

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

#### THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 7 February 2020

Weather: Showery

Track: Good (4), downgraded to a Soft (5) at 1:51pm

Rail: Out 8m

J D Walshe (Chairman), J A Dinopoulos, J Turner (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), J Wright (Swab), L Milton (Scales) J Dorrington (Judge) Dr A Willi (Veterinarian).

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#### **RACE 1: WIN Canberra Handicap 1000m**

**Jesta Diva** – Bumped on jumping with Eliseo. When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider app Ms E Hennessy stated that her mount did not travel comfortably during the event, raced greenly and may have resented the kickback. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality

**Eliseo** – Bumped on jumping with Jesta Diva.

**Supernaculum** – Held up in the early part of the straight.

**One Super Chick** – Raced three-wide throughout.

Following this race the track was downgraded to a Soft (5) at 1:51pm to be made retrospective to include this event.

#### **RACE 2: Marymead Plate 1600m**

**Aroha Diamond** – Slow to begin.

**Charisma Rose** – Near the 1400m was restrained from the heels of Lady Kirkham (S Guymer) which shifted in when not quite clear. S Guymer was advised to exercise more care.

**Lady Kirkham** – After the 50m was contacted and taken out slightly by Power Lift which shifted out. Prior to correct weight Stewards viewed a replay of this incident to ascertain if there were grounds to lodge an objection on behalf of connections of Lady Kirkham against Power Lift being declared the winner, however declined to do so when they were satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds to do so.

**RACE 3: Canberra Outlet Centre Handicap 2000m**

**Rocquette** – Rider B Loy was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy.

**Dark Confidant** – After the 150m was contacted by Tribbiani which laid out under pressure.

**Prolongo** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app Ms M Waters stated that she was instructed to lead, and whilst her mount obtained the lead it was under pressure throughout to maintain that position and was disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 4: Holcim Handicap 1000m**

**Radiohead** – Slow to begin.

**Calculated Risk** – Raced three wide throughout.

**Deep Crystal** – Ran out passing the 100m.

**Cesam** – Ran out passing the 300m.

**RACE 5: Canberra Toyota Plate 1300m**

**Wicked Willy** – Slow to begin.

**Maci Tess** – Rounding the home turn had to be checked and shifted out abruptly to avoid the heels of Julindur which lost ground quickly. Laid in passing the 150m and had to be corrected. Raced in restricted room for some distance after the 100m between Lucid dreamer and Black Fern.

**Lucid Dreamer** – Passing the 1050m was restrained from the heels of Namarari (M Bell) which shifted in when not quite clear. M Bell was advised to exercise more care. Over-raced for some distance after.

**Julindur** – Raced wide throughout. When questioned, rider app Ms B Wright stated that rounding the home turn her mount lost ground quickly and for this reason she did not fully test it in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr T Wilson advised that the mare would be retired from racing.

**Madam Secretary** – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly which was on debut, rider app C Noble stated that his mount was slow to muster speed and settled back in the field. He further added that his mount raced greenly during the race and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 6: Vikings Handicap 1300m**

**Actuarial** – Was a late scratching at 9:00am when found to be lame in its near-foreleg. Trainer Ms T Burleigh was told that she would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

**Your Knuckleship** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Valachi** – When questioned, rider Ms W Costin stated that she was instructed to settle mid-field. She added that her mount began particularly well however, pulled throughout the early and middle stages and was left in the lead which resulted in her mount weakening in the straight.

**RACE 7: Tab Federal Handicap 1400m**

**Roseirro** – Slow to begin.

**Mookareena** – Raced very wide throughout.

**Yousay Bolt** – Raced three wide throughout.

**RACE 8: Rolfe Property Services Handicap 1200m**

**Acton Shale** – Change of tactics: To attempt to lead; raced wide outside the lead.

**Flight Commander** – Trainer Mr N Olive was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of B Ward as the rider of the gelding and S Guymer as the rider of Acton Shale which was also engaged in this race. Slow to begin.

**Flora Bel** – Soon after the start was badly crowded by Quietly Brilliant which was taken in by Fantasy Belle which was carried in by Major Time which knuckled on jumping and shifted in. In the incident Flora Bel clipped the heels of Quietly Brilliant and knuckled resulting in its rider B McDougall becoming unbalanced and making heavy contact with his saddle. When interviewed, rider B McDougall explained that due to the strong pain he was experiencing and without the use of his irons, soon after this incident he dismounted. Following the fall, B McDougall was examined by the Club's ambulance officers and sustained no significant injury other than some pain to his groin area. Trainer Mr N Gardner was told to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

**Major Time** – Knuckled on jumping and shifted in.

**Bid Of Faith** – Raced wide throughout.

**Velvet Aeroplane** – Raced wide throughout.

**Major Time** – The explanation provided by trainer Mr G Vella for the late declaration of B Loy as the rider of the gelding was accepted.

**Fantasy Belle** – When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the mare, trainer Ms T Burleigh stated that second up today, she was unable to find a race over 1000m and as a consequence was of the view that the mare would be lacking fitness for today's 1200m journey and so was surprised by today's win.

### **General**

An inquiry was conducted into an incident at Thoroughbred Park on 21 January 2020 when jockey A Sweeney, whilst riding King Lenny, was returning the colt following morning exercise. Evidence was taken from A Sweeney, jockey N Heywood and stablehand rider Ms S Rose-Carnegie. A Sweeney pleaded guilty to a charge under AR229(1)(a) in that he did engage in an improper action in that on the morning of 21 January 2020, following trackwork, when riding 2YO colt King Lenny past the main entrance gates at Thoroughbred Park, he did strike the colt with his whip on two occasions on the neck. A Sweeney was fined the sum of \$500.

### **Barrier Trial**

Trainer Ms T Burleigh was fined the sum of \$50 under LR47B(b) for the late declaration of Ms K Nisbet as the rider of O'So Tempting which was engaged in Heat 3.

### **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). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

<b>Race 2</b>	B Loy ( <b>Power Lift</b> )	8 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 3</b>	B McDougall ( <b>Trying</b> )	8 strikes prior to the 100m

### **Swabs:**

Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<p><b>General:</b> A Sweeney (<b>King Lenny</b>) (AR229(1)(a)) – \$500 - Improper action.</p> <p><b>Barrier Trial:</b> Trainer Ms T Burleigh (O'So Tempting) - LR47B(b) - \$50 – Late rider.</p> <p><b>Race 8:</b> Trainer N Olive (<b>Acton Shale &amp; Flight Commander</b>) (LR35) - \$100 – Late riders.</p>
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.

<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 5: Julindur</b> – Lost ground quickly rounding home turn and not fully tested in straight.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 6: Actuarial</b> – Lamé near-foreleg. <b>Race 8: Flora Bel</b> – Clipped heels and blundered badly soon after the start.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	<b>Race 8: B McDougall (Flora Bel)</b> – Soreness to groin area.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 8: Flight Commander</b> – Red cap. <b>Race 8: Boys Day Out</b> – Gold cap.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.