

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

#### THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 12th January 2024

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5), upgraded to a Good (4) at 2:20pm

Rail: Out 3m

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).

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#### **Supplementary Report**

#### **Cooma 2 December 2023**

#### **RACE 1: Monaro Tyrepower – Cooma Auto Electrics Maiden Plate 1000m**

**Invest And Profit** – An inquiry was today continued into the reasons why the mare was euthanised on 13 December 2023 after breaking down following the above stated race on 2 December 2023. On the day of the race, rider R Bensley said that Invest And Profit had felt fine in its action during the race however went amiss upon pulling up. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in its near-foreleg (grade 4/5). Further evidence was obtained today from trainer Mr G Crothers and he provided her stable treatment records and a veterinary report provided by Dr D Wong, Cumberland Veterinary Services was also tendered into evidence. The evidence revealed that the mare had not required any veterinary intervention prior to its breakdown. Dr Wong's report detailed that x-rays revealed that the mare had comminuted and displaced slab fractures of the left radiocarpal bone, intermediate carpal bone and third carpal bone and on welfare grounds the mare was euthanised on 13 December 2023. As there was no evidence of any pre-existing injury or condition which may have caused or contributed to the breakdown, the inquiry was concluded.

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#### **RACE 1: Vic Elvin Handicap 1600m**

**Lepo** – Trainer Mr M Petrovic was told that a warning would be recorded against the mare which missed the start (3L).

**All Above** – Over-raced in the early to middle stages.

**Zabellsareringing** – When questioned, rider Ms K Nisbet explained that in the small field she anticipated settling outside the leader. She said however after the 1300m after initially riding to

go forward and when trapped three-wide when All Above was over-racing to her inside she subsequently restrained to obtain a position behind that runner.

#### **RACE 2: Maree And Megan Van Arkel Handicap 1400m**

**Overice** – Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was fined the sum of \$100 under AR106 when the mare was presented to race in blinkers which were not part of its approved racing gear. Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was told that a warning would be recorded against the mare which proved difficult to load.

**Sir Ming** – Passing the 800m when racing keenly, had to be restrained when awkward on the heels of Crucial Witness.

#### **RACE 3: Giants Handicap 1400m**

**Danish Lane** – Stewards permitted P Boudvillain to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. On jumping was contacted on the hindquarter by Timaru which was taken out.

**Timaru** – On jumping was taken out by Cable Express and made contact with Danish Lane.

**The Sultan** – Trainer Mr T Smart was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding. Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; began awkwardly, was slow to muster and settled last.

**Miss Antwerp** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Red Hot Zone** – On jumping made contact with Bin Chicken.

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**Verartie** – When questioned, rider B Owen advised that his mount felt uncomfortable in its action in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 2/5). Trainer Mr M Sparrow was advised that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

**Cable Express** – Laid out in the straight and shifted out passing the 50m.

**Flying Impala** – Passing the 50m was taken out by Cable Express which shifted out whilst hanging.

#### **RACE 4: Stephen Larkham Brumbies Plate 1200m**

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

**Exilado** – Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of Ms J Taylor as the rider of the filly. Over-raced in the middle stages and passing the 1000m got its head up for some distance. Was held up rounding the home turn.

**Flying Ned** – Began awkwardly and lost ground. Held up rounding the home turn.

**Domain Gardens** – Was held up rounding the home turn and until near the 200m and again for some distance passing the 100m and at that point shifted out and made contact with Vella Icon.

**Ferghana** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Meghan** – Held up rounding the home turn. D Budler (*Vella Icon*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that near the 300m he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of Meghan which had to be checked. D Budler's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 17 January 2024 and to expire on Wednesday 31 January 2024 on which day he may ride.

**Vella Icon** – Was held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 300m when shifted out. Passing the 100m was eased from the heels of Ferghana (Ms A Collett) which shifted in slightly under pressure and made contact with Domain Gardens which shifted out. Ms A Collett was advised to exercise more care.

**Noctua** – Hung out rounding the home turn.

#### **RACE 5: TAB Federal 1300m**

**Off Shaw** – Stewards permitted P Boudvillain to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

**Power Bank** – Stewards permitted S Guymer to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Began awkwardly. Raced three-wide throughout.

**Roman Hands** – The gelding horse, which was found to have a skin reaction, was a late scratching at 11:23pm.

**Spirited King** – Slow to begin.

**Incentive** – An inquiry was opened into rider J Innes Jnr's handling of the gelding throughout. He 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 adjourned to a date to be fixed.

#### **RACE 6: Ricky Stuart Foundation Plate 2000m**

**Sophieinthesky** – As H Van Der Hoven was ill, Stewards permitted J Innes Jnr to be substituted as the rider of the filly. Shifted in at the start and made contact with Blind Date. When questioned, rider J Innes Jnr explained that his mount weakened from the 700m and was very poor but otherwise felt fine in its action. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly which was beaten 39L did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr C Karakatsanis advised that the filly would now be transferred from his stable but was told that it would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction before it would be permitted to race again.

**Italiano** – Stewards permitted N Heywood to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Began awkwardly. When questioned, rider N Heywood stated that when caught wide in the early stages, he was obliged to press more forward today to obtain a position closer to the rail and settled to the outside of the leader Highness. He added that his mount hung in during the race and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Prefer The Wink** – Slow to begin.

**Farriage** – Began awkwardly and soon after had to be checked from the heels of Toro Magic which ran out.

**Toro Magic** – Ran out at the start. On return to scale rider S Guymer advised that his mount hung in throughout the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Blind Date** – On jumping was contacted by Sophieinthesky which shifted in. Inside the final 50m was brushed by Cheval Savant which shifted out under pressure.

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**La Sagrada** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**RACE 7: Adam Van Arkel Handicap 1300m**

**Out Wrapped** – Stewards permitted R Bensley to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Slow to begin.

**Tiger Town** – As H Van Der Hoven was ill, Stewards permitted D Beasley to be substituted as the rider of the filly. Slow to begin. Raced three-wide throughout.

**Raider Eightyeight** – Slow to begin and soon after was inconvenienced by Deadly Weapon which began awkwardly and shifted out. Over-raced in the middle stages.

**Deadly Weapon** – Began awkwardly.

**Critical Time** – Passing the 1100m was eased when tightened by Outsmarted which laid in after being taken in. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider Ms A Collett stated that her mount travelled well but did not respond to her riding in the straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Outsmarted** – Passing the 1100m laid in after being taken in by Far Too Hot which was eased from heels.

**Far Too Hot** – Passing the 1100m was restrained to avoid the heels of Dark Vador (J Van Overmeire). J Van Overmeire was reprimanded (AR131(a)).

**Dark Vador** – Laid out in the straight.

**RACE 8: Potter Racing Ray Irwin Memorial Handicap 1000m**

**Khaleej** – Stewards permitted P Boudvillain to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Slow to begin.

**Agent Moon** – Slow to begin.

**Maid A Quid** – Trainer Ms B Byrne was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was slow to begin.

**Riva D'Amor** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Zazel** – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider J Martin stated that his mount did not respond to his riding when asked for an effort and was plain today. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr K Dryden advised that the filly would now be sent for a spell.

**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.

<b>Race 1</b>	App Ms C Keatings ( <b>Lepo</b> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 3</b>	Ms E Hennessy ( <b>Timaru</b> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 3</b>	App Ms H Durnan ( <b>Tiz War Bro</b> )	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 4</b>	P Boudvillain ( <b>Shaddy</b> )	6 strikes prior to the 100m

**Swabs:**

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

**Race 2:** Overice, Twelfth Night

**Race 3:** Flying Impala, Red Hot Zone, Danish Lane

**Race 4:** Be Diplomatic

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer ( <b>Overice</b> ) \$100 (LR35) – Late rider. <b>Race 3:</b> Trainer Mr T Smart ( <b>The Sultan</b> ) \$50 (AR65) – No TIC. <b>Race 4:</b> Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer ( <b>Exilado</b> ) \$100 (AR106) – Incorrect gear.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 7:</b> J Van Overmeire ( <b>Dark Vador</b> ) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 4:</b> D Budler ( <b>Vella Icon</b> ) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding. License to ride in races suspended 17/1/24 until 31/1/24 on which day he may ride.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> <b>Lepo</b> – Missed start (3L). <b>Race 2:</b> <b>Overice</b> – Difficult to load. <b>Race 8:</b> <b>Maid A Quid</b> – Difficult to load.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 6:</b> <b>Sopieinthesky</b> – Uncompetitive (beaten 39L).
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	Nil.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> <b>Red Hot Zone</b> – Red cap. <b>Race 8:</b> <b>Maid A Quid</b> – Pale blue, gold sleeves.
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 5:</b> Inquiry into J Innes Jnr's handling of <b>Incentive</b> .