

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Acton Track

Friday 14 July 2017

Weather: Overcast

Track: Synthetic

Rail: True

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), J. Schultz, J. Turner (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter) M. Donoghue (Assistant Starter), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), A. Willi (Veterinarian).

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:**

An inquiry was today opened into the detection of a 450ml bottle of Air Blast by Stewards at the stable premises of licensed trainer Mr L. Pepper at Thoroughbred Park on the morning of 19 May 2017. Evidence was taken from Mr Pepper and several exhibits were entered into evidence. Mr Pepper pleaded guilty to a charge under AR80E (1) in that the abovementioned preparation, which was found on his premises was found not to be registered in compliance with the relevant Territory and Commonwealth legislation. In all the circumstances, including that the preparation was purchased from a reputable on course saddlery, Mr Pepper was fined the sum of \$200.

## **RACE 1: EMPIRE CONTRACTING BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 120M**

**Summit Breath**—On jumping was taken out by *That's The Ticket* and in so doing made contact with *Unyielding*.

**That's the Ticket**—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M. Cahill stated that as the gelding is one-paced he was instructed to lead. He added however that his mount was under pressure on straightening and then proved most disappointing when weakening over the final 500 metres. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Mr S. Collings stated that in his view the gelding had endured a lengthy preparation and as a consequence would now be spelled.

**Unyielding**—Bumped on jumping by *Summit Breath*, which was taken out. Rider J. Penza reported that upon pulling up after the winning post his mount made a gargling noise. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr N. Olive undertook to report the results of an endoscopic examination to be completed by his stable's veterinarian.

**1<sup>st</sup> DARTS AWAY 2<sup>nd</sup> STANDOUBT 3<sup>rd</sup> SUMMIT BREATH 4<sup>th</sup> UNYIELDING**

## **RACE 2: EMPIRE HAZMAT SERVICES BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1750M**

**Tradtri**—When questioned, App. A. Williams stated that he was instructed to attempt to lead. He added however that shortly after the start when his mount did not show its anticipated early speed from its wide draw and when *One Touch* held its position to his inside he was caught wide leaving the straight on the first occasion. When questioned regarding the gelding continuing to race wide in the middle stages, App. A. Williams agreed with Stewards that in hindsight, bearing in mind the moderate tempo during that stage of the race, it would have been preferable for him to allow his mount to stride forward to take up a position outside the leader, *Token of Love*.

**Token of Love**—Began awkwardly.

**Cliff**—Crowded on jumping between *One Touch* and *Monte Ainslie*, which shifted out. Hung out making the turn leaving the straight. Laid out passing the 450 metres which afforded *Chadana* a run to its inside. On return to scale rider N. Souquet reported that whilst his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages it was nevertheless under pressure from the 600 metres and did not respond to his riding in the straight. Trainer Mr J. Cleary advised that the gelding would now be sent for a spell.

**1<sup>st</sup> TOKEN OF LOVE 2<sup>nd</sup> CHADANA 3<sup>rd</sup> MONTE AINSLIE 4<sup>th</sup> CLIFF**

**RACE 3: EMPIRE CONTRACTING 10YRS BENCHMARK 68 HANDICAP **1080M****

**Major Sharpe**—The gelding, which was found to have a small volume of blood present at the site of its left nostril after entering the mounting enclosure, was examined by the club's veterinary officer and when the source of that blood was identified as being a minor laceration inside its nostril, the gelding was passed fit to start.

**Volante**—Began awkwardly and lost ground. Laid in in the early part of the straight.

**Crusader General**—Pulled hard in the middle stages.

**You're Kidding Me**—Slow to begin.

**1<sup>st</sup> BRING A SECRET 2<sup>nd</sup> MAJOR SHARPE 3<sup>rd</sup> YOU'RE KIDDING ME 4<sup>th</sup> VOLANTE**

**RACE 4: EMPIRE CONTRACTING LOOSE FILL CLASS 2 HCP (SCALED -0.5KG) **1080M****

**Bare Foot Babe**—Began awkwardly resulting in its rider, App. R. Hunt, becoming unbalanced and the mare losing ground.

**Miss Denari**—Slow to begin.

**1<sup>st</sup> LORD DENMAN 2<sup>nd</sup> NOTRE REVE 3<sup>rd</sup> MISS DENARI 4<sup>th</sup> BARE FOOT BABE**

**RACE 5: EMPIRE ASBESTOS IN SOIL 2YO & 3YO MAIDEN HANDICAP **1080M****

**Fun Tickets**—Jumped in at the start and bumped *Money Crazy*. Laid in in the straight.

**Suneeze**—When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, M. Cahill stated that his mount was under pressure rounding the home turn and proved disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. He further added that in his view the filly may not have appreciated today's synthetic surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Deeness**—Trainer Mr P. Afflick was advised that the filly, which performed uncompetitively and was beaten 41 lengths, would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to racing again. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities. Mr Afflick advised that the filly would be spelled in the interim.

**Elsmick**—Began awkwardly and made contact with its offside gate.

**Little Naïve**—Began awkwardly.

**1<sup>st</sup> I AM KALANI 2<sup>nd</sup> UNDAOAF 3<sup>rd</sup> FUN TICKETS 4<sup>th</sup> SUNEZE**

**RACE 6: EMPIRE SUPER SIX MAIDEN HANDICAP **1280M****

**Sadler's Rest**—On jumping had to be restrained when tightened for room between *Snip of Purple* and *Equiafy*, which shifted in. Was unable to obtain completely clear running in the early part of the straight.

**Stromlo**—Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**All Good**—Following the event trainer Mr M. Smith reported that the gelding had lost its off fore plate.

**Equiafy**—Began awkwardly and shifted in.

**Clear Sailing**—Slow to begin.

**1<sup>st</sup> STROMLO 2<sup>nd</sup> BUBBLES DE BEER 3<sup>rd</sup> CLEAR SAILING 4<sup>th</sup> LIQUID DINNA**

**RACE 7: EMPIRE REMEDIATION SERVICES CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 1750M**

**Speed of Life**—A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding cleared it fit to start. When questioned, rider Ms M. Kinny stated that near the 1000 metres her mount commenced to hang out badly and as a consequence of that and her effort to keep her mount straight the gelding lost significant ground. She further added that her mount then continued to hang out until straightening. Trainer Mrs M. Jarvis was advised that in light of the gelding's poor tractability it would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

**Go One More**—Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was obliged to race wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Poet's Dash**—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider A. Layt stated that he was instructed to obtain a mid-field position with cover if possible. He added however when trapped wide in the early and middle stages he was obliged to make some use of his mount to go forward in the middle stages and was able to cross to the lead near the 1000 metres. He added that after obtaining the lead he eased his mount in an endeavour to assist it to finish off its race, however the gelding then did not run on under pressure in the straight and in his view was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Pastiche**—Near the 1400 metres hung out and clipped the heel of *Cortina Blue* (Ms K. Nisbet), which shifted in slightly and as a consequence blundered. In all the circumstances Ms K. Nisbet was advised to exercise more care. Pulled hard in the middle stages of the event. Near the 1000 metres had to be restrained and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Speed of Life*, which was weakening.

**London Time**—Slow to begin.

**1<sup>st</sup> FUI SAN 2<sup>nd</sup> THE AROD 3<sup>rd</sup> PASTICHE 4<sup>th</sup> CORAL DOWNS**

**RACE 8: EMPIRE CONTRACTING ASBESTOS SERVICES BM 55 HANDICAP 1206M**

**Destined To Win**—Slow to begin.

**Red Hot Tango**—Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Canny Palance**—For some distance approaching and passing the 100 metres had to be restrained after improving onto the heels of *Hercegovka*, which shifted out. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider App. B. Ryan stated that his mount did not travel at any stage of the event and furthermore felt uncomfortable in its action. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its off foreleg. Co-trainer Mr R. Price advised that the gelding would be immediately spelled and on this assurance no further action was taken.

**Dashing Duncan**—Raced wide throughout.

**1<sup>st</sup> GENTLE ANNIE 2<sup>nd</sup> RED HOT TANGO 3<sup>rd</sup> DASHING DUNCAN 4<sup>th</sup> LIABILITYADJUSTER**

**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted that the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100 metres under AR137A (5) (a) (ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

<b>Race 2:</b>	<b>Tradtri</b> (App. A. Williams) Six strikes, one more than is permitted.
<b>Race 6:</b>	<b>Clear Sailing</b> (B. Loy) Seven strikes, two more than is permitted.
<b>Race 6:</b>	<b>Stromlo</b> (B. Ward) Six strikes, one more than is permitted.

**SWAB SAMPLES:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

**Race 1: Summit Breath**

**Race 2: One Touch**

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>General:</b> Mr Pepper fined \$200 (AR80E (1)).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 5: Deeness</b> —uncompetitive—to barrier trial. <b>Race 7: Speed Of Life</b> —poor tractability—to barrier trial.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 1: Unyielding</b> —results of an endoscopic examination.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil.
<b>Late withdrawals:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 6: Clear Sailing</b> —pink cap.
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil.
<b>Disqualifications:</b>	Nil.