

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 23rd February 2024

Weather: Storm then fine

Track: Soft (5) downgraded to Soft (6) at 1:45pm following race 1.

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:

Due to a storm and lightning activity in the vicinity, races 1, 2 and 3 were rescheduled to 1:37pm, 2:05pm and 2:34pm respectively.

RACE 1: TBC Distribution Handicap 1300m

Swift Shot – Slow to begin.

Spritzzy Lass – Raced three-wide throughout.

Up To Me – Contacted on jumping by Taytay Bay which shifted in.

Taytay Bay – Shifted in at the start and contacted Up To Me.

Levis Criminalibus – Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Following the running of this race the track was downgraded to a Soft (6) at 1:45pm to be made retrospective to include this race.

RACE 2: Kennards Hire Plate 1000m

Sutton Vella – The filly which was fractious in the barriers was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. After the 800m was inconvenienced by Hold The Gold which was taken out.

Candi Lass – After the 800m was taken wider by Sutton Vella which was inconvenienced.

Hold The Gold – Was contacted on jumping by Serial Offender which was taken in. After the 800m was taken out by Hey Ya Buster which shifted out when racing keenly.

Serial Offender – Was contacted on jumping by Disrupt which shifted in and made contact with Hold The Gold.

Hey Ya Buster – After the 800m, shifted out when racing keenly.

Disrupt – During the race, rider B Ward was struck in the mouth by a clod and sustained a laceration to his lip but declined medical attention.

RACE 3: TAB We're On Plate Plate 1600m

Ocean Diva – As R Downey was unable to ride his mount at its allotted weight, Stewards permitted A Adkins to be substituted as the rider of the filly. At a subsequent inquiry R Downey was fined the sum of \$200 under AR190(3)). Bounded on jumping.

Reet Petite – Over-raced in the early stages. Near the 1000m when over-racing, had to be checked away from the heels of Halkis.

My Rock Singa – Raced three-wide throughout.

Man In The Mirror – Rounding the home turn became awkward on the heels of Be Diplomatic which shifted out after being taken out by Reet Petite. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider H Van Der Hoven said that his mount never travelled at any stage of the race, settled further back than was instructed and in his view did not handle the wearing Soft (6) track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Halkis – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have sustained a laceration to its off-hind leg which required veterinary attention. Co-trainer Mr L Price was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

RACE 4: Casino Canberra Guineas Preview 1400m

Koning – After being loaded, became fractious, reared up and got its near-foreleg and then also its off-foreleg cast across the front gates for some length of time and was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 3:08pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Koning be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 3:08pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1st: **Direct Fire**: 12c win and 15c place*

*2nd: **Everido**: 9c place*

*3^r: **Miss Ghent**: 10c place*

At a subsequent inquiry co-trainer Mr W Freedman was told that the colt would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Mercury Rose – Slow to begin. Laid in in the straight and on several occasions had to be corrected away from the heels of Chasing A Quid.

Destructive Diva – Was held up rounding the home turn and until the 250m.

Chasing A Quid – Passing the 900m when racing keenly became awkward on the heels of Everido and was shifted out and raced three-wide for the remainder of the race.

RACE 5: Alan Rummery Bookmaker Shane Connolly Memorial Handicap 1200m

Lola Bunny – Trainer Mr R Litt was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of D Beasley as the rider of the filly. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Hurricane Ablowing – Began awkwardly.

Queen Maxima – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Single Beat – Had difficulty obtaining completely clear running until passing the 250m.

Papaver Miner – As P Boudvillain was overweight, Stewards permitted J Innes Jnr to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. P Boudvillain will be interviewed. Raced wide until the 600m.

Stormy Revolution – Raced three-wide until the 600m.

RACE 6: Civium Property Group Canberra Cup Preview 2000m

Athena's Lad – Near the 800m when beaten for the opportunity to improve to the outside of Temple Run which was shifting out and Piraeus which improved to pocket the gelding, Athena's Lad had to be checked from the heels of Temple Garden and in the incident, shifted out bumped Piraeus.

Piraeus – Near the 800m was bumped by Athena's Lad which shifted out after being checked from the heels of Temple Garden.

RACE 7: ETS Refrigeration & Airconditioning Black Opal Preview 1000m

Spirit In The Dark – Rider J Martin was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Beer Baron – Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was a little slow to begin. Passing the 30m rider B Owen was obliged to

momentarily desist from riding his mount when awkward on the heels of Art's Alive which shifted in slightly. Rider B Owen reported that his mount hung in in the straight.

Spirit In The Dark – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Dupli Kate – Slow to begin.

Phoroneus – An inquiry was opened into interference suffered by the gelding near the 800m and evidence was taken from its rider Q Krogh, Ms K Nisbet (Magical Moments), B Ryan (Winning Statement) and A Adkins (Art's Alive). The evidence revealed that near the 800m Phoroneus was contacted by Magical Moments which shifted into its line of running and as a consequence Phoroneus blundered and nearly fell. However, bearing in mind the nature of the evidence from all riders and unclear video evidence by virtue of the camera not being head on, given the close proximity of each of the runners in respect to each other, the interference could not be attributed to any one rider. Therefore, no action was taken although riders were provided with a general message to ensure that they rode with due care for their fellow rider.

Shezain – Raced wide throughout.

Enter The Dragon – Raced very wide throughout.

Amazing Eagle – On return to scale rider T Schiller stated that his mount began only fairly and raced a little further back than planned.

RACE 8: TAB Federal National Sprint Preview 1200m

Tap 'N' Run – Stewards acceded to an application from trainer Mr R Stubbs at 2:17pm to withdraw the gelding due to the downgrade of the track.

Chairman's Lass – Slow to begin.

Zelago – Raced three-wide throughout.

Fangela – Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight. Rider B Ward reported on return to scale that his mount pulled hard in the early to middle stages which resulted in his saddle moving forward during those stages.

RACE 9: 16 days To The Black Opal Handicap 1600m

Port Douglas – Began awkwardly.

Crucial Witness – Pulled its way forward and settled outside the leader passing the 1100m.

Kingston Charm – Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages. In the early part of the straight and until passing the 200m had difficulty improving through restricted running between Onya Lional and Crucial Witness.

Sizzling Cat – Raced three-wide throughout. Rider app Ms H Durnan dropped her whip passing the 250m.

Missile Leader – Rounding the home turn raced in very restricted room after improving to the inside of Kingston Charm. Was held up until passing the 200m.

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 3	Q Krogh (Walk Up Start)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
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Swabs:

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

Race 1: Swift Shot

Race 4: Miss Ghent, Tiger Town

Race 6: Athena’s Lad, Region Time

Race 7: Phoroneus

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: R Downey (Ocean Diva) \$200 (AR190(3)) – Overweight. Race 5: Trainer Mr R Litt (Lola Bunny) \$100 (LR35) – Late rider.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 4: Koning – Fractious barriers and forelegs cast over front gates. Nil.
Vet Certificates:	Race 4: Halkis – Laceration off-hind leg.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.

Change of Colours:	Race 7: Magical Moments – White cap.
Follow up:	Nil.