6: Trainer Mr P Murphy (Prince Papa) – AR206(2)) – \$100 - Late gear change. |
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |
| Warnings: | Nil. |
| Trials: | Race 6: Kaikana – Uncompetitive (beaten 63L). |
| Vet Certificates: | Nil. |
| Falls/Injuries: | Nil. |
| Change of Colours: | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Nil. |