

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

(ACTON TRACK)

Friday 8 September 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), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) Dr J. Mizzi (Veterinarian).

Supplementary Report

Nowra 27 August 2017

Race 7: Dolly's Due Winning Horse Of The Year Benchmark 55 handicap 1400m

An inquiry was continued today into the reasons why Alabasta Bay broke down after the winning post after finishing first in the abovementioned race with an injury to its near-foreleg which necessitated in it being euthanised. Evidence was taken from trainer Mr A Clarke, rider R Bensley and a necropsy report completed by Dr Ms M Gimeno (University Veterinary Teaching Hospital – Camden) was entered along with Mr Clarke's stable treatment and veterinary records.

The necropsy report revealed that the gelding had sustained complete fractures to the proximal sesamoids in its near-foreleg. Trainer Mr A Clarke advised that the gelding had pleased leading into the abovementioned race with no veterinary issues during the relevant period. As Stewards were satisfied that there was no evidence of any pre-existing condition that caused or contributed to the breakdown, Stewards concluded the matter pending the outcome of a post-mortem urine sample obtained from Alabasta Bay.

General:

Trainer Mr R Potter was fined the sum of \$100 under LR82(3) in that during 2017 he was found to have an unregistered stablehand in his employ.

General:

Apprentice Ms C Frater-Hill was fined the sum of \$50 under AR92(10) for failing to present her winning rides booklet prior to weighing out.

RACE 1: ARISTOCRAT BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP

1080M

Treasure Boss – The gelding, which was fractious in the barriers was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. Trainer Mr M Gee was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding's barrier manners. Began awkwardly. Rider B Ward accidentally dropped his whip passing the 250m.

Snippet of Hope – Was obliged to race wide throughout.

RACE 2: INDEPENDENT PROPERTY GROUP BENCHMARK 69 HANDICAP**1206M**

Swindlers Miss – Slow to begin.

Rhomlo – Slow to begin. Laid in in the straight and was corrected on two occasions in the early part of the straight by its rider.

Emerald Fortune – App P Scorse (Rhomlo), represented by stable foreperson Mr M Jones pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that approaching and passing the winning post, he permitted his mount, which was inclined to lay in, to shift in whilst riding it along resulting in his mount bumping Emerald Fortune and further causing that runner to be steadied. App P Scorse's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 12 September 2017 and to expire on Saturday 16 September 2017, on which day he may ride.

RACE 3: IGT CLASS 2 HANDICAP**1080M**

Aiden Anthony – Began awkwardly.

God's Heaven – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have suffered a bleeding attack. As this was the second such occasion, trainer Mr M Gatty, representing trainer Mr C Pearson, was told that under the provisions of AR53A(5) the gelding would now be banned from racing in Australia.

RACE 4: CANBERRA TOYOTA HANDICAP**1080M**

Revitup Rednut – Bumped on jumping by Sylvie and became unbalanced. Raced wide throughout.

Road Treasure – Got its head down as the start was effected and lost ground (4L). When questioned regarding the performance of gelding, rider Ms B Panya stated that after its poor start, the gelding did not travel at any stage of the event and whilst it had previously worked well on the Warwick Farm synthetic track, in her view it was not comfortable on the synthetic Acton surface which she believed was firmer. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G Portelli was told that the gelding which was beaten 29L would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Srbska – Raced wide throughout.

RACE 5: ELECT PRINTING BENCHMARK 68 HANDICAP**1750M**

Gid Up Strop – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled handy. Hung out for some distance passing the 1300m. Held up rounding the home turn.

Overdane – Began awkwardly.

Dure – When questioned regarding her riding in the early and middle stages, app Ms J Hughes stated that she was instructed to take up a position back in the field and to commence her run from the 600m. She added however that in the early stages when her mount was caught wide it commenced to pull hard and whilst she initially tried to restrain it to ride it in accordance with her instructions when it continued to pull hard and she was unable to hold it she then allowed it to stride forward passing the 1200m but when Chadana maintained its position to her inside and when unable to cross she was caught three wide outside the lead for the remainder of the event. Trainer Mr M Smith confirmed the instructions.

RACE 6: MAGPIES JUNIORS FC CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE**1750M**

Planet Earth – Change of tactics: To be ridden further forward; settled off-pace.

Spare Ticket – Change of tactics: To be ridden to attempt to lead; settled handy. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the gelding, trainer Mr T Smart advised that at its previous start at Leeton on 22 August, the gelding was unsuited when it did not show sufficient early speed and was crossed and raced further back than was expected and had benefited by being able to take up a more prominent position today.

Le Sacre Blur – When questioned regarding his riding in the straight, rider B El-Issa stated that after being placed under significant pressure rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, passing the 200m when he was of the view that his mount was not responding to the whip he put it away and rode with hands vigour. He said that when the gelding then made some ground he recommenced using the whip and then re-verted to pushing his mount out with his hands over the concluding stages.

RACE 7: AFFINITY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES MAIDEN PLATE**1280M**

Go Bally – Raced wide throughout. Trainer Ms T Bateup was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which had raced uncompetitively being beaten 17L.

Not Bossy – Raced keenly in the middle stages. App Ms K Rayner, represented by trainer Mr S Coady pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(4)(a) of having used her whip in the vicinity of her mount's neck on two occasions passing the 150m and again passing the 50m. Taking into account Ms Rayner's inexperience, she was fined the sum of \$200.

Moonlight Duchess – Raced wide throughout.

Admire Gratzi – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn.

RACE 8: MONARO WINDOWS BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP**1280M**

Put Ém On Ice – Slow to begin.

You're Kidding Me – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; Slow to begin and settled back.

Saint Cheval – App Ms N Burrells (Brimstone) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless under AR137(a) in that passing the 1000m, she permitted her mount, to shift in when not clear of Saint Cheval which was racing keenly resulting in that runner having to be restrained and losing its rightful running. App Ms N Burrell's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 12 September 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 19 September 2017, on which day she may ride. Passing the 50m was steadied when crowded for room between Brimstone, which shifted out slightly and Kopaonik (app Ms R Hunt) which shifted in under pressure. In all the circumstances app Ms R Hunt was reprimanded under AR137(a) and told that in similar circumstances she would be expected to correct her mount.

Goodlookin'rooster – Hung out in the early and middle stages.

Summary of whip use

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

Race 1	App Ms N Burrells (Manatassee)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 2	App Ms C MacFarlane (Swindlers Miss)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	App Ms N Burrells (Leapin'Leo)	8 strikes prior to the 100m.

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>General: Trainer Mr R Potter - \$100 – LR82(3) – Unregistered stablehand.</p> <p>General: App Ms C Frater-Hill - \$50 – AR92(10) – Fail to present winning rides booklet prior to weighing out.</p> <p>Race 7: App Ms K Rayner (Not Bossy) (AR137A(4)(a)) - \$200 – Use of whip forward of horses shoulder.</p>
Reprimands:	Race 8: App Ms R Hunt (Kopaonik) (AR137(a)) – Careless riding.
Suspensions:	<p>Race 2: App P Scorse (Rhomlo) – AR137(a) – Careless riding. Permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on 12/9/17 and to expire on 16/9/17 on which day he may ride.</p> <p>Race 8: App Ms N Burrells (Brimstone) – AR137(a) – Permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on 12/9/17 and to expire on 19/9/17 on which day she may ride.</p>
Warnings:	<p>Race 1: Treasure Boss – Fractious in barriers.</p> <p>Race 7: Go Bally – Uncompetitive.</p>
Bleeders:	Race 3: God's Heaven – Suffered a second bleeding attack and incurs the mandatory lifetime ban from racing in Australia.
Trials:	Race 4: Road Treasure – Uncompetitive.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.