

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

Acton Track

Thoroughbred Park

Friday 26th July 2024

Weather: Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True

X. C. Dalton (Chairman), D. J. Bucknell, L. J. Martin & Cadet A. J. Bloomfield (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), J. Turner (Assistant Starter), K. Head (Swab), P. Toomey (Scales), Dr J Saltet (Veterinarian)

RACE 1: Sears Workwear Plate 1900m:

Highness – Near the 850m was bumped on the hindquarter by *Monomakh*. On return to scale, rider R. Bensley reported that the gelding did travel at any stage of the event and added that he could offer no other explanation for today's disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Madenyo – Raced keenly in the early stages.

Blind Date – Was held up in the early part of the home straight.

United Front – Began awkwardly and became unbalanced.

Monomakh – Near the 850m hung out slightly and bumped the hindquarter of *Highness* and continued to hang out when rounding the home turn.

Firealarm – Rider D. Panya pleaded guilty to a charge of excessive whip use under AR132(7)(a)(ii), in that she used her whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m. D. Panya was fined \$400.

RACE 2: TAB Same Race Multi Handicap 1206m:

Don't Thinkaboutit – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted today, App. J. McKenzie stated that from a wide draw, she was unable to cross in the early stages due

to the superior early speed of the runners to her inside. She added that, subsequently, she elected to obtain a position with cover so as to avoid being left racing wide and without cover for the remainder of the event.

Keynes Time – Began awkwardly.

Witness To Love – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Russian Rose – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Penciled*.

Penciled – On jumping was contacted by *Russian Rose* which shifted in. Approaching the 300m, had to be shifted out across heels to continue into clear running. Laid out under pressure over the concluding stages.

Papaver Miner – Slow to begin. On return to scale, App. R. Bronett-Prag reported that in her opinion, the gelding has come to the end of its preparation.

Final Showdown – On straightening, was held up for clear running for some distance until passing the 200m.

RACE 3: John McGrath Auto Group Plate 1080m:

Daicos – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages in a position three-wide without cover.

Herophile – When questioned, rider J. Van Overmeire stated that he could offer no explanation for today's disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr P. Facory was subsequently advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided for the filly prior to it being permitted to race or trial again.

Bubble Tea – Began awkwardly.

Ready To Ring – On straightening laid in under pressure and had to be corrected by its rider. Near the 300m, continued to lay in under pressure and became awkwardly placed near the heels of *A Double Degree* before having to shifted out to continue into clear running.

RACE 4: Hops & Hooves Festival Saturday 28 September Handicap 1280m:

Rowrowrow Ya Boat – Began awkwardly.

Lost Ya Sock – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Dressel*. Passing the 300m brushed with *Exotic Dancer* on multiple occasions.

Dressel – On jumping was contacted by *Lost Ya Sock* which shifted in. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Exotic Dancer – Began awkwardly, shifted in hampered *Regal Rose*. Passing the 300m, brushed with *Lost Ya Sock* on multiple occasions.

Regal Rose – On jumping was hampered by *Exotic Dancer* which shifted in.

Comb Over Con – Passing the 300m was crowded by *Rathcoole* which shifted in under riding. When questioned, rider M. Cahill stated that his mount was disappointing today. He added that for some distance throughout the home straight his mount was badly held up and unable to obtain clear running. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

O’Hellyeah – Raced keenly in the early stages. Near the 700m was taken wider by *Vella Icon* and was subsequently left racing three-wide and without cover for the remainder of the event.

Is It To Be – Held up for clear running when rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Rathcoole – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

RACE 5: Huon Handicap 1750m:

Tip Top Timing – Raced three-wide and without cover throughout the event. Laid in under pressure in the home straight.

Breaking Ground – Over-raced in the early and middle stages. When questioned, rider J. Martin stated that he could offer no explanation for today’s disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Kisses For Jody – Slow to begin and shortly after was crowded by *Shafty* which shifted in and *Threw* which shifted out.

Threw – On jumping, shifted out and crowded *Kisses For Jody*.

Shafty – On jumping, shifted in and crowded *Kisses For Jody*.

Tip Top Timing – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. When questioned as to why he elected to position his mount so loosely to the outside of the

rest of the field, J. Van Overmeire stated that *Tip Top Timing* does not appreciate racing amongst the field and performs best when afforded clear running. Stewards noted J. Van Overmeire's explanation however advised him that in similar circumstances, he should endeavour to maintain a position tighter to the rest of the field so as to avoid covering additional ground.

RACE 6: Thoroughbred Park Function Centre Handicap 1280m:

Kenseye Charmer – Laid out throughout the event. Near the 600m, when continuing to lay out, took *Super Riff* wider.

The Predictor – Trainer Mrs J. Hoy was fined \$100 under LR35(2) for the late declaration of S. Guymer as the rider of the gelding. Trainer Mrs J. Hoy was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding after it proved difficult to load.

Chop The Ice – Rider D. Budler was spoken to regarding the use of his whip over the concluding stages when it was unnecessary to do so after he had established a significant margin on the remainder of the field.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1206m:

Fangela – App. R. Bronett-Prag was fined \$200 for negligence under AR227(a) in that she weighed out for this race without irons, which required her to re-weigh.

Tulla Park – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Gorush Lightning – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Napoleon Solo*.

Napoleon Solo – On jumping was contacted by *Gorush Lightning* which shifted in and subsequently, the gelding was slow into stride. On return to scale, App. J. McKenzie reported that her mount did not appreciate the kickback on today's racing surface and that, in her opinion, **Napoleon Solo** would be better suited to a step-up in distance.

Merc – Began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Starliv – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *La Sante*.

La Sante – On jumping was contacted by *Starliv* which shifted in.

Best Intent – After being loaded, the mare, which became fractious and kicked the rear barrier gates, underwent a veterinary examination and was deemed unsuitable to race after it had sustained minor lacerations to its near-hind stifle. Subsequently, **Best Intent**

was declared a late scratching at 4:22pm on veterinary advice. Stewards ruled that all moneys invested on **Best Intent** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 4:22pm be subject to the following cents in the dollar deductions from the face value of each ticket.:

1st *Tulla Park* *w: 8c p: 11c*

2nd *Miss Ostend* *p: 9c*

3rd *Fangela* *p: 10c*

At a subsequent inquiry, trainer of the mare Mr K. Dryden was advised that warning would be recorded against the mare for its barrier manners.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 1	S. Guymer (United Front)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 1	J. Penza (Plucky Ducky)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 1	J. Taylor (Monomakh)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5	App. O. Dalton (Departing Bullet)	8 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Plucky Ducky

Race 2: Russian Rose, Witness To Love

Race 3: Our Endeavour, Herophile, Weeping Woman

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: D. Panya (Firealarm) – AR132(7)(a)(ii) – excessive whip use Race 6: Mrs J. Hoy (The Predictor) – LR35(2) – late rider Race 7: App. R. Bronett-Prag (Fangela) – AR227(a) – weighed-out without irons
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 6: Mrs J. Hoy (The Predictor) – difficult to load Race 7: Mr K. Dryden (Best Intent) – barrier manners
Trials:	
Vet Certificates:	Race 3: Mr P. Facoory (Herophile) – poor post-race recovery
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.