

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

(ACTON TRACK)

Friday 26 May 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True

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

GENERAL

Mr N Olive pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 80E (1) in that on the morning of 19 May 2017 he was found to have on his stable premises at Thoroughbred Park, Canberra, two preparations that were not registered in compliance with the relevant Commonwealth and territory legislation; primarily the Commonwealth AGVET code and the ACT Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008. After taking into account all relevant matters, Mr Olive was fined the sum of \$300.

RACE 1: MULTI-STORY DEMOLITION 2YO HANDICAP

1080M

The Costa Dreams – Slow to begin.

Stefanya – Slow to begin.

Future Time – Slow to begin.

Upper House – On jumping was tightened out onto the hindquarter of Denver. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding which was on debut, rider M Cahill stated that his mount travelled well to the home turn however was under pressure on straightening and weakened over the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Denver – On jumping was contacted on the hindquarter by Upper House which shifted out. Raced wide throughout.

Lower Manhattan – Slow to begin and taken in shortly after by Jungllized which shifted in.

Let It Roll – Shortly after the start jumped the shadow of the light pole on the track. Raced wide throughout.

The Costa Dreams - Raced greenly throughout and laid in passing the 850m.

Whitsunday – Held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Passing the 150m was directed to the inside of Caccini to continue into clear running.

RACE 2: DEMOLITION DERBY BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP**1206M**

Benno's Boy – Slow to begin.

Liabilityadjuster – Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Passing the 850m was momentarily tightened by Fire And Flood which was immediately corrected by its rider.

Hangin' With Willy – Rider A Chau pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) of having failed to ride his mount out over the final two strides of the event. Bearing in mind the margin of only a nose between the gelding which was placed second and the eventual winner Crusader General, A Chau's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of four weeks to commence on Sunday 4 June 2017 and to expire on Sunday 2 July on which day he may ride.

RACE 3: WRECKING BALL MAIDEN HANDICAP**1080M**

Kappy Cino – Slow to begin.

Your Toss – Crowded on jumping.

Sonnets – Hampered on jumping.

Liquid Dinna – Slow to begin and crowded shortly after by Gaelic Bolt which shifted in. Rider B Spriggs stated that after receiving early interference at the start his mount did not travel at any stage thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Silver Cloud Three – Ran in on jumping. Raced wide throughout.

Gaelic Bolt – Taken in on jumping by Sonnets and then laid in away from that runner.

Ultimate Testa – Bumped on jumping.

Grey Storm – Passing the 1000m was tightened for room by Ultimate Testa which laid out. Held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 300m.

RACE 4: THOMAS CUP MAIDEN HANDICAP**1280M**

Paramount Pat – Bumped on jumping.

Not So Precious – Raced wide throughout.

Goldmine – Raced wide throughout.

Dizzy Days – After taking evidence from rider M Cahill relative to his riding of the mare between the 600m and the 400m and from trainer Mr R Stubbs, Stewards adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed to enable them to examine betting activity on the event.

Brazen Choice – App Ms C Frater-Hill will be interviewed regarding her use of the whip prior to the 100m.

RACE 5: RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE**1750M**

Gresham Station – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled handy.

Vinnie – Got its hind leg up on the running board after being loaded into the barriers and after being examined by the Club’s veterinarian was passed fit to start. Slow to begin.

Von Tilly With Love – Slow to begin (2L).

So It Is – Slow to begin.

Foolproof – Began awkwardly.

Satin Silks – Leaving the straight on the first occasion got its head up, made the turn awkwardly, shifted out and had to be checked from the heels of Gullah which was taken in slightly by Duke Of Downunder (R Bensley) which shifted in when not quite clear. R Bensley was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 6: BREMA GROUP OPEN HANDICAP 1900M

Due to a mechanical issue with the ambulance, another ambulance was required on course which resulted in a delay and the re-scheduling of Race 6 to 3:22pm and Race 7 to 3:50pm. Race 8 was run at its advertised time of 4:20pm.

Mugga Malley – An investigation into the erroneous scratching of the gelding from the abovementioned race on Thursday afternoon revealed that at 3:54pm on Thursday 25 May 2017, trainer Mr T Sergi contacted the Trainer’s Service Centre (TSC) to declare G Buckley as the rider of the gelding which was an emergency but had gained a run, and to also scratch the gelding from Wagga on Saturday 27 May where it was also an acceptor. However, due to a TSC processing error the gelding was incorrectly scratched from Canberra at 4:10pm. The mistake was not brought to the attention of Stewards until later that evening, however after further investigation early on race morning, and when it was confirmed that the horse had been scratched from Canberra erroneously by the TSC, Stewards ordered that Mugga Malley be re-instated at 6:45am. Public announcements were made. The TSC has since advised that it will conduct a review into the procedures it adopts in relation to the taking and release of scratchings to avoid a repeat.

Gagarin – Trainer Mr R Waters was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of B Spriggs as the rider of the gelding.

Storm On – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; shifted out at the start making contact with its near gate and consequently settled back.

Alfden – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Illyrian – Slow to begin.

Put ‘em On Ice – Slow to begin.

RACE 7: SIRACUSA SWEEPSTAKES BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP 1080M

Radradra – Trainer Mr G Hickman was fined the sum of \$100 under AR140B(2) for the late addition of ear muffs to the racing gear of gelding. Public announcements were made. Crowded on jumping.

Denman Flyer – Slow to begin. Near the 200m had to be restrained when disappointed for a run between Oh What A Thief and Klisstra which shifted out.

Oh What A Thief – Raced wide throughout.

Little Off The Top – Raced wide throughout.

McGovern – Passing the 850m was eased from the heels of Oh What A Thief which was taken in by To A Degree (B Clark) which shifted in when not clear. B Clark was reprimanded under AR137(a).

Lord Denman – Held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Rider R Bensley was questioned regarding his riding on straightening and as to why he did not improve into a run which presented itself directly in front of him between Therese and To A Degree and rather, shifted out to eventually obtain a run to the outside of Little Off The Top where he was finally able to do so passing the 200m. R Bensley explained that he did not proceed to take the run because it was a narrow run and also that he had been instructed to preferably make his run wider on the track as it was the stable’s view that the ground was superior wider. R Bensley was told that in the view of Stewards he had erred and should have attempted to improve into the run of sufficient width between Therese and To A Degree on straightening, particularly as, at the time of shifting out and away from that run, there was no immediately available run to the outside of To A Degree.

To A Degree – Passing the 50m was restrained from the heels of Little Off The Top (App B Ryan) which shifted in when not clear. App B Ryan was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

RACE 8: SKIP BIN HIRE CLASS 2 HANDICAP

1280M

Lighty Tonighty – Slow to begin.

Kanerupt – Slow to begin. When questioned, rider R Bensley stated that his mount had raced keenly in the middles stages but passing the 600m was under pressure and commenced to weaken on straightening. Whilst Stewards were satisfied that the gelding was making no appreciable ground in the straight, R Bensley was nevertheless advised that he must show that his mounts are thoroughly tested as on this occasion, his vigour was somewhat lacking in the straight.

Mandalong Jenny – Slow to begin.

Flash Magic – Raced wide throughout.

Fort Myer – When questioned rider app R Dolan stated that his mount raced keenly in the middle stages after being challenged early and subsequently weakened over the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

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 5	R Bensley (Duke Of Downunder)	8 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 and the following runners:

Race 1: Denver, Upper House, Lower Manhatten

Race 2: Law Of The Land, Crusader General (2), Fire And Flood

Race 3: Gaelic Bolt, Crucial Moment

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: Trainer Mr N Olive (AR80E (1))) - \$300 – Unregistered substances. Race 6: Trainer Mr R Waters (Gagarin) (LR35) - \$50 – Late rider. Race 7: Trainer Mr G Hickman (Radradra) (AR140B(2)) - \$100 – Late gear change.
Reprimands:	Race 7: B Clark (To A Degree) - (AR137(a)) – Careless riding. Race 7: B Ryan (Little Off The Top) - (AR137(a)) – Careless riding.
Suspensions:	Race 2: A Chau (Hangin' With Willy) – AR137(B)) – Failed to ride mount out. Licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on 4/6/17 and to expire on 2/7/17 on which day he may ride.
Warnings:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 4: Brazen Choice – App Ms C Frater-Hill to be interviewed regarding her use of the whip. Race 4: Dizzy Days – Adjourned inquiry into ride.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: The Costa Dreams – Red cap. Race 4: Receipt – Red cap. Race 6: Escarpment – Gold, green CRC logo and cap.