

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 29th March 2024

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 9m – 380m, 7m remainder

J D Walshe (Chairman), X C Dalton, L J Martin (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), Ms K Head (Swab), P Toomey (Scales), Dr R Walshe (Veterinarian).

Riding Changes:

As J Martin became indisposed prior to fulfilling his first riding engagement requiring medical assistance on course, Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

Race 2	Poker Dice – J Innes Jnr
Race 5	Beograd Boy – H Van Der Hoven
Race 6	Ruff – J Innes Jnr
Race 7	Oneofthetelve – J Innes Jnr

As K Latham was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

Race 2	Jack Of Aces – J Penza
Race 6	Henley Extreme – D Beasley
Race 8	Atomic Forty Seven – D Beasley

As Ms A Collett was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

Race 6	Éclair Dancer – M Bell
Race 8	Sycamore – J Penza
Race 9	Greaves – Q Krogh

RACE 1: Tooheys Plate 1200m

Steely Girl – Began awkwardly.

William – Raced keenly in the middle stages and passing the 950m got its head up and shifted out. Passing the 300m laid in and had to be corrected by its rider.

Divine Karma – Passing the 950m was hampered and taken out by William which got its head up when over-racing and shifted out. Rider Ms E Hennessy was fined the sum of \$300 under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using her whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m, four more times than is permitted under the Rule.

Russian Rose – As R Downey was delayed due to transport difficulties, Stewards permitted J Innes Jnr to be substituted as the rider of the mare. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider J Innes Jnr explained that he was instructed to be positive from the gates and to obtain a forward position. He explained however that after obtaining the lead, his mount then pulled hard which in his view was the principal reason for it weakening in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr R Quinn expressed disappointment that the mare had travelled too fast in the middle stages which had left the mare without a finishing effort.

Queen Calanthe – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider D Beasley stated that when the eventual winner Code In Time quickened rounding the home turn, his mount was unable to respond and subsequently proved disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 2/5). Co-trainer Mr G Ryan was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Messaggero – Passing the 950m was checked from the heels of Divine Karma which had been taken out by William when that runner got its head up and shifted out when over-racing.

Code In Time – Rider H Van Der Hoven was interviewed regarding returning to scale 1/2kg underweight. Whilst H Van Der Hoven advised that his neck strap had not returned with his gear, given the insignificant weight of that gear and without any other explanation for the variation in his weight, H Van Der Hoven was spoken to concerning his need to be vigilant with regards to ensuring that he returns to scale at the correct weight in future. Code In Time was deemed to have carried its weight by Stewards under the provisions AR209(2)(a) which allows the rider 1/2kg.

RACE 2: Canberra Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong Cup 1600m

Jack Of Aces – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Region Time – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Poker Dice – After weighing out for the race, rider J Martin became ill and after being tended to by the Club's ambulance officer, was stood down from all riding engagements. J Martin was subsequently replaced in this race by J Innes Jnr. Was slow to begin and crowded soon after by Sizzling Cat which shifted out. Over-raced in the middle stages. Laid in between the 150m and until the 100m.

Sizzling Cat – Began awkwardly and shifted out. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider D Beasley stated that the gelding raced far too keenly in the early and middle stages which was the principal reason in his view for it weakening in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a poor recovery rate. Trainer Mr G Colvin advised that the gelding would now be retired from racing.

Cyborg – Raced three-wide throughout.

RACE 3: TAB We're On Handicap 1200m

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

Factoring Profit – Slow to begin.

Any Marg'Ildo – Began awkwardly and shifted in and bumped Chez Symphony. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Chez Symphony – Bumped on jumping by Any Marg'Ildo which shifted in. Was held up rounding the home turn.

Final Showdown – Between the 150m and the 50m laid in and passing the 50m was corrected by its rider.

Mia's Dream – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider Q Krogh stated that when trapped wide in the early stages after drawing wide, he was obliged to make some use to go forward to obtain a position closer to the rail which he felt was the main reason for his mount weakening in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 2/5). Trainer Mr M Kelley was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare being permitted to race again. Mr Kelley advised that the mare would now be sent for a spell.

RACE 4: Airmaster Canberra Handicap 1300m

Mittata – Slow to begin. Raced three-wide throughout.

Puerto Rico – Began awkwardly. Raced three-wide until passing the 800m.

Napoleon Solo – Began awkwardly.

Ready To Humble – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Trooper Knuckle – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Passing the 1200m was eased when crowded between Crucial Witness which shifted out slightly and Ready To Humble (B Owen) which shifted in when not quite clear. B Owen was advised to exercise more care.

Crucial Witness – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Light Press – When questioned regarding racing further forward today, rider D Beasley stated that the instructions were left to him but when trapped wide early he allowed his mount to take up a more prominent position to obtain a spot closer to the rail.

RACE 5: TAB Federal 1400m

Rocas Grandes – Trainer Mr A Warren was fined the sum of \$100 under LR36A for the late scratching of the gelding at 7:51am.

Hot Toddy – Trainer Mr D Burnet was fined the sum of \$200 under LR36A for the late scratching of the gelding at 8:20am after Stewards made initial unsuccessful attempts to reach Mr Burnet to confirm that status of the gelding.

No Escaping This - Began awkwardly and shifted out.

Beograd Boy – Raced three-wide from the 800m.

Impending Harmony – Slow to begin.

Clendenning – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app Ms T Martin advised that her mount travelled awkwardly during the middle stages and was inclined to lay out. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be coughing and it was also noted that the gelding's tongue-tie was found to have shifted which app Ms T Martin said may explain the reason for the gelding travelling awkwardly during the race.

RACE 6: Aspect Landscape Construction & Tuggeranong Bushrangers Plate 2000m

Twin Turbo – Due to a misunderstanding and when Ms A Collett was dually engaged on Éclair Dancer in this race, Stewards permitted R Downey to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with Jimmy Nails.

Ruff – Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and wide from the 800m. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider J Innes Jnr stated that his mount enjoyed a favourable run during the race where it was able to be saved up a for a final sprint, however the gelding did not let down in the straight and was

disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Henley Extreme – Began awkwardly and shifted out. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider D Beasley stated that his mount over-raced in the middle stages and after being taken wider rounding the home turn did not respond to his riding and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

Éclair Dancer – Was taken out at the start by Henley Extreme which shifted out. Laid out inside the final 100m.

Gatchan – Slow to begin.

RACE 7: Seears Workwear Handicap 1200m

Worx – Slow to begin and crowded soon after by Cable Express which shifted out.

Oneofthetwelve – Began awkwardly. Laid in over the concluding stages.

Single Attraction – Raced three-wide throughout.

Field Agent – When questioned, rider J Penza stated that he was instructed to have his mount racing where comfortable. He added his mount subsequently began particularly well and was able to lead and therefore took up a more prominent position today.

Dubai Oak – Rider P Boudvillain momentarily dropped his reins passing the 75m.

Opal Fields – J Innes Jnr (*Oneofthetwelve*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that approaching the 900m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Opal Fields which had to be checked. J Innes Jnr's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 1 April 2024 and to expire on Friday 12 April 2024 on which day he may ride.

RACE 8: John McGrath Auto Group Handicap 1400m

Dubai Oak – Rider P Boudvillain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Legal Challenge – Trainer Mr R Litt was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of app Ms A McLucas as the rider of the gelding.

Kimono – Slow to begin.

Legal Challenge – Reared on jumping and lost ground (2L). Pulled hard in the middle stages and raced three-wide from the 800m.

Sycamore – Began awkwardly. After the 800m when over-racing, had to be checked away from the heels of Atomic Forty Seven.

RACE 9: Gallagher Insurance Handicap 1000m

Prometio Mas – Raced three-wide throughout.

Titan Star – In the home straight brushed with Vaderzan on several occasions.

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Zippy Zoo – Began awkwardly. On straightening was eased from the heels of Vaderzan (J Innes Jnr) which shifted out when not quite clear. J Innes Jnr was advised to exercise more care.

Starliv – When questioned regarding the improved performance of the mare today, trainer Mr M Kelley advised that this preparation the mare had worked plainly and performed only fairly in its races and accordingly, the mare's retirement from racing had been strongly considered. He added that today's winning performance had very much surprised the stable.

Greaves – Slow to begin.

Bentley Brook – Held up rounding the home turn.

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 2	App Ms H Williams (Merisi)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2	J Innes Jnr (Poker Dice)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2	Ms K Nisbet (Region Time)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5	J Innes Jnr (Tantalum)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5	J Penza (No Escaping This)	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Messaggero

Race 2: Jack Of Aces

Race 3: Nautico, Forbidden Gemstone

Race 4: Ready To Humble

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 1: Ms E Hennessy (Divine Karma) \$300 (AR132(7)(a)(ii)) – Excessive whip use.</p> <p>Race 5: Trainer Mr A Warren (Rocas Grandes) \$100 (LR36A) – Fail scr by prescribed time.</p> <p>Race 5: Trainer Mr D Burnet (Hot Toddy) \$200 (LR36A) – Fail scr by prescribed time.</p> <p>Race 8: Trainer Mr R Litt (Legal Challenge) \$100 (LR35) – Late rider.</p>
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 7: J Innes Jnr (Oneofthetwelve) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding – License to ride in races suspended 1/4/24 until 12/4/24 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Vet Certificates:	<p>Race 1: Queen Calanthe – Lamé off-foreleg (grade 2/5).</p> <p>Race 3: Mia's Dream – Lamé off-foreleg (grade 2/5).</p>
Falls/Injuries:	Race 2: J Martin – Became ill prior to taking his first engagement today in race 2 and was stood down.
Change of Colours:	<p>Race 3: Any Marg'ildo – White cap.</p> <p>Race 5: Tantalum – Black cap.</p>
Follow up:	Nil.