

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

### THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 20 December 2025

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good (4)

**Rail:** True

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves, M F Vilo (Stewards) S G Railton (Remote Steward), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Tanner (Swab), Ms C Louttit (Scales), Dr J Laing (Veterinarian).

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#### **RACE 1: John McGrath Auto Group Plate 1000m**

**Wild Romeo** – N Heywood reported that the colt travelled only fairly and was disappointing in the manner in which it closed off when under pressure in the home straight. He added that the horse appeared to jar up on the firm racing surface. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no significant abnormalities other than some minor abrasions to its forehead.

**Brume De Soliel** – Slow to begin.

**Show Rhythm** – Raced wide and without cover from the 800m.

**Xceptional Spirit** – Near the 400m dipped and shifted out.

#### **RACE 2: GR1 Media Handicap 1300m**

**Hammurabi** – On jumping was bumped by *Gaelic Gem* which shifted out. Near the 1100m commenced to race keenly when being steadied to obtain cover. Continued to overrace and got its head up for some distance. Held up rounding the home turn.

**Arctic Bright** – Began awkwardly. On straightening bumped *Gaelic Gem* when being shifted out from behind *Red Light Rachael*.

**Gaelic Gem** – Shifted out at the start and bumped *Hammurabi*. On straightening was bumped and carried wider by *Arctic Bright* which shifted out to improve.

**Red Light Rachel** – After being slow to begin was ridden along to obtain a forward position.

**Pure Melody** – Passing the 1000m was hampered and carried wider by *Hammurabi* which shifted out when overracing.

**Yindyamarra** – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

### **RACE 3: TBC Distribution Handicap 1600m**

**Ceremonious** – Shifted out at the start and bumped *Flashy Icon*.

**Taytay Bay** – Began only fairly.

**Brazen Crime** – Overraced throughout the middle stages. Approaching the 200m became held up before being shifted to the outside of *Miss Stalwart* to continue into clear running.

**Falcon Lair** – Slow to begin. A protest was lodged by S Guymer, rider of the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed **Falcon Lair** against *Miss Stalwart* (B Owen) being declared the winner alleging interference over the final 150m. After taking evidence from the relevant parties and viewing the race vision it was established that **Falcon Lair** was hampered and carried in by *Miss Stalwart* after passing the 150m. However, having regard to the manner in which both horses were closing off prior to the 150m and also having regard to the beaten margin involved, Stewards dismissed the protest as they could not be comfortably satisfied that **Falcon Lair** would have finished in advance of *Miss Stalwart* had the interference not occurred. B Owen (*Miss Stalwart*) was reprimanded and advised that in similar circumstances he would be expected to make more effort to keep his mount straight.

**Flashy Icon** – At the start was bumped by *Ceremonious* which shifted out.

**Miss Stalwart** – Overraced and got its head up in the early stages. After passing the 150m laid in under pressure and brushed *Falcon Lair* on several occasions. B Owen dropped his whip soon after passing the 100m.

### **RACE 4: Kennards Hire Plate 1600m**

**Aristocrat** – Approaching the 800m became awkwardly placed behind *Little Rascal* before being shifted out and improving around that horse to settle outside the lead near the 600m.

**Little Rascal** – Approaching the 1400m laid out and became unbalanced in its action. E Hennessy was reprimanded under AR132(7)(a)(i) for having used her whip in consecutive strides prior to the 100m.

### **RACE 5: Casino Canberra Canberra Guineas Preview 1400m**

**Cashbook** – When racing keenly, shifted out off the heels of *Sablonneuse* passing the 800m and was allowed to stride forward. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which weakened in the home straight, revealed no abnormalities.

**Zoufield** – After being slow to begin was hampered when crowded by *Cashbook* which shifted in. When caught wide and without cover in the early stages was allowed to stride forward into the lead approaching the 900m.

**Sivaloa** – When commencing to improve to the outside of *Wolf Island* passing the 600m was inconvenienced and forced wider by that runner which shifted out.

**Wolf Island** – Began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped *Undercut*. When racing keenly was restrained from the heels of *Cashbook* for some distance approaching the 1000m.

**Spread The Love** – For some distance rounding the home turn was held up and unable to improve. Remained held up before being disappointed for run to the inside of *Triptolemus* approaching the 300m. Continued to be held up before obtaining completely clear running near the 150m.

**Sablonneuse** – After having difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the home straight, was steadied near the 150m when momentarily placed in restricted room between *Undercut* and *Wolf Island* which shifted out slightly.

**Undercut** – On jumping was bumped by *Wolf Island* which began awkwardly and shifted in.

#### **RACE 6: ETS Refrigeration Black Opal Preview 1000**

**Bar Jester** – On jumping was bumped by *Restless Spirit* which shifted in.

**Music Time** – Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Restless Spirit** – Shifted in at the start and bumped *Bar Jester*.

**Farcolo** – When racing keenly, shifted out away from *Somerford* which shifted out passing the 800m.

**Pauline's Dream** – Passing the 800m was inconvenienced and forced wider by *Farcolo* which shifted out when racing keenly.

#### **RACE 7: Civium Property Group Canberra Cup Preview 2000m**

**Good Prize** – Began awkwardly and lost ground at the start. Steadied from the heels of *Semper Fortis* near the 1300m.

**Scarli Japali** – Began awkwardly and lost ground at the start. Raced wide and without cover from the 800m.

**Winning Point** – Soon after straightening was steadied when awkwardly placed inside the heels of *Burgundy Girl* which shifted in marginally before being corrected.

#### **RACE 8: TAB Federal – National Sprint Preview 1200m**

**Cliff House** – After being held up and unable to improve making the home turn, had to be steadied when disappointed for a tight run to the inside of *Chasing A Quid* which shifted in slightly near the 300m.

**Chop The Ice** – Began very awkwardly, bumped the hindquarter of *Acheson* and lost ground at the start.

**Keikoku** – When racing keenly, shifted out off the heels of *Ringarosa* after passing the 800m. Continued to overrace throughout the middle stages.

**Acheson** – Co-trainer Ms L Snowden was fined \$100 under LR35 for failing to declare App J Brookes as the rider by the prescribed time. On jumping was bumped on the hindquarter by *Chop The Ice* which shifted out. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Race 9: Alan Rummery Bookmaker – Shane Connolly Memorial Handicap 1200m**

**Shyamalan** – Began awkwardly and lost ground at the start. When travelling keenly improved onto the heels of *Royal Memory* near the 800m and was checked.

**Benamera** – Was held up making the home turn and soon after straightening was shifted to the inside of the tiring *Cosmic Attraction* to obtain clear running. Passing the 300m was awkwardly placed outside the heels of *Shyamalan* which drifted out.

**Cifonelli** – Rounding the home turn was held up and unable to improve. Remained held up until passing the 300m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a mild case of heat stress. Trainer Mr G Portelli was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

**Nefradite** – Raced wide and without cover from the 900m.

**Cosmic Attraction** – At the start was hampered when bumped by *Timeless Grace* which shifted out. P Boudvillain reported the mare travelled satisfactorily through the early stages however came under pressure from near the 500m and gave limited response to his riding. He said that when he had concerns that there may be something amiss with **Cosmic Attraction**, he eased it down over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of **Cosmic Attraction** in the days subsequent.

**Timeless Grace** – Shifted out at the start and bumped *Cosmic Attraction*.

**Vinari** – Slow to begin. Raced very wide and without cover for the majority of the event.

**Too Darn Sassy** – Slow to begin. Near the 300m was disappointed for a run between *Vinari* and *Showtime Maggie* before being shifted in to continue improving.

**Swabs:**

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

Race 1: Bivacco, Wild Romeo

Race 2: Astound Beauty, Red Light Rachel, Yindyamarra

Race 3: Flashy Icon

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 7:</b> Trainer Dryden & Snowden ( <b>Acheson</b> ) – LR35 - \$100 – Late rider.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> B Owen ( <b>Miss Stalwart</b> ) – careless riding (AR131(a)) <b>Race 4:</b> E Hennessy ( <b>Little Rascal</b> ) – used whip in consecutive strides prior to the 100m (AR132(7)(a)(i))
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 9: Cifonelli</b> – Mildly heat stressed.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> Taytay Bay – Dark green, gold CRC logo
<b>Follow up:</b>	<b>Race 9: Cosmic Attraction</b> (D Seib) – post-race condition.