

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Saturday 28th September 2024

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (6), upgraded to a Soft (5) at 2:00pm.

Rail: Out 5 metres

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves, J Whybrow (Stewards), P Selmes (Starter), Ms K Head (Swab), P Toomey (Scales), Dr J Laing (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: Waterland Plate 2000m

Le Souci – Trainer Mr M Smith represented by Mr J Curran was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the mare.

Dressel – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider Q Krogh said that his mount did not travel at any stage of the race and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame (grade 2/5) in its near-foreleg. Trainer Mr J Cleary was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Following the running of this race the track was upgraded to a Soft (5) to be made retrospective to include this race.

RACE 2: Charman Earthmoving Handicap 1000m

Litvyak – When being led out onto the track, the mare became fractious and reared resulting in its rider R Bensley being dislodged. R Bensley complained of some pain to his right heel but after being examined by the Club's ambulance officers, was cleared to fulfil his remaining riding engagements. The gelding which escaped its handlers, galloped a significant distance of the course proper and was a late scratching by order of the Stewards at 2:20pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Litvyak be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 2:20pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1st: **Wegotabetterhoffa**: 1c win and 2c place*

*2nd: **Rosy Sue**: 2c place*

*3^r: **Papaver Miner**: 3c place*

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr D Rolfe was told that in the circumstances, a warning would be recorded against the mare.

Rosy Sue – Stewards considered a protest lodged by the connections of the mare which was placed second against the winner Wegotabetherhoffa alleging interference passing the 750m. On the evidence it was established that passing the 750m Wegotabetherhoffa shifted in resulting in Bleue's Choice being crowded and having to be checked and being taken in onto Rosy Sue which was momentarily eased when crowded for room. However, bearing in the mind the relatively minor degree of ground lost in the incident, the proximity of the indirect interference to the winning post and that passing the 200m Rosy Sue had headed Wegotabetherhoffa, as the Stewards could not be satisfied that had the interference not occurred, that Rosy Sue would have finished ahead of Wegotabetherhoffa, they dismissed the protest and declared correct weight on the Judge's placings. At the request of trainer Ms B Byrne, the mare was examined by the Club's veterinary officer following the race. Dr Laing subsequently reported a miniscule, non-significant wound to the back of the mare's right knee. At a subsequent inquiry, app Ms O Dalton, represented by trainer Mr J Nisbet pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 750m she permitted her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Bleue's Choice which was crowded and had to be checked and was taken in onto Rosy Sue which was crowded and had to be eased. Given this was app Ms O Dalton's first suspension under AR131(a) in approximately 110 race rides, her permit to ride in races was suspended for the day of 29 September 2024 only. Began only fairly. Laid in passing the 150m and was straightened by its rider.

Deadly Weapon – Began awkwardly, shifted in and got its head up when awkward on the heels of Wegotabetherhoffa and lost ground (3L).

Wegotabetherhoffa – Raced wide throughout.

Papaver Miner – Raced wide throughout and passing the 600m was hampered and taken wider by Bleue's Choice which hung out.

Bleue's Choice – Hung out passing the 600m.

RACE 3: OPC IT Plate 1000m

Tradecraft – Was taken out at the start by Jannik which shifted out.

Jannik – Shifted out at the start.

Angels Cloud – Was held up rounding the home turn.

La Signora Dane – Passing the 250m was disappointed for a run between Glory Start and Rossellini both of which shifted slight ground and had to be shifted to the inside of Glory Start to obtain clear running.

RACE 4: TAB Same race Multi Handicap 1400m

Thread Fighter – Rider D Budler was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Glory Start – Stewards considered a protest lodged by the connections of the mare which was placed second against the winner Goodnight Barlow alleging interference passing the 50m. On the evidence it was established that passing the 50m Goodnight Barlow shifted in and brushed Glory Start taking that horse in one horse width. However, bearing in mind the relatively minor degree of interference, despite the margin of only a short head, as Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that had the interference not occurred that Glory Start would have finished ahead of Goodnight Barlow, they dismissed the protest and declared correct weight on the Judge's placings. P Score (Goodnight Barlow) was advised to exercise more care.

Romantic Tom – Raced three-wide throughout. Trainer Mr D Rolfe was fined the sum of \$100 under AR106 for presenting the gelding to race without its blinkers.

Tabei – Slow to begin (2L).

Chebici – Rounding the home turn improved onto the heels of Ferghana, became awkward for several strides and had to be checked. Rider app Ms C Keatings was spoken to and told that in similar circumstances she should have made effort earlier to have prevented her mount improving onto the heels of Ferghana.

Ferghana – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider J Martin said that after settling to the outside of the leader Thread Fighter, his mount raced keenly, however then did not let down under pressure in the straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 1/5). Stable representative Mr J Litt was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Kalimba – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider app Ms R Bronett Prag advised that she was instructed to be positive on her mount but to not necessarily lead. She added however that her mount began only fairly and did not show sufficient early speed to take up a position in accordance with her instructions. She added that her mount, further, did not travel well at any stage of the race and did not respond to her urgings in the straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 5: Walsco Electrical Handicap 1400m

Prince Papa – Trainer Mr P Murphy was fined the sum of \$100 under AR106 when the gelding was presented to race with blinkers which were not part of its approved gear.

Sapphires Son – Rider N Heywood was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Breakaway Week – Raced three-wide throughout. When questioned regarding the mare racing further forward today, rider app Ms T Martin advised that her mount began surprisingly and particularly very well today and as a consequence raced much more forward than anticipated.

Easy Company – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Devgru – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Hurricane Coni – Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

RACE 6: TAB Federal 1200m

London Gal – Rider N Heywood was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Own Them – Rider R Bensley was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 200m.

Laurel Hill – Began awkwardly. Raced wide throughout.

Invertational – Was held up rounding the home turn.

Danny's St Darci – Was held up rounding the home turn and for some for some distance in the early part of the straight and soon after had some difficulty improving through a narrow but developing run between London Gal and Kelvedon Road.

Divine Miss – Raced three-wide throughout.

Gogol – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

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 4	J Innes Jnr (Glory Start)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	P Score (Goodnight Barlow)	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

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

Race 1: Pauji Power, Dressel

Race 2: Field Agent, Rosy Sue, Deadly Weapon

Race 3: Jannik

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: Trainer Mr M Smith (Le Souci) – (AR65) - \$50 – Fail to produce TIC. Race 4: Trainer Mr D Rolfe (Romantic Tom) \$100 (AR106) – Incorrect gear. Race 5: Trainer Mr P Murphy (Prince Papa) \$100 (AR106) – Incorrect gear.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 2: App Ms O Dalton (Wegotabetterhoffa) – (AR131(a)) – Careless riding – Permit to ride in races suspended 29/9/2024 only.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 2: Litvyak – Pre-race behaviour.
Trials:	Nil.
Vet Certificates:	Race 1: Dressel – Lamé near-foreleg (grade 2/5). Race 4: Ferghana – Lamé off-foreleg (grade 1/5).
Falls/Injuries:	Race 2: R Bensley (Litvyak) – Pain to right heel after being dislodged but was subsequently cleared to fulfil remaining riding engagements.
Change of Colours:	Race 4: Rossellini – White cap.
Follow up:	Nil.