

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 26 August 2016

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy (10)
Rail: Out 4m
Penetrometer: 6.66

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), B. J Gray & J. A Shultz (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), M. Donoghue (Assistant Starter), R. Fordham (Betting), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) Dr A. Malo (Veterinarian).

Supplementary Report

Canberra Racing Club (Thoroughbred Park) - 12 August 2016

Race 4 – Seears Workwear Class 2 Handicap 1400m

An inquiry was today continued into rider R Bensley's handling of Snippet Of Hope in the early part of the straight. After initial evidence was obtained from R Bensley and stable foreperson Mr B Owen on raceday, further evidence was today obtained from R Bensley and trainer Mr N Olive. Rider R Bensley stated that his only instructions were to obtain cover and the remainder was left to him as the race panned out. He added that his mount travelled well with cover during the early and middle stages however after rounding the home turn when he was held up for clear running between Cumberland Range and She Zar after straightening he directed his mount to the outside of She Zar to obtain clear running. However, after viewing a replay of the race on the opening day of the inquiry, R Bensley agreed that on straightening there was at all times a sufficient run available directly in front of him between Cumberland Range and She Zar for his mount to improve into. He added that after then being afforded clear running, the mare initially responded to his riding however peaked on its run over the concluding stages. Trainer Mr N Olive confirmed the instructions issued on the day by stable foreman Mr B Owen and expressed disappointment that R Bensley had not endeavoured to take the run available between Cumberland Range and She Zar. A detailed report into nationwide betting on the race completed by Mitchell Reid – Analyst, Betting and Compliance Racing NSW, was also tendered into evidence. The analysis of betting on the event revealed no integrity concerns and confirmed that there had been stable support for the mare.

When it was established that after straightening, R Bensley had manoeuvred to the outside of She Zar whilst at all times a run was available directly in front of his mount between Cumberland Range and She Zar, it was also found that in doing so Snippet Of Hope was only slightly held up when being eased out across the heels of She Zar where it then continued into clear running and thereafter had peaked on its run over the concluding stages. In all the circumstances, R Bensley was told that he had clearly erred in directing his mount out across the heels of She Zar when he should have improved into the run between Cumberland Range and She Zar. However, as the Stewards could not be satisfied that his actions had cost his mount a higher placing they chose not to issue a charge under AR135(b) and the matter was concluded.

RACE 1: XXXX GOLD BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP **1000M**

Therese – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare which weakened over the final 100m, revealed the mare to be mildly lame in its near-foreleg. Co-trainer Mr P Jones advised that the mare would now be sent for a spell.

Cumberland Range – Near the winning post was eased from the heels of Tides Of Fortune (app M Kinny) which shifted out under pressure. App Kinny advised to exercise more care.

RACE 2: BELLEVUE BUILDING PROJECTS BENCHMARK 70 HANDICAP **2000M**

Tony The Pony – Slow to begin.

Lautaro – Passing the 1700m was crowded for room by Blue Carlou (S Miller) which shifted in. S Miller was told to exercise more care. Passing the 200m rider app J Van Overmeire dropped his right reign and passing the 50m dropped his left reign. Rider app J Van Overmeire was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100m, one more than is permitted.

Blue Carlou – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider S Miller stated that his mount pulled hard during the event which contributed to his mount weakening in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Eden Road – Rider M Cahill was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on seven occasions prior to the 100m, two more than is permitted.

RACE 3: TAB.COM.AU BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP **1400M**

Law Of The Land – At the request of trainer Mr N Gardner, the gelding was examined by the Club's veterinary officer. The gelding was subsequently a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 12:48pm when found to be very sensitive to touch, in the region of its wither. Trainer Mr N Gardner was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Street Savvy – Trainer Mr D Jackson was fined the sum of \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the gelding's Thoroughbred Identity Card.

Deb's Hope – Over-raced in the early stages.

Manatasse – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider M Cahill stated that passing the 1100m when challenged briefly by Deb's Hope, his mount commenced to pull hard and continued to do so throughout the middle stages which resulted in his mare weakening in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 4: NATIONAL CORPORATE GROUP CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE **1600M**

Skillz That Killz – Slow to begin. Rider J Ford was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100m, one more than is permitted.

Bull Bailey – When questioned, rider K O'Hara explained that passing the 700m when following True Connection, whilst she was aware that Skillz That Killz was commencing to improve around her, due to it being too early to commence her run, and also given that the track was heavy, she elected to remain racing behind True Connection and instead allowed Skillz That Killz to continue around her. She added that after being briefly held up rounding the home turn, shortly after straightening, when a run developed between True Connection and Skillz That Killz her mount nevertheless was not travelling well enough to take advantage of that run and ran home only fairly.

Canford Calling – When questioned regarding the gelding leading, rider M Travers stated that he had been instructed to have his mount settling down 3rd or 4th in running, however when his mount began particularly well and when runners drawn to his inside did not show intent to lead, when trapped wide, he allowed his mount to stride forward where the gelding was able to assume the lead.

RACE 5: AFFINITY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES MAIDEN PLATE **1000M**

Petulance – Slow to begin.

Old Maribo – Slow to begin.

Got The Chocolates – Buffeted on jumping between Bordeaux Bandit and Magical Verdict, both of which shifted ground.

Bordeaux Bandit – Passing the 250m had to be directed out to obtain clear running.

Magical Verdict – Shortly after the start was steadied from the heels of Janis (N Souquet) which shifted in when not clear. N Souquet was advised to exercise more care. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly which compounded inside the final 200m, revealed the filly to be exhibiting cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr M Dale stated that he must produce the satisfactory results of a veterinary examination, including an ECG, prior to the filly also having to barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 6: THE MARK AGENCY CLASS 1 HANDICAP **1000M**

Kijitsu – After being loaded the gelding became fractious, however after being examined by the Club's veterinary officer was passed fit to race.

Frenze Hall – Slow to begin.

Inchcape Rock – Slow to begin. Held up in the early part of the straight.

Stato – Near the 250m was bumped by Inchcape Rock (J Ford) which shifted out. J Ford was advised to exercise more care given that he was also not the required two lengths when he shifted out in front of Kijitsu, just prior to this incident although Kijitsu was not significantly impeded in the incident.

Madam Tilly – When questioned, rider M Cahill stated that his mount which was resuming after a lengthy spell, was obliged to travel wide throughout on today's heavy track conditions and whilst it weakened in the straight he was not altogether disappointed with the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 7: ACCOR HOTELS AUSTRALIA MAIDEN PLATE **1300M**

Time In Motion – Trainer Mr G Vella was advised that a warning would be recorded against the pre-race manners of mare when it paraded in the mounting enclosure.

Tay Tay Taylor – Bounded on jumping.

London Time – After being a little slow to begin was crowded shortly after between Red Heat and Time In Motion, which was taken out. When questioned, rider R Bensley stated that his mount was under did not stretch out at any stage of the event, did not respond to his riding from the 600m and

as a consequence was not tested in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G Vella was told that the gelding, which was beaten 33L would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Time Of Her Life – The mare which became fractious in the barriers was examined by the Club’s veterinary officer and passed fit to race. Raced wide throughout.

Lady Vostok – After making contact with the rear gate and sustaining a minor laceration to its breast when loaded into the barriers on the first occasion was examined by the Club’s veterinary officer and passed fit to start.

RACE 8: MERCEDES-BENZ CANBERRA BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1200M

No When To Hold Em – Blundered leaving the mounting enclosure on route to the start resulting in its rider, app B Ryan being dislodged and the filly then travelling a considerable distance when it proved elusive to re-capture. App B Ryan sustained no injury in the incident. On arrival at the start the filly was examined by the Club’s veterinary officer and when found to have an elevated heart rate was a late withdrawal at 5:18pm. Stewards ordered that all investments placed on the filly prior to 5:18pm be refunded in full. Further, that all successful bets with bookmakers be paid less the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

- 1st **Vella Lonchick** 37¢ win, 21¢ place
- 2nd **Mr Fox** 27¢ place
- 3rd **Oh What A Thief** 25¢ place

Written In Blood – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which raced wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormality.

SWAB SAMPLES:

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

Race 1: Man Of Peace, Tides Of Fortune

Race 2: Eden Road, Smiling At Shadows

Race 3: Deb’s Hope, Zaritzie (2)

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Race 7: Time In Motion - Pre-race manners.
Fines:	Race 2: M Cahill (Eden Road) (AR137A(5)(a)(ii) - \$200 – Whip use. Race 3: Trainer Mr D Jackson (Street Savvy) (AR59A) - \$50 – Failed to produce TIC.
Reprimands:	Race 2: App J Van Overmeire (Lautaro) (AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – Whip use. Race 4: J Ford (Skillz That Killz) (AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – Whip use.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 5: Magical Verdict – Cardiac Arrhythmia. Race 7: London Time – Uncompetitive performance.
Certificates:	Race 3: Law Of The Land – Sensitive in the region of its wither. Race 5: Magical Verdict – Cardiac Arrhythmia. (Incl ECG).
Falls/Injuries:	Race 8: app B Ryan (No When To Hold Em) – No injury.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 5: Old Maribo – Pale blue, royal blue and white stripes.

	Race 7: Lady Vostok – Red, grey disc and hooped sleeves.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.