

**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT**  
**Canberra Racing Club Incorporated**  
**THOROUGHBRED PARK**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (5)  
Rail: Out 10m 1000m – 380m, 7m remainder

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves, M F Vilo, (Stewards), P (Starter), J Turner (Assistant Starter), S McMaster (Swab), J Dombroski (Scales), Dr J Laing (Veterinarian).

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**RACE 1: Friends Of Marko Handicap 1600m**

**Wings Of Carmen** – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled mid-field. Over-raced throughout the middle stages.

**Scoundrel** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider B Loy advised that his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and may have come to the end of its preparation. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr R Archbald concurred with the views of his rider and advised that consideration would now be given to the gelding's immediate racing future.

**Just Boogie** – Passing the 1200m was momentarily eased from the heels of Scoundrel (B Loy) which shifted in when not clear. B Loy was advised to exercise more care.

**Goodnight Barlow** – Began awkwardly and contacted with the near gate.

**RACE 2: Group One "Civil Construction Done Well" Handicap 1200m**

**Party It Down** – Slow to begin.

**Chentileeno** – The gelding, which contacted the gate leaving the mounting enclosure, was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start.

**Easy Time** – Was contacted on jumping by She'sadare which shifted out.

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**Chebici** – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, app Ms C Keatings advised that from her wide draw and given also that her mount was resuming today, she was instructed to find a position and little further back in the field. She added however that she subsequently had to come back even further in the early stages to avoid being trapped wide.

**You Sexy Thing** – Began awkwardly. Over-raced in the middle stages.

**Bella Ferrari** – When questioned, rider B McDougall advised that it had not been his intention to lead on his mount which was on debut, however after being obliged to lead after beginning well, the filly subsequently did not respond to his riding in the straight and may be better suited being able to settle in a more position further back in the field. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr Litt was advised of the provisions of AR88B(2) in respect of the RA Code of Practice for the return to racing.

#### **RACE 3: Stefano Cherchi Memorial Plate 1400m**

**Kotaishi** – Trainer Mr M Kelley was fined the sum of \$100 under LR36A for the late scratching of the gelding at 8:40am.

**Rubilace** – Change of tactics: to be ridden quieter with cover; settled worse than mid-field.

**Leovanni** – Was slow to begin and soon after blundered badly when awkwardly placed on the heels of He likes To Party after that runner was taken in by Nortoko. Near the 800m was inconvenienced and taken wider by He Likes To Party which shifted out abruptly after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of Black Bugatti.

**He Likes to Party** – On jumping was taken in by Nortoko which shifted in. Near the 800m when racing greenly, became awkward on the heels of Black Bugatti and shifted out abruptly.

#### **RACE 4: Corkhill Bros Handicap 1000m**

**Vainstream** – Was a late scratching at 12:38pm after becoming cast and being found to be lame. Trainer Mr G Crothers was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

**Agent Moon** - Rider P Boudvillain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was slow to begin. Soon after the start had to be restrained when crowded by La Signora Dane (B McDougall) which shifted in before being corrected and had to be continually restrained for some distance when the pressure was not relieved as a consequence of Wegotabetterhoffa (app Ms S Peebles) subsequently pressuring La Signora Dane. B McDougall and app Ms S Peebles were both advised to exercise more care.

**Vella Icon** - Laid out in the early part of the straight. Shifted in passing the 200m when being corrected.

**Our Red Planet** - Soon after the start had to be restrained when crowded by Agent Moon which was crowded by La Signora Dane which shifted in before being corrected. Passing the 700m became awkward on the heels of Wegotabettahoffa and was shifted out and raced four-wide for the remainder of the race.

**Wegotabettahoffa** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Jazz All Knight** – Was a little slow to begin. Passing the 200m was inconvenienced by Vella Icon which shifted in after being corrected by its rider after the mare had hung out in the early part of the straight.

**Khaleej** – Was a little slow to begin.

**King Charles** – Began awkwardly.

**RACE 5: TAB Federal 1300m**

**Liquor Talk** - Rider P Boudvillain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was slow to begin.

**Look Only** – Rider R Bensley was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was slow to begin.

**Imasuperstar** - Rider K Nestor was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was contacted on jumping by My Last Hooray which shifted out and soon after was crowded by Mountain Chatter which was taken in by Demanding Mo. Passing the 500m had to be steadied when held up on the heels of My Last Hooray.

**Mountain Chatter** – Was crowded on jumping by Demanding Mo which shifted in. After the 1000m had to be restrained from the heels of Champions League (app Ms R Bronett Prag) which shifted in when not quite clear but became simultaneously awkward on the heels of Demanding Mo which exacerbated the incident. In all circumstances app Ms R Bronett Prag was advised to exercise more care. Was held up rounding the home turn and on straightening had to be shifted several horses inwards to obtain clear running to the inside of My Last Hooray.

**My Last Hooray** – Shifted out at the start and contacted Imasuperstar.

**Get Shafted** – When questioned regarding her riding in the early to middle stages, app Ms J McKenzie stated that she was instructed to position her mount mid-field with cover. She added that after being slow to begin she initially rode her mount forward to comply with her instructions and anticipated obtaining cover behind Look Only. She added however that her mount then commenced to pull hard and as a consequence she was unable to obtain that position and when her mount was trapped wide and when it continued to pull hard it went forward and passing the 900m settled outside the leaders where it raced three-wide for the remainder the race. App Ms J McKenzie was told that after her mount was slow to begin, rather than ride it forward early, she should have ridden her mount more conservatively which may have given her mount a better chance of settling and obtaining the position with cover.

**Silent Impact** – Shifted in at the start. Passing the 1200m had to be restrained from the heels of Champions League which was being restrained. Passing the 300m had to be restrained and shifted in when disappointed for a run between Look Only and Demanding Mo which was shifting out.

**Demanding Mo** – After the 1000m, when inclined to over-race, had to be restrained from the heels of Liquor Talk when awkward on the heels of that runner.

**RACE 6: Riverview Group Handicap 1300m**

**Miss Ghent** - Rider B Owen was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Began awkwardly with its head up and shifted in.

**Diamond Ridge** - Rider B Mc Dougall was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was buffeted on jumping between Ghost Walker and Bold Triumph which was taken in. Passing the 900m commenced to over-race and had to be restrained from the heels of Miss Ghent and continued to over-race for some distance after. Passing the 700m was shifted out off the heels when over-acing and took Agony Aunt wider.

**Bold Triumph** – Was taken in at the start by Miss Ghent which began awkwardly and shifted in.

**Canadian Ruler** – Bumped on jumping with Agony Aunt.

**Agony Aunt** – Bumped on jumping with Canadian Ruler. Passing the 700m was taken wider by Diamond Ridge which shifted out when over-racing. App Ms C Keatings was reprimanded under AR132(6(c) for using her whip on her mount when it was out of contention.

**Boom In The Dark** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider app Ms R Bronett Prag stated that her mount over-raced in the early and middle stages and this was the principal reason in her view for her mount's failure to run on in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Ghost Walker** – Was buffeted on jumping between Diamond Ridge and Bounty By Knight which shifted out. Was held up rounding the home turn.

**Downtown's Abbey** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**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.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>B Loy (Siovy Dane)</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
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**Swabs:**

Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> Trainer Mr M Kelley ( <b>Kotaishi</b> ) – (LR36A) - \$100 – Late scr.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 6:</b> App Ms C Keatings ( <b>Agony Aunt</b> ) – (AR132(6)(c)) – Use of whip on mount out of contention.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 2: Bella Ferrari</b> – Cardiac arrhythmia subject to (AR88B(2) RA Code of Practice for the return to racing. <b>Race 4: Vainstream</b> – Cast and found to be lame. (Late scr).
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 3: Black Bugatti</b> – Black cap. <b>Race 3: Nortoko</b> – Blue cap.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.