STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT
Canberra Racing Club Incorporated
THOROUGHBRED PARK
Friday 20 April 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4), upgraded to Good (3) following Race 3 at 1:35pm.
Rail: True

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

Supplementary Report
SERA Offices 12 April 2018
Stewards inquired into a complaint made by Mrs P Flynn, co-proprietor of Flynn Horse Transport, against licensed trainer Mr J Cleary concerning his alleged conduct toward her in the vicinity of the horse stall area at Thoroughbred Park during the Canberra Racing Club meeting conducted on Saturday 24 March 2018.

Mr J Cleary pleaded guilty of a charge of improper conduct under AR175(q) in that, whilst present in the tie-up stall area during the racemeeting conducted at Thoroughbred Park ACT on Saturday 24 March 2018 he did conduct himself in an improper manner in that he did direct a series of inappropriate remarks toward Mrs Flynn. Mr J Cleary was fined the sum of $500.

RACE 1: SKY RACING MAIDEN HANDICAP 1000M
Stephan – On route to the start bucked resulting in its rider N Heywood being dislodged and then cantered and galloped quite some distance before being recaptured which delayed the start of this race. N Heywood sustained no injury of significance in the incident. The gelding was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 12:10pm. Stewards ordered all investments on Stephan be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers placed prior to 12:10pm be paid subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Spirit Force**: 18c win and 9c place
2nd **Average Out**: 33c place
3rd **Tipta Josie**: 28c

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr G Vella was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Steward’s satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.
Average Out – Began awkwardly.

Withorn – Slow to begin.

Tipta Josie – Slow to begin.

Bingi Striker – Trainer Mr W Mathie was advised that a warning would be recorded against the mare which attempted to buck for a short distance soon after the start.

Sang Real – Commenced to hang out passing the 800m and then commenced to run off despite the efforts of its rider passing the 600m and ran toward the outside rail making the home turn and took no further competitive part in the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G Kirkup was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Steward’s satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Zarlena – From the 600m was taken out by Sang Real which was hanging and was badly inconvenienced when taken toward the outside rail making the home turn and had to be restrained at this point to avoid the heels of that runner.

## RACE 2: JOHN MCGRATH AUTO GROUP – KIA BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP 1200M

Mandee – Trainer Mr M Dale was fined the sum of $50 under AR140B(2) for the late removal of the cross-over noseband form the racing gear of the mare. When trapped three wide without cover in the early stages, was allowed to stride forward to assume the lead. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Our Finvarra – Slow to begin. Passing the 600m when pulling hard, improved to the inside of Gentle Annie (N Heywood) which laid out and had to be restrained when that runner shifted back in to re-assume its position. N Heywood was advised to exercise more.

Alpine King – Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and passing the 250m had to be shifted out to obtain clear running.

Like A Shot – Slow to begin.

Rhyming Puppet – Raced keenly in the early stages.

## RACE 3: BREMA GROUP MAIDEN HANDICAP 1300M

Corrupt Magpie – Slow to begin.

Foroz – Slow to begin.

Denver – Slow to begin and then bumped by Luga Lad which shifted out. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Boyer – Ran in at the start.
Tianma – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Luga Lad – Raced ungenerously in the middle stages. Hung out in the straight.

Little time Gem – Raced three wide throughout without cover.

Kianga – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M Cahill stated that whilst his mount only ran home fairly in the straight and was somewhat disappointing, in his view it may have been disadvantaged in that it raced on inferior ground whereas the surface closer to the rail was firmer in his opinion. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 4: CLEANAWAY BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1000M**

Suneeze – Co-trainer Mr K Dryden was fined the sum of $50 under AR140B(2) for the late addition of a tongue-tie to the racing gear of the mare. When questioned rider M Cahill stated that he was instructed to lead however, from his wide draw and when his mount began only fairly and runners drawn to the inside showed superior early speed he settled further back than was planned. He added that after then being obliged to race wide in the early and middle stages and when taken wider rounding the home turn, his mount was disadvantaged by racing on ground that was inferior in his view as compared to the ground near the rail. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Mr Snowman – Slow to begin.

Snip The Mo – Raced wide throughout.

Certain Riches – Raced wide throughout.

**RACE 5: SEEARS WORKWEAR MAIDEN HANDICAP 1600M**

I Arize – Slow to begin.

Money Crazy – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled off-pace.

Bull Bailey – Raced keenly in the middle stages and also wide throughout. Passing the 200m laid in away from The Potato Pontiff and was awkwardly placed near Typhoon Max. Laid in for the remainder of the race.

The Potato Pontiff – Laid in in the straight.

Lampito – Knuckled on jumping.

Poincon – Near the 200m had to be checked from the heels of Imanacheeva which weakened quickly and shifted out resulting in Money Crazy also being checked when crowded between Imanacheeva and Consoling which had to be eased when crowded by
Bless Him (R Bensley) which shifted in when not clear. In all circumstances R Bensley was advised to exercise more care.

Imanacheeva – Rider B Spriggs reported that near the 200m, when his mount was weakening, he felt that it had been galloped on behind by another runner. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 6: THE MARK AGENCY CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1200M**

Drake The Pirate – When questioned, rider M Heagney stated that he was instructed to take up a forward position, however after being a little slow to begin and from his wide draw he was obliged to make significant use of his mount to press forward to take up a share of the lead outside Dundalk. He added that whilst this was the principal factor in his mount weakening over the final 200m, he nevertheless indicated that the gelding had lost its brilliance and was now looking for further ground. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Waldo Waldorf – Slow to begin.

Our Revenue – Began awkwardly. Held up for clear running in the early part of the straight.

Trumbo – Was held up until the 200m when it had to be checked from the heels of Dundalk which was weakening and then continued to be held up until passing the 150m.

Tag And Release – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider N Heywood stated that his mount did not travel at any stage of the race and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Dundalk – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 7: TAB FEDERAL - BENCHMARK 67 HANDICAP 1400M**

Dyfield – Race very wide throughout.

Zoumagic – Raced wide throughout.

Prince Jacko – Raced wide throughout.

Balonne – Was not tested close to the line when awkwardly placed close to the heels of Croix De Vie which shifted in slightly.

Laughing Or Crying – Held up until passing the 150m and then improved through a narrow run between Gid up Strop and Who’s Knocking.

Welcome Art – Held up for some distance passing the 150m.

**RACE 8: CANPRINT COMMUNICATIONS BENCHMARK 57 HANDICAP 1600M**

Big Albert – Slow to begin. Hung in in the straight and proved difficult to fully test.
Admire Gratzi – Slow to begin. Had to be eased passing the 50m when tightened by Force Of Magic (App P Scorse) which shifted in when not clear. App P Scorse was advised to exercise more care.

Millijule – Slow to begin.

Balansa – Raced wide throughout.

Prying – Held up in the early part of the straight.

Barrier Trial
Co-trainer Mr P Jones was fined the sum of $50 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for Vellichor which was engaged in Heat 1 of the barrier trials.

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) or on consecutive occasions under AR137A(5)(a)(i). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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SWAB SAMPLES:
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