

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 9th April 2024

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (6)

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

Merchand D'or – An inquiry was today conducted into the death of Merchant D'or at the registered property of trainer Ms N Foley at Sutton Forest on 10 October 2023. Evidence was taken from jockey P Boudvillain and trainer Ms N Foley who provided her stable treatment records and a report was provided by veterinarian Dr I Thomas - Southern Highlands Equine Centre was also tendered into evidence. On the evidence it was established that on the afternoon of 10 October 2024, the colt became fractious whilst tethered on the wash bay, reared and fell heavily. The colt was subsequently examined that afternoon by Dr Thomas and found to have multiple abrasions to its forelimbs and head with cranial trauma and have a haematoma to its left stifle region. Ultrasound performed, was also suggestive of a bleed into the abdominal cavity and during examination the colt progressed from severe ataxia to recumbency and died prior to the colt being able to be euthanised. In the absence of any evidence that the gelding had a pre-existing condition and given the evidence of physical trauma, the matter was concluded.

General

Vanm Der Zee – Stewards today inquired into the reasons why the gelding was euthanised on 20 March 2024. Evidence was taken from Ms D Seib, trainer of the gelding reports were also provided by veterinarians Dr J Crowley - Silver Pines Veterinary Clinic and Dr D Feary - Randwick Equine Centre. Ms Seib also supplied her stable treatment records. On the evidence it was established that the gelding had displayed intermittent fever and inappetence and after being examined by Dr J Crowley - Silver Pines Veterinary Clinic, the gelding was referred to Randwick Equine Centre for further examination on 19 March 2024. Dr Feary's report revealed the gelding to have acute colitis. Whilst under continued veterinary treatment, the gelding initially showed signs of improvement however, the following day the gelding's health status deteriorated rapidly with the additional development of acute laminitis. Given the poor

prognosis for recovery and on welfare grounds the gelding was subsequently euthanised. The inquiry was subsequently concluded.

General

Co-trainer Mr P Jones was fined the sum of \$400 under LR82(3) in that on 10 April 2024 Joseph Jones Racing was found to have, at their Sapphire Coast satellite stables, employed two stablehands, that had not been registered.

RACE 1: Ingold Floors Plate 1000m

Mountain Chatter – Began awkwardly and shifted out.

Baby Daisy – Was slow to begin.

Trezzamina – Raced three-wide throughout.

Fight And Fury – A post-race veterinary examination of the colt, which was beaten 19L on its debut, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr T Wilson advised that the colt would now be gelded and spelled prior to its next start in a race.

Grins – Whilst rider Ms E Hennessy advised that her mount had laid out from the 500m, she was told that she should have made greater effort to prevent her mount from shifting out after the 500m when Baby Daisy was able to obtain a run through to her inside.

RACE 2: Connell Brothers Concreting Handicap 1000m

Chez Symphony – Rider P Boudvellain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Forbidden Gemstone – Raced three-wide throughout.

Diamonds Galore – Raced very wide throughout.

Monsoon Magic – The mare, which had disturbed a scab to its near-foreleg during transportation to the races, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed suitable to race.

Rare Beauty – Began awkwardly and shifted in.

Rosy Sue – Was slow to begin and then had to be checked soon after when crowded by Rare Beauty which shifted in. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Danish Hussar – Began very awkwardly.

Geminids – Laid out passing the 100m.

Champagne In Lace – Hung out rounding the home turn.

RACE 3: Vivid Chartered Accountants Handicap 1000m

Little Complicated – Rider P Boudvellain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Tokyo Ice – Slow to begin and at this time, lost its off-fore plate.

Zipitalist – Near the 100m had to be restrained when disappointed for a run between Tokyo Ice and Getty which shifted in.

Shelley's Ace – Raced three-wide throughout. Raced greenly in the straight.

RACE 4: Vale Stefano Cherchi Handicap 1300m

Sass 'N' Cheek – Stewards considered a protest lodged by the connections of the mare against Code In Time being declared the winner alleging interference inside the final 200m. On the evidence it was established that near the 100m Sass 'N' Cheek was inconvenienced to a minor degree, due to Code In Time shifting out marginally, but also due to Sass 'N' Cheek shifting in simultaneously contributing to the interference. Further that passing the 50m Code In Time shifted out and inconvenienced Sass 'N' Cheek. However, bearing in mind the relatively minor degree of the interference suffered by Sass 'N' Cheek and the margin of a half length between the respective runners, as Stewards could not be satisfied that had the interference not occurred, that Sass 'N' Cheek would have finished ahead of Code In Time, the protest was dismissed and correct weight declared on the Judge's placings.

Candlelit – Over-raced in the middle stages. Co-trainer Mr L Price reported that the gelding had lost its near-fore plate in running.

Twelve Hours – Was contacted on jumping by Capitol Queen which shifted in.

Capitol Queen – Shifted in at the start and made contact with Twelve Hours.

His Honour – Began awkwardly.

RACE 5: Relaxed Living Landscapes / Interiors Plate 1600m

Atomic Forty Seven – Co-trainer Mr W Freedman was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of T Gould as the rider of the gelding.

Nopain – Began awkwardly.

Impending Harmony – Began awkwardly.

Great Week – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Fascination Alley – Began awkwardly and shifted out and brushed Guess. Raced three-wide throughout.

Guess – Brushed on jumping by Fascination Valley which shifted out. Raced three-wide throughout. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider D Beasley stated that his mount was under pressure from the 500m and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 1/5), have a poor recovery rate and to be coughing. Trainer Mr T Donnelly was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding being permitted to race again. Mr Donnelly advised that the gelding would now be transferred from his stable.

RACE 6: Pacific Facilities Management Handicap 1300m

William – Rider P Boudvellain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with It's A Heartache. Raced wide throughout.

It's A Heartache – Trainer Mr N Mitchell was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the mare. Was contacted on jumping by William which shifted in.

Eltorosan – Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Passing the 1000m had to be restrained from the heels of Rainagain which got its head up when being eased and shifted in despite the efforts of its rider.

Rainagain – Trainer Mr M Beer was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding. Passing the 1000m got its head up when racing keenly and shifted in. When questioned regarding racing much more forward today, rider app A Villiers said that it was not his intention to lead, however when his mount began particularly well and without being unduly pressured, his mount was able to lead. Trainer Mr M Beer confirmed that the instructions and was surprised that the gelding had led. App A Villiers pleaded guilty to a charge under AR211(1) for returning to scale 1kg above his mount's declared weight and was fined the sum of \$200.

Sacred Belief – On jumping was contacted by Belle Bop which shifted out and soon after was taken in by Rainagain which shifted in.

Belle Bop – Began awkwardly and shifted out and made contact with Sacred Belief.

Super Sugoi – Began awkwardly. Over-raced in the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Ample Time - Near the 150m was disappointed for a run to the inside of Eltoroson which shifted in.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1200m

Pokerjack – Over-raced in the early and middle stages. After the 800m when over-racing had to be restrained from heels and shifted out. On straightening was disappointed for a run to the outside of Invincible Dash which was shifting out and was shifted back to the inside of that runner but had to be corrected by its rider to avoid further interference to Eastern Glow which was positioned to its inside.

Eastern Glow – Slow to begin and was crowded soon after by Champions League which shifted in. On straightening was hampered by Pokerjack (app Ms R Bronnett-Prag) which shifted in before being corrected. In all the circumstances app Ms R Bronnett-Prag was reprimanded (AR131(a)).

Invincible Dash – Began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped Merc.

Merc – Bumped on jumping by Invincible Dash and was then bumped by Lipstick Swing which shifted out. Was held up on straightening between Lipstick Swing and Body Bob.

Lipstick Swing – Shifted out at the start and bumped Merc.

Light Press – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider J Penza stated that the mare settled in a more forward position at its most recent race start at Canberra on 29 March 2024 and today he was instructed to obtain cover. He added that his mount was disadvantaged when the tempo of the race slowed near the 800m and his mount was inclined to over-race and was bumped on several occasions by Pokerjack which shifted out when over-racing badly. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Vella Magic – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare which, when resuming, was obliged to race very wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormality

RACE 8: Duffeyco Projects Handicap 1600m

Flying Step – Began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped Region Time. App Ms O Dalton was fined the sum of \$100 under AR210(1) for failing to weigh in following the race.

Region Time – Was bumped on jumping by Flying Step which shifted out.

Lawyer's Delight – Raced three-wide without cover in the early stages.

Deep Fury – Was bumped on jumping by Crystal Waters which shifted out.

Crystal Waters – Shifted out at the start and bumped Deep Fury.

Jessandi – J Innes Jnr (*Bringbackthebears*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 50m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Jessandi which lost its rightful running and had to be checked. J Innes Jnr’s license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 20 April 2024 and to expire on Tuesday 30 April 2024 on which day he may ride.

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 1	Q Krogh (Good Prize)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2	App Ms H Durnan (Final Showdown)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Baby Daisy, Trezzamina

Race 2: Diamonds Galore

Race 3: Hold (2)

Race 4: Twelve Hours, Factoring Profit

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: Co-trainer Mr P Jones (Joseph Jones Racing) \$400 (LR82(3)) – Unregistered stablehands. Race 5: Co-trainer Mr W Freedman (Atomic Forty Seven) \$100 (LR35) – Late rider. Race 6: Trainer Mr M Beer (Rainagain) \$50 (AR65) – No TIC. Race 6: Trainer Mr N Mitchell (It’s A Heartache) \$50 (AR65) – No TIC. Race 6: App A Villers (Rainagain) \$200 (AR211(1)) – Return to scale overweight. Race 8: App Ms O Dalton (Flying Step) \$100 (AR210(1)) – Fail to weigh in.

Reprimands:	Race 7: App Ms R Bronett-Prag (Pokerjack) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.
Suspensions:	Race 8: J Innes Jnr (Bringbackthebears) (AR131(a)) - Careless riding. License to ride in races suspended 20/4/24 until 30/4/24 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Vet Certificates:	Race 5: Guess – Lame off-foreleg (grade 1/5) and poor recovery rate.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 3: Tokyo Ice – Gold, green CRC logo and cap. Race 5: Goofinator – Gold, green CRC logo and cap.
Follow up:	Nil.