

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Thursday 29 December 2016

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 3.9

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

RACE 1: TOMAKIN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1200M

Keep 'Em Guessin'—Was held up rounding the home turn and shortly after straightening was eased to the outside of the heels of *Sammi Jain* to obtain clear running. Rider R. Bensley was reprimanded under AR137A (5) (a) (ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100 metres, one more than is permitted under the rule.

Unyielding—Was held up rounding the home turn and on straightening had to be eased from the heels of *Keep 'Em Guessin'* (R. Bensley) when attempting a narrow run between that mare, which shifted out, and *Manatasee*, which was racing tight to its outside. R. Bensley was advised to exercise more care.

Ainzali—Hung out in the middle stages.

1st KEEP 'EM GUESSIN' 2nd SAMMI JAIN 3rd UNYIELDING 4th RED FENDER

RACE 2: BECOME A MEMBER CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1200M

Major Sharpe—Bounded on jumping.

Bid Of Faith—Overraced in the early stages.

Sophia's Charm—Was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 7.54 a.m. when found to be lame in its off foreleg.

Alone With You—Began awkwardly, shifted out, bumped *Orange Time* and became unbalanced.

Orange Time—On jumping was bumped by *Alone With You*.

1st ORANGE TIME 2nd ZUZZUDIO 3rd MAJOR SHARPE 4th UNDER THE EAVES

RACE 3: OLIMS HOTEL BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP 2000M

Magic Franco—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider R. Bensley stated that whilst his mount had overraced during the event, nevertheless in his view it had failed to run out today's 2000 metre journey.

Agrionius—On straightening ran out abruptly and shifted significant ground out toward the outside rail. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer

Mr P. Wiggins was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Chadana—Overraced in the early and middle stages. Near the 150 metres laid in.

South Africa—Crowded shortly after the start between *Tempest Rock* and *Damysus*, which shifted in.

Tempest Rock—Crowded shortly after the start between *South Africa* and *Agrionius*, which shifted out. Making the crossing near the 1600 metres became unbalanced. Overraced for some distance near the 1400 metres and had to be restrained. Near the 150 metres was contacted by *Chadana*, which laid in.

1st ROSARUBY 2nd TEMPEST ROCK 3rd FRACKING 4th AGRIONIUS

RACE 4: RONNIE CONSTRUCTIONS BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1000M

You're Kidding Me—Slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Greenback Boogie—Passing the 800 metres was steadied when taken in.

Malachi Crunch—Passing the 850 metres when being eased had to be further restrained when tightened for room between *Little Off The Top*, which shifted out marginally, and *Greenback Boogie*, which was being eased after being taken in by *Flash In The Dark*, which shifted in slightly.

Flash In The Dark—Passing the 800 metres was eased to avoid the heels of *She Sure Can* (App. Ms C. Frater-Hill), which shifted in when not quite clear. App. Ms C. Frater-Hill was advised to exercise more care.

Immy—Slow to begin.

Turbo Bundy—A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was obliged to race wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Champawi—Was badly held up on straightening and for some distance between the 300 metres and until near the 200 metres had to be restrained when it continued to be held up on the heels of *Ittextya* and ultimately did not obtain clear running until passing the 150 metres.

Ittextya—Was held up shortly after straightening and did not obtain clear running until passing the 200 metres. Trainer Mr L. Pepper reported that the filly would now be sent for a spell.

1st FLASH IN THE DARK 2nd MALACHI CRUNCH 3rd LITTLE OFF THE TOP 4th YOU'RE KIDDING ME

RACE 5: BLACK OPAL BOOKINGS MAIDEN PLATE 1000M

Gold Dragoness—Overraced in the middle stages.

Tippiteau—Raced wide throughout. Passing the 300 metres on two occasions in the early part of the straight was contacted and taken wider by *Zapace*, which shifted in.

Surprise Party—Trainer Mr M. Dale was fined the sum of \$50 under AR140B for the late application of blinkers to the filly's racing gear.

Treasure The Love—Slow to begin.

Midnight Mission—Slow to begin.

1st SURPRISE PARTY 2nd SIMPLY STRIKING 3rd LITTLE CLANGA 4th GOLD DRAGONESS

RACE 6: HYGAIN MAIDEN HANDICAP**1300M**

Spursum—OVERRACED during the early and middle stages.

Bandjin Lass—Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer was fined the sum of \$50 under AR40B for the late application of blinkers and a lugging bit to the mare's racing gear.

Stromlo—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider B. Ward stated that his mount was slow to begin and with its blinkers fitted today for the first time, after being ridden forward in the early stages, the gelding then overraced for some distance in the middle stages and passing the 900 metres had to be steadied from the heels of *Gitan*. He further added that in his view the gelding would derive benefit from further racing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities.

Thunder Joe—Slow to begin. Overraced with its head up for some distance and passing the 800 metres.

Pikelets—Began awkwardly. Raced particularly wide throughout.

True Fame—Slow to muster speed.

Gitan—Raced wide throughout.

Canford Calling—Began awkwardly with its head up.

1st MUCKER 2nd REVENUE 3rd PINK MOSCATO 4th BANDJIN LASS

RACE 7: TAB.COM.AU BENCHMARK 73 HANDICAP**1400M**

Mr Jackman—Had some difficulty obtaining clear running on straightening.

Chasing Charlie—Raced keenly during the early and middle stages.

Shout To The Top—Was a little slow to begin and shortly after hampered by *Chasing Charlie*, which was taken out by *Rhomlo*, which shifted in. Pulled hard during the early and middle stages.

American Time—Rider R. Bensley was reprimanded under AR137A (5) (a) (ii) for using his whip on six occasions, one more than is permitted under the rule.

Charming Lad—Slow to begin.

Istanbul—Began awkwardly.

1st RHOMLO 2nd AMERICAN TIME 3rd CHARMING LAD 4th CHASING CHARLIE

RACE 8: SHOWPONY EVENTS BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP**1400M**

Running Broke—Passing the 1000 metres was hampered and taken three wide by *The Last Sommet*, which received interference.

The Last Sommet—Passing the 1000 metres, when inclined to pull hard, had to be restrained and shifted out to avoid the heels of *Hurricane Harbour* (A. G. Robinson), which shifted in when not quite clear. In the incident, **The Last Sommet**, when shifting out, hampered *Running Broke*. A. G. Robinson was issued with a reprimand under AR137 (a).

Liabilityadjuster—Near the 900 metres had to be restrained away from the heels of *Hurricane Harbour* (A. G. Robinson) which lost ground when being steadied by its rider. Mr Fox, which was following, had to be restrained in consequence as did *Alba Gu Brath*, which was following that runner. A. G. Robinson was warned against the practice of unnecessarily restraining the speed of his mount.

Run Hoff Run—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider R. Bensley stated that his mount, which was obliged to race wide throughout, was subsequently left without a finishing

effort in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities.

Brown Bob—Overraced in the middle stages and passing the 800 metres improved onto the heels of *Double Good*, had to be checked and shifted out to avoid the heels of that runner.

Double Good—Correct weight was delayed at the request of connections of the mare which was placed second to enable them to view the judge’s official photo finish image. When satisfied with the accuracy of that image, correct weight was declared on the judge’s placings.

Mr Fox—Upon pulling up the gelding shied, which resulted in its rider App. B. Ryan being dislodged but taking no harm from the fall.

Bone Idle—Was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 8.15 a.m. when found to be lame in its near foreleg.

Her Highness—An objection was lodged by B. El-Issa rider of the mare which was placed fourth against the winner *Smiling At Shadows* alleging interference inside the final 200 metres. On the evidence it was established that passing the 150 metres *Smiling At Shadows* shifted in when not quite clear of **Her Highness**, which had to be redirected to the outside of the heels of that runner. However, bearing in mind the minimal nature of the interference and the margin of 1.1 lengths between the respective runners, Stewards were satisfied that the degree of interference had no material effect on the outcome of the race and the objection was dismissed and correct weight was declared on the judge’s placings. At a subsequent inquiry rider B. El-Issa was told that his objection was bordering on frivolous. For some distance after the 900 metres had to be restrained when the tempo slackened. Held up rounding the home turn.

Alba Gu Brath—Passing the 800 metres had to be restrained from the heels of *Mr Fox* when the pace slackened. Was held up for some distance passing the 250 metres.

1st SMILING AT SHADOWS 2nd DOUBLE GOOD 3rd HURRICANE HARBOUR 4th HER HIGHNESS

SWAB SAMPLES:

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

Race 1: Manatasee, Ainzali

Race 2: Bit Of Faith, Alone With You, Motime, Zuzzudio

Race 3: Fracking, South Africa

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Nil.
Fines:	Race 5: Trainer Mr M. Dale fined \$50 (AR140B). Race 6: Trainer Mr D. Pfeiffer fined \$50 (AR140B).
Reprimands:	Race 1: R. Bensley reprimanded (AR137A (5) (a) (ii)). Race 7: R. Bensley reprimanded (AR137A (5) (a) (ii)). Race 8: A. G. Robinson reprimanded (AR137 (a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 3: Agrionius —to barrier trial—racing manners.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 8: App. B. Ryan dislodged.
Protests:	Race 8: 4 th against 1 st dismissed.
Late withdrawals:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 2: Orange Time —yellow cap.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.