

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Wednesday 26th March 2025

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: Out 7m

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves, M F Vilo, (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Head (Swab), P Toomey (Scales), Dr J Laing (Veterinarian).

General:

Goulburn 11 February 2025

Raceday Barrier Trial

Vivid Lights – An inquiry was continued today into the reasons why the filly had to be euthanised after breaking down passing the 300m when competing in an official barrier trial at the Goulburn racemeeting conducted on 11 February 2025. Tendered into evidence was a necropsy report prepared by Dr Claire Moore – Racing NSW Official Veterinarian and Welfare Officer who officiated as the Raceday Official Veterinarian and which detailed that the filly was found to have sustained a complete comminuted fracture of the left ilium of the pelvis. Further evidence was taken from trainer Mr T Smart who provided his veterinary and stable treatment records. A post-mortem urine sample obtained from the filly was subsequently cleared by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) of prohibited substances. As there was no evidence of any pre-existing condition that may have caused or contributed to the filly's injury leading to it being euthanised, the inquiry was concluded.

General:

Merchant Navy/Nobody Gets 3YO unnamed filly - Stewards today inquired into the circumstances leading to the filly being euthanised at Thoroughbred Park on 17 March 2025. Evidence was obtained from Mr T Smart, being the trainer of the above-mentioned filly. Mr Smart provided a copy of his stable treatment records and a report provided by Dr C Gray – Bungendore Veterinary Surgery was also tendered into evidence. The evidence revealed that on the morning of 17 March 2025, the filly was found to be in sternal recumbency and unable to rise and was promptly examined that morning by Dr C Gray and she determined a presumptive colic diagnosis and treated the filly accordingly. With multiple unsuccessful attempts to rise, the filly sustained trauma to its head during these attempts and did not respond to treatments. Neurological deficits were observed and when the filly's health status deteriorated markedly and given the poor prognosis, the filly was subsequently euthanised on humane grounds. Dr Gray's report detailed that it was not possible to determine whether neurological deficits caused or presented as a colic, or trauma sustained during a colic episode

caused the neurological deficits. On the evidence, the Stewards were satisfied that appropriate veterinary treatment was provided to the filly and as such the inquiry was concluded.

RACE 1: National Capital Test & Tag Plate 2000m

Powerful Prayer - Rider B McDougall was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. After being obliged to race wide throughout the early to middle stages, passing the 100m was eventually allowed to stride forward to settle to the outside of the leader Sun Beauty.

Mariner's Dream – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled just off-pace.

Pharoah's Crystal – Began awkwardly.

Rockathon – Slow to begin. Passing the 800m was hampered and taken out by My Cartouche which shifted out off the heels of Son O'War.

Solar Energy – Raced wide until passing the 1500m when allowed to stride forward to initially take up a position outside the leader Sun Beauty.

Lunar Lover – When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider J Van Overmeire stated that he was instructed to take up a forward position, however from his wide draw, when runners drawn to his inside showed superior speed and to avoid being trapped wide, he allowed his mount to take up a position back in the field closer to the rail.

Son O'War – Passing the 1400m commenced to race keenly and got its head up when being restrained from the heels of Solar Energy. Passing the 200m was inconvenienced by Solar Energy which shifted out.

RACE 2: Luke Pepper Racing Handicap 1000m

Wonderful Mistake - Rider D Budler was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Was a little slow to begin. Passing the 50m ran in under pressure.

Second Deb – Was a little slow to begin.

Weird Goodbyes – Raced greenly under pressure in the straight.

Noctua – Bumped on jumping by Bubble Tea which shifted in.

Bubble Tea – Shifted in at the start and bumped Noctua.

She'sadare – Blundered on jumping. Raced three-wide throughout.

RACE 3: John McGrath Auto Group Plate 1300m

Luna Lass – Crowded on jumping by Sensational Wind which shifted in.

Fruit Of De Vine – Ran out at the start. Raced three-wide throughout.

Sensational Wind – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; began awkwardly and shifted in and settled back.

Bye Gone Daze – Was crowded soon after the start between Kotaishi which shifted in and Yesglenn which after shifting in and making contact with Hazel Jean, shifted back out.

Hazel Jean – Bumped on jumping with Yesglenn. An inquiry was opened into B McDougall's riding of the filly, particularly from the 600m and in respect to his level of vigour displayed. B McDougall advised that he was not provided with detailed instructions other than to be a little more forward today. He added that whilst his mount travelled three-wide in the middle stages it did so with the benefit of cover and as the leaders had run along at a solid tempo he remained confident of his mount's prospects a long way from home. He added however, that when following Fruit De Vine and when that runner was not taking him into the race near the 600m, he was obliged to expose his mount sooner than he would have liked and he allowed the filly to balance up and improve into the race without being unduly pressured and felt that the filly was responding well to that level of vigour and remained confident throughout the run. He added that last start at Goulburn on 11 March 2025, he was more immediately vigorous on straightening than he was today but in his view the filly did not respond as well to that style of riding and today after being balanced and ridden more conservatively, under more concerted riding thereafter, the filly found the line well. He further added that whilst the filly had interrupted running on the last occasion that the filly raced at Canberra on 21 February 2025, he chose to ride the filly similarly and more conservatively as the filly found the line well on that occasion. Trainer Mr Litt confirmed the instructions adding that the filly was to be ridden with cover and allowed to race comfortably. The parties were advised that the matter remains open for any further investigation.

Call Me Grouchy – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Yesglenn – Reared in the barriers and got its off-foreleg over the partition for a relatively brief amount of time and was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed suitable to race. Bumped on jumping with Hazel Jean and then shifted out. Over-raced near the 800m and after the 800m had to be restrained from the heels of Bye Gone Daze. Hung out from the 600m until straightening. Trainer Mr J Steinmetz was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding concerning its barrier manners.

RACE 4: TAB Federal 1000m

Fourth Spargo - Rider P Boudvillain was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Pretty Vegas – Change of tactics: To be ridden off the speed; settled mid-field. Passing the 600m was contacted by Love Shuck which was taken in and reacted and shifted in away from that runner. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained a laceration to its off-hind leg.

Major Time – Raced three-wide throughout. Passing the 250m shifted out and brushed Take The Rap.

Fangelo – Was unsettled in the barriers prior to the start being effected and consequently was a little slow to begin and contacted soon after by Starlight Girl which shifted out.

Starlight Girl – Began awkwardly shifted out and made contact with Fangelo.

Fourth Spargo – Ran in at the start. Passing the 600m had to be checked from the heels of Pretty Vegas after improving to that runner's inside when that runner shifted in after it had been contacted by Love Shuck which shifted in slightly after being taken in by Take The Rap (M Cahill) which after hanging out, shifted in when being corrected and simultaneously shifted in. In all circumstances, M Cahill was advised to exercise more care. Laid in under pressure over the concluding stages.

Love Shuck – Passing the 600m was taken in slightly by Take The Rap and made contact with Pretty Vegas. Had some difficulty obtaining completely clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Take The Rap – Raced wide throughout. Passing the 250m was brushed by Major Time which shifted out. Rider M Cahill pleaded guilty to a charge of charge under AR131(b) in that he did fail to ride the gelding out over the concluding stages. M Cahill's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 2 April 2025, to be served cumulatively to a suspension incurred at Albury on 20 March 2025 and to expire on Thursday 10 April 2025, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty consideration was given to the margin of just a short head between Take The Rap and Love Shuck which had been placed second, and that M Cahill's inaction in the opinion of Stewards, had prejudiced his mount's chances of obtaining the higher placing.

Vintage Barossa – App Ms S Peebles was fined the sum of \$200 under AR132(6)(c) for using her whip on her mount when it was out of contention.

RACE 5: Gratz Vella Racing Handicap 1600m

Call Me Artie – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled mid-field.

It Is To Be – Crowded on jumping by Lord Finland which shifted out. Over-raced in the middle stages and passing the 1300m shifted out when awkward on the heels of Aquatempo. Passing the 450m was restrained and shifted out after becoming awkwardly positioned after improving onto the heels of Aquatempo and was held up whilst negotiating the remainder of the home turn.

Region Time – Was contacted on jumping by It Is To Be which was taken out when crowded by Lord Finland. Passing the 1300m was hampered by It Is To Be which, when over-racing shifted out off the heels of Aquatempo.

Kanoozi – Slow to begin (2L). When questioned, rider M Cahill stated that after being slow to begin his mount felt uncomfortable in its action throughout the early stages. He further added

that when his mount again felt uncomfortable in its action from the 200m and as he was of the view that something may be amiss with the mare, he did not test it for the remainder of the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J Cleary was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. Mr Cleary advised that the mare would now be transferred from his stable.

Graced – When trapped three-wide in the middle stages was allowed to stride forward to obtain a position outside the leader Lord Finland.

Incantata – Passing the 1000m lost the benefit of cover behind Graced when that runner pressed forward to obtain a position outside the leader.

Poker Dice – Slow to begin. Passing the 300m had to be directed to the outside of the heels of Dream Inherit which shifted in, to continue into clear running but was then held up on the heels of that runner for some distance after when that mare shifted out.

Aquatempo – Pasing the 200m was eased from the heels of Incantata (App C Keatings) which shifted in when not clear. App Ms C Keatings was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 6: John Nisbet Racing Handicap 1300m

Merchant Reign - Rider R Bensley was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Brazen Crime – Began awkwardly, shifted out and contacted Miss Emma.

Miss Emma – Was contacted on jumping by Brazen Crime which shifted out.

Jimmy Nails – Lunged forward and contacted its jaw on the front gates but after being examined by the Club's veterinary officer was cleared suitable to start.

Rainagain – Raced three-wide throughout.

Spirited King – Slow to begin (2L).

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 1	C Lever (Sun Beauty)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2	App Ms C Keatings (She'sadare)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3	Ms W Costin (Extremely Frilly)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	B Loy (Il Passero)	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Swabs:

Swab samples were obtained from all winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 4: App Ms S Peebles (Vintage Barossa) – AR131(b) – Use of whip on mount out of contention.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 4: M Cahill (Take The Rap) – AR131(b) – Fail to ride mount to end of race. License to ride in races suspended 2/4/25 until 10/4/25 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 3: Yesglenn – Reared in the barriers and got its off-foreleg over the partition.
Trials:	Race 5: Kanoozi – Rider concerned with action and not tested final 200m.
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 2: Weird Goodbyes – Pale Blue, white star, yellow sleeves. Race 4: Wholelotalove – Pale Blue, white star, yellow sleeves. Race 5: Fiftyfivechevy – Red cap. Race 6: Jimmy Nails – Red cap.
Follow up:	Nil.