

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 22 September 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4), upgraded to a Good (3) at 1:32pm.

Rail: True

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. G. Polglase & J Turner (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) Dr A Willi (Veterinarian).

As app Ms C MacFarlane was indisposed, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 1	Trumbo – App Ms C Frater-Hill
Race 6	Hajduk – App Ms R Hunt
Race 7	Ghost Rider – App Ms R Hunt
Race 8	Ariake Fire – App Ms R Hunt

RACE 1: REVIVE BATHROOMS/CMC HUMMER MAIDEN PLATE **1000M**

Dictation – Slow to begin.

Trumbo – On jumping had to be checked when crowded by Ashureean which shifted in. Hung out from the 800m and approaching the home turn had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of Luzonica. Held up for clear running until passing the 300m.

Stravali – Raced wide throughout.

Following the running of the event the track was upgraded to a Good (3) at 1:32pm.

RACE 2: DELEGATE HOTEL BENCHMARK 68 HANDICAP **2000M**

Force Of Magic – Pulled hard in the middle stages.

Zabeelions – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider C Reith stated that his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and may not have appreciated the firm surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 3: MERCEDES-BENZ CANBERRA BENCHMARK 59 HANDICAP **1000M**

Under The Eaves – Crowded on jumping by Damagic which was also crowded and taken in by Exaggerate which shifted in.

Irenic – Held up for clear running between the 300m and the 200m.

Simply Striking – Pulled hard in the middle stages. Held up for clear running between the 300m and the 150m.

Damagic – Crowded on jumping. App Ms C Frater-Hill (Simply Striking) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless under AR137(a) in that passing the 50m she permitted her mount to shift out under riding when not clear of Damagic which lost its rightful running and had to be checked. App Ms C Frater-Hill's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 2 October 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 17 October 2017, on which day she may ride.

RACE 4: WATSON BLINDS & AWNINGS OPEN HANDICAP 1200M

Atom Eve – Began awkwardly. Shortly after the start was restrained from the heels of Mercurial Lad which was taken in by Rock On Zariz (B Loy), which shifted in when not clear. B Loy was advised to exercise more care.

Mercurial Lad – Bounded on jumping.

Rhomlo – Laid in in the straight.

RACE 5: BRINDABELLA STOCKFEEDS CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 1600M

Confess And Avoid – Slow to begin.

Confidential – Slow to begin.

Ten Tigers – Slow to begin.

Capabeel – Passing the 1000m had to be eased and shifted out from the heels of Udaras when its rider eased the tempo after working forward to cross to the rails.

Admire Gratz – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider R Bensley stated that in the early stages he obtained a favourable position behind the speed with the favourite, Fun Tickets, held to his inside. He added however that passing the 1000m when the pace was slackened, Centabeel which was racing forward and to his inside was restrained and shifted out when awkwardly placed on heels resulting in his mount being taken three wide. He added that from this point his mount was under pressure and then did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G Vella advised that the gelding had pleased in its work leading up to the race which included a gallop on Tuesday 19 September 2017 and was confident that the gelding would perform well and advised that he had supported the gelding also. Mr Vella said that he was at a loss to explain the performance other than referring to incident at the 1000m when the gelding was taken wider and advised that the gelding had pulled up well and pleased in its work in the days following the race.

Udaras – When questioned, rider Ms W Costin stated that although she was obliged to make some use of her mount to press forward when trapped wide prior to the 1000m, her mount which was beaten 30L, was under pressure rounding the home turn and weakened in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr K Dryden was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 6: WAYLIE TREES MAIDEN HANDICAP 1400M

Athonis – Kicked out in its tie-up stall contacting the back wall and after being examined by the Club's veterinary officer was found to have shifted its off-hind plate and be lame in that leg and was withdrawn at 4:00pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all investments on Athonis be refunded in full and that all bets placed with bookmakers prior to 4:00pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

- 1st: *Overreactive*: 27c win, 14c place.
- 2nd: *Tay Tay Taylor*: 27c place.
- 3rd: *Bill's My Boy*: 26c place.

At a subsequent inquiry co-trainer Mr P Jones was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior Athonis being permitted to race again.

My Danish Heart – On jumping was contacted on the hindquarter by Uno That which shifted in. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Hajduk – Bumped with Jounama on jumping.

Jounama – Passing the 1000m was eased from the heels of Zapace (J Ford) which shifted in when not quite clear. J Ford was advised to exercise more care.

Bill's My Boy – Laid in in the straight.

Sang real – Raced wide throughout.

Uno That – Passing the 1200m and again after the 1100m was hampered by My Danish Heart which shifted out when over-racing.

RACE 7: DALE & HITCHCOCK CIVIL ENGINEERING & LANDSCAPING 1400M

Rock Prodigy – Held up in the early part of the straight. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider B Ward stated that his mount was under pressure from the 600m and had raced dour today and may now be looking for further ground. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Verbal – Carried in for some distance approaching and passing the 100m by Ghost Rider (App Ms R Hunt) which shifted in when not clear. App Ms R Hunt was told that in similar circumstances she must straighten her mount.

Swindlers Miss – When questioned regarding the performance of his mount, rider app A Williams stated that his mount was under pressure on straightening, weakened soon after and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 8: INGLIS CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1200M

Tyres Are Crucial – Slow to begin.

Jonathon – Slow to begin. Trainer Mr J Ible advised that the gelding, which was found to have bowed its off-fore tendon following the event, would now be retired from racing.

Ariake Fire – Raced wide throughout.

Summary of whip use

Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 7	App A Williams (Swindlers Miss)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
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Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 3: App Ms C Frater-Hill (Simply Striking) – AR137(a) – Permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on 2/10/17 and to expire on 17/10/17 on which day she may ride.
Warnings:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 5: Udaras – Uncompetitive.
Certificates:	Race 6: Athonis – Lamé off-hind leg.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 5: Le Sacre Blur - Red, yellow diamond and armbands.