

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

ACTON TRACK

Friday 17 May 2024

Weather: Fine.
Track: Synthetic.
Rail: True.

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

General:

Apprentice H Durnan was fined \$200 for failing to fulfill her engagements (AR127(1)) on the following horses –

Race 1 – Luscious
Race 3 - Miscavolini

RACE 1: Todd Keefie Rheinburger Classic Benchmark 50 Handicap 1080m.

Arion Story – Co trainers T & P Vigouroux were fined \$50 (AR65) for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card.

Love Of Air – Bumped at the start by Red Niccerz.

Red Niccerz – Bumped at the start by Love Of Air. Near the 600m the mare went amiss and as a result its rider App P Zerafa became unbalanced and was dislodged. A veterinary examination revealed the mare to have suffered a catastrophic fracture of its near fore fetlock and on veterinary advice was subsequently euthanised on humane grounds. An inquiry into the matter was adjourned. Rider P Zerafa was examined by the oncourse paramedics and was found to be suffering some pain to soft tissue on his lower back and he was subsequently stood down from his remaining engagement. App Zerafa was told that he would need to supply a medical clearance before riding again. A subsequent inspection by stewards of the section of track between the 700m and 500m revealed no abnormalities or hazards and the track was deemed safe to continue racing on.

Rosie Sue – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare rider D Budler could offer no excuse for the poor performance other than it had an interrupted preparation during the week leading up to today's event. Trainer Ms B Byrne was also at a loss other than concur that the mare's preparation was disrupted early in the week due to having to be reshod. She added that nevertheless the mare had pleased in its work since, and she expected a bold showing today. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Ms Byrne was told that due to the beaten margin of 44L the mare would have to pass a barrier trial prior to starting again.

White Liar – Raced wide throughout. When being eased down after passing the crossing near the 1400m its rider App J McKenzie became unbalanced and was harmlessly dislodged after her mount shied at Ultragirl which shifted out abruptly after having been heavily bumped by Danish Hussar which shied and shifted out. Following this incident App McKenzie was examined by the on-course paramedic and was cleared to continue riding.

Danish Hussar – Was slow into stride. Made the 800m turn awkwardly and shifted in and away from Preghero. Approaching the 400m was hampered by Red Niccerz which after going amiss lost ground quickly through the field. When being eased down after passing the crossing near the 1400m shied and shifted out abruptly making heavy contact with the hindquarters of Ultragirl. As a result, rider App O Chambers became unbalanced and was harmlessly dislodged. Following this incident App Chambers was examined by the on-course paramedic and was cleared to continue riding.

Ultragirl – Slow to begin. When being eased down after the crossing near the 1400m was contacted heavily on the hindquarters by Danish Hussar which shifted out abruptly after shying. On return to scale rider J Penza reported that he had concerns with the mare's action behind. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame behind (grade 4/5). The mare was treated and monitored by the club's veterinary officer during the afternoon at Trainer Mr N Gardner's stable premises, however when its condition deteriorated with a suspected pelvic fracture and on welfare grounds the mare was subsequently euthanised. An inquiry into the matter was subsequently adjourned.

RACE 2: Knuckledown Wests Benchmark 65 Handicap 1280m

The start of this race was delayed due to several issues arising out of Race 1.

Craving Magic – Shifted in at start and bumped Get Shafted which shifted out. Raced wide throughout.

Get Shafted – Shifted out at start and bumped Craving Magic which shifted in.

Geminids – Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L).

Chasing A Quid – Began awkwardly.

Region Time – Rider Q Krogh reported that after his mount jumped awkwardly it contacted the near side gate of the barriers and as a result momentarily lost the use of his near side iron placing him at a disadvantage resulting in the mare being slow into stride. As a consequence, he was obliged to settle further back than anticipated.

Bold Storm – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare which was beaten 42L, rider E Hennessy could offer no explanation for the poor performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr D Lane was told the mare would have to pass a barrier trial prior to racing again.

Kissing Supido – App J McKenzie in the presence of her master Ms N Jarvis was questioned regarding the tactics adopted on gelding today. She stated that she was instructed to ride her mount out of the gates early to take up a prominent position and lead if able to. She added that after being fairly away she rode her mount with intent to stride to a position outside the leader Bella Ace. She further stated that her mount began to race keenly approaching the first turn and after eventually crossing Bella Ace continued to race keenly and opened up a sizeable lead which ultimately affected its ability to finish the race off. App McKenzie was advised that after positioning herself in the early stages to the outside of Bella Ace which is a noted leader, rather than push on and cross to lead near the 800m a preferred option would have been to attempt to at least try and settle her mount to the outside of Bella Ace thus conserving energy.

RACE 3: Carfax Maiden Handicap 1080m

Dollythediva – Change of tactics – to be ridden further forward, settled outside leader.

Mr Showbiz – As App P Zerafa was indisposed, he was replaced as the rider by App T Martin. Shortly after the start was checked when tightened between Good Prize and Messaggero which was taken out by Kool Bird.

Kool Bird – Began awkwardly and soon after had to be checked and lost ground when buffeted and taken out onto Messaggero by Dollythediva which jumped away awkwardly and shifted out.

Abitsuss – Slow to begin and shortly after was tightened for room between Sherman and Sakimarjuel which both shifted ground.

Sakimarjuel – Raced wide throughout.

Good Prize – Hung in down the home straight. When questioned regarding the performance rider Q Krogh stated the gelding travelled well in the early stages but when asked for an effort was disappointing in the manner it finished its race off. He added that he was a loss to explain the performance other than the gelding may not have appreciated the quick back up after

racing at Queanbeyan the previous Sunday. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 4: TAB Federal Benchmark 75 Handicap 1080m

I Am Mamwaazel – Began awkwardly and slow into stride. Passing the 300m shifted in and had to be steadied off the heels of Camerlengo. Lost its off fore shoe.

Artie Bee – Began awkwardly. Held up near the 200m.

Camerlengo – Raced wide throughout.

Delightful Dream – Had to be steadied near the 600m after becoming awkward to the inside of Artie Bee. When questioned regarding the tactics rider App J Barrett stated that he was instructed to use his good barrier and try and obtain a position without making too much use of his mount. He added that after beginning well he was mindful that his mount was second up today after a long break and with plenty of speed to his outside felt it would be in his mount's best interest to ease back into a trailing position to obtain cover. His comments were noted.

Chop The Ice – When questioned regarding today's performance rider D Budler stated that his mount is down in distance and felt it is better suited over longer distances. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Incentive – Raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding today's performance rider J Martin stated that after jumping fairly, he allowed the gelding to stride forward but was mindful not to pressure the gelding as it has a history of over-racing. He added that his mount travelled comfortably until the 600m and then when put under pressure failed to respond. He further added that he was disappointed with the effort and at a loss to explain the gelding's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Starliv – Began awkwardly. App C Keatings was reprimanded (AR132(7)(a)(ii)) for using her whip 10 times before the 100m, five more than permitted under the rules. Stewards acknowledged that this was App Keatings first breach under this rule.

RACE 5: Anna Montague Maiden Plate 1280m

Kisses For Jody – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and passed fit to start.

Russian Rose – Bumped on jumping by Snipperty Vixen which shifted out. Raced wide throughout.

Easement – Slow to begin. Rider J Martin reported that his mount raced ungenerously throughout and failed to respond to his riding. He added that he felt the gelding may be better suited to bigger tracks.

Divine Karma – Over-raced in the middle stages. Made the 800m turn awkwardly.

Sir Maurice – Began awkwardly and was slow into stride. Approaching the 800m when over-racing had to be restrained after improving into restricted room between Mardi and Divine Karma which had shifted out slightly after making the turn awkwardly. Held up approaching home turn. When questioned rider App C Ferris stated that after beginning awkwardly and losing ground, she was obliged to settle further back than anticipated.

Gradi – When questioned regarding today's performance rider App H Williams could offer no excuses other than the gelding was first up today but nevertheless was disappointing in the way it finished the race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 6: Rachel Bird & Co Solicitors Class 1 Handicap 1206m

The start of this race was delayed and rescheduled to begin at 4.30pm when a member of the public required ambulance attention.

Encantado – Began awkwardly and shifted in and hampered Spirited King. Raced three-wide throughout.

Spirited King – Slow to begin and soon after hampered by Encantado which shifted in.

Kitty Karine – Raced wide throughout.

Single Beat – Jumped away awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia for the first time. Trainer Mr N Gardner was advised of the provisions of the Racing Australia Code of Practice under AR88B(2)(b).

Witness To Love – Slow to begin.

Lady Revolution – Jumped out at the start and bumped Siovy Dane which shifted in.

Siovy Dane – Jumped in at start and bumped Lady Revolution which shifted out.

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	App J Barrett (Sherman)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5	D Panya (Kata Kapi)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5	D Budler (Snipperty Vixen)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	App J McKenzie (Far Too Hot)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Arion Story, Ultragirl (pre & post-race), Red Niccerz (post-mortem)

Race 2: Bold Storm, Fairness Is Best

Race 3: Grins, Sakimarjuel

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1 & 3: App H Durnan (Luscious & Miscavolini) \$200 (AR127(1)) – Fail to fulfill engagements. Race 1: Co-Trainers T&P Vigouroux (Arion Story) \$50 (AR65) – No TIC.
Reprimands:	Race 4: App C Keatings (Starliv) (AR132(7)(a)(ii)) – Excessive use of whip.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 1: Rosy Sue – Poor performance beaten 44L. Race 2: Bold Storm – Poor performance beaten 42L.
Vet Certificates:	Race 6: Single Beat – Cardiac Arrhythmia – Provisions of AR88B(2)(b).
Falls/Injuries:	Race 1: Red Niccerz – App P Zerafa dislodged 400m, soft tissue pain lower back (stood down), medical clearance required. Race 1: Danish Hussar - App O Chambers harmlessly dislodged on easing up following race. No apparent injuries. Race 1: White Liar – App J McKenzie harmlessly dislodged on easing up following race. No apparent injuries.
Change of Tactics:	Race 3: Dollythediva – To be ridden forward, settled outside leader.
Follow up:	Race 1: Red Niccerz – inquiry into reasons for euthanasia. Race 1: Ultragirl – inquiry into reasons for euthanasia.
Change of Colours:	Nil.

