

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Monday 9 March 2020

Weather: Overcast

Track: Soft (7)

Rail: + 3m entire

J D Walshe (Chairman), J A Dinopoulos, S Knight, T J Vassallo (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Head (Swab), L Milton (Scales) J Dorrington (Judge), Dr A Willi , Dr C Garling & Dr R Walshe (Veterinarians).

RACE 1: Canberra Rex Hotel Handicap 1600m

Antarctic Ocean – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J McDonald stated that he elected to remain racing off the rail during the event due to some wear from the meeting on the preceding day. He added that when placed under pressure his mount did not respond to his riding and he could not make any excuses for today's performance. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Abiding – When questioned regarding the poor performance of the gelding rider S Clipperton stated that his mount was unsuited by the muddling tempo of today's race but would also be better suited on a firmer track. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Mr N Paine stated that the stable was very confident of the gelding's prospects today and whilst Mr Paine agreed that the gelding was not suited by the muddling tempo set today, he nevertheless agreed the gelding was most disappointing. Mr Paine was told that in light of today's performance the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction before it is permitted to race again.

RACE 2: Senpos Handicap 1300m

Nieces And Nephews – Slow to begin.

Basil – Bumped on jumping by Fighting Faith which shifted in.

Supreme Lad – Pulled hard near the 600m.

Il Professionale – Passing the 1100m commenced to over-race and had to be restrained from the heels of Star Of the Clan.

Away She Goes – Raced three-wide throughout.

RACE 3: Canberra raiders – raiders.com.au Handicap 1400m

Siderno – Slow to begin.

Costa Chin Chin – Slow to begin (2L).

Tiz War Bro – Passing the 1250m when being shifted in acutely toward the rail, was restrained from the heels of Unrestricted which simultaneously shifted out to obtain a position on the back of the leader Firecracker.

Firecracker – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider T Berry stated that his mount weakened noticeably in the straight and for this reason he did not test it inside the final 200m. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr M Dale was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Lucid Dreamer – When questioned, rider B Ward stated that his mount hung out throughout the event but more significantly in the straight where it could not be fully tested. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr T McIlrick was told that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 4: OPC IT Handicap 1400m

Aroha Diamond – Rider R Bensley was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Pride Of Kalaru – As C Reith was indisposed, Stewards permitted Ms R King to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

Bullet Storm – Change of tactics: To be ridden with cover; settled back.

Pont De Cirou – As A Layt was unavailable due to personal commitments Stewards permitted B McDougall to be substituted as the rider and allowed him to ride 1/2kg overweight given A Layt had been permitted an overweight.

Gossip – Was a late scratching at 12:40pm due to transport difficulties.

Cavalier Charles – Passing the 300m was shifted out to continue into clear running.

Miss Twilight – Over-raced in the middle stages. Rider K Latham dropped his whip passing the 250m.

RACE 5: TAB Lickety Split 1000m

Spanish Pearl – A pre-race veterinary examination of the mare which had a minor abrasion to the inside of its off knee, passed the mare fit to start.

Galdacino – Slow to begin and shifted out soon after.

Smartkap – After the 800m soon after being crossed by Willangie, commenced to race keenly and had to be restrained from the heels of that runner. Held up briefly on straightening.

RACE 6: XXXX Gold Canberra Guineas 1400m

Girls Are Ready – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J Cleary advised that the filly would now be sent for a spell.

Havin' Fun – Slow to begin.

Promotions – Briefly held up on straightening.

Glamour Strip – Suffered a bleeding attack passing the 700m and was retired from the event by its rider Ms R King. Trainer Mr D Williams was told that as this was the second attack of bleeding during its racing career, under the provisions of AR79(6) the filly is now ineligible to race again.

Knickpoint – When questioned in relation to the performance of the colt, rider K McEvoy stated that whilst his mount has won on heavy going, in his view he felt that it was not entirely comfortable on today's soft surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the colt did not reveal any abnormality.

Savoury – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider J McDonald stated that his mount enjoyed a favourable run in the race however was disappointing in its effort in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr B Baker stated that when the gelding won last start at Canterbury on 21 February, the track which was rated Soft (6) was on the better side of that rating and today he felt that the gelding did not appreciate today's Soft (7) which he thought was at the higher end of that rating. Nevertheless, Mr Baker undertook to report back on the progress of the gelding in the days subsequent.

RACE 7: TAB Canberra Cup 2000m

Valentino Rossa – Rider A Hyeronimus was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Cinquedea – Rider K Latham was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider K

Latham stated that whilst the gelding had performed well over 2000m at Randwick two starts back on 1 February 2020 on a good surface, today on the soft going he was instructed to ride his mount a little more conservative to provide the gelding with the best opportunity of running out the 2000m journey. K Latham added that his mount however weakened inside the final 200m and raced like a tired horse. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Mr W Freedman undertook to report on the progress and immediate racing plans of the gelding in the days subsequent.

Primitivo – Slow to begin.

Eastender – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider H Bowman stated that when the pace quickened his mount failed to respond to his riding at any point thereafter and was very disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Mr C Appleby stated that in his view the gelding may not have appreciated today's soft track conditions. Mr Appleby later reported that the gelding was subsequently found to have suffered a bleeding attack and he was advised that the gelding would incur the mandatory three month ban from racing under the provisions of AR79(4).

RACE 8: NCG Services Handicap 1000m

Nobody's Puppet – As N Rawiller was unavailable due to flight plans, Stewards permitted T Clark to be substituted as the rider of the mare.

Glamour Cat – Was only fairly away.

Imitation Game – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that in her view her mount was somewhat disappointing which she attributed to her mount having its third start in three weeks. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Dangerous Breeding – Raced wide throughout. Passing the 250m was contacted by Major Time which shifted out slightly.

Damagic – Raced wide throughout.

General:

An inquiry was continued today into an incident in the tie-up stall area during yesterday's Canberra Black Opal racemeeting prior to the running of Race 4. Evidence was taken during yesterday's racemeeting from licensed trainers Mr L Pepper and Mr D Rolfe, racecourse Chaplain father Bob Prior and licensed foreperson Mr M Kelley.

Mr Pepper today pleaded guilty to a charge of improper conduct in that he directed an inappropriate remark to Mr Rolfe in the vicinity of the tie-up stall area prior to the running of

race 4 at yesterday's Canberra racemeeting. Mr Pepper was fined the sum of \$1000 but was told that under the provisions of AR283(5), \$500 of that penalty would be suspended on the condition that he did not breach any conduct related Rule during the next 12 months.

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.

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| Race 2 | N Rawiller (Il Professionale) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m |
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Swabs:

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

Race 1: Soviet

Race 2: Kathaire, Fighting Faith, Away She Goes, Glenleigh Lad

Race 3: Dispossessed, Tiz War Bro

Race 5: Galdacino, Willangie, Spanish Pearl, Maya Miracle

Race 6: Knickpoint, Savoury, Gone Bye, Chat, Promotions, Girls Are Ready, Foxborough

Race 7: Eastender, Primitivo, Sir Plush, Cinqueada, Mugatoo, Maid Of Ore

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | General: Trainer Mr L Pepper (AR228(b) \$1000 (\$500 stayed under AR283(5)) – Improper conduct. |
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Race 6: Glamour Strip – Suffered a second attack of bleeding and is ineligible to race again (AR79(6)). Race 7: Eastender – Suffered an attack of bleeding and incurs the mandatory three-month ban from racing (AR79(4)). |
| Warnings: | Nil. |
| Trials: | Race 1: Abiding – Poor performance. Race 3: Firecracker – Weakened noticeably in straight and not tested final 200m. Race 3: Lucid Dreamer – Hung out badly in straight and not fully tested. Race 7: Eastender – Poor performance. |
| Vet Certificates: | Nil. |
| Falls/Injuries: | Nil. |

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| Change of Colours: | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Nil. |