

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

#### THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 4 September 2020

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (6), upgraded to a Soft (5) after Race 4 at 2:35pm

Rail: True

J D Walshe (Chairman), J A Dinopoulos, C G Polglase (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Head (Swab), L Milton (Scales), Dr A Willi (Veterinarian).

---

#### **RACE 1: A.B.E Fire Protection Handicap 1300m**

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

**Eden Vale** – Held up rounding the home turn.

#### **RACE 2: Moore Quality Homes Plate 2000m**

**Final Showdown** – Pulled hard for some distance passing the 1000m. Rider M Cahill was reminded of his obligation to ride his mount's out fully to the end of the race.

**Club Legend** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J Mallyon stated that his mount was agitated in the barriers prior to the start of the race, raced flat throughout and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Roslyn Park** – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was uncompetitive having been beaten 53L did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr W Forster advised that the gelding would now be retired from racing.

#### **RACE 3: Procurement Professionals Plate 1400m**

**All Too Rio** – B Loy was permitted to ride his mount 1kg over in accordance with the overweight policy. Held up in the early part of the straight and passing the 300m shifted out where it obtained clear running.

**Tezoff** – Slow to begin. Rounding the home turn was hampered by Kid You Not (B McDougall) which shifted out when not clear. B McDougall was reprimanded under AR131(a).

**Dance Too Hard** – Raced keenly passing the 700m. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and passing the 300m improved through a narrow run between Autumn Falls and Mohahna and in doing so made contact with Mohahna. When questioned regarding the improved performance of the mare, trainer Mr M Conners stated that last start at Goulburn on 14 August 2020, when resuming and trapped wide early, the rider of the mare was obliged to make some use to go forward on a heavy track to cross and lead and the mare consequently weakened over the final 200m. He added today, on a more suitable surface, and with improved fitness and from the inside gate, the mare was able to obtain a prominent position without being unduly pressured to do so.

**Rebel Lady** – Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

**Kid You Not** – Rider B Loy (All Too Rio) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 300m he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Kid You Not* which lost its rightful running and had to be checked. B Loy's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 13 September 2020 and to expire on Monday 21 September 2020 on which day he may ride.

**Mohahna** – Passing the 300m was contacted by Dance Too Hard which shifted out to improve through a narrow run. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider B Ward stated that his mount obtained a prominent position and travelled well in the middle stages when the tempo was only moderate but was under pressure from the 600m and proved disappointing in its failure to run on under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

#### **RACE 4: M J Benton Refinishing Handicap 1400m**

**Saint Antonio Lad** – Slow to begin. On return to scale, rider J Penza advised that it was not his intention to press forward during the race but rather, passing the 900m when the pace was slow, his mount pulled its way forward and was obliged to race three wide for the remainder of the event.

**Proven Class** – Trainer Mr J Ponsonby was spoken to regarding the mare being presented in the mounting enclosure late.

**Kitty Karine** – Trainer Mr J Van Duren was spoken to regarding the mare being presented in the mounting enclosure late. Over-raced for some distance passing the 900m.

Following the running of this race the track was upgraded to a Soft (5) at 2:35pm.

#### **RACE 5: Premi-Air Heating And Cooling Services Plate 1000m**

**Flying Grace** - B Loy was permitted to ride his mount 1kg over in accordance with the overweight policy.

**Mimesis** – Was a late scratching at 9:05am by order of the Stewards.

**Ella Jane** – Trainer Mr D Rolfe was told that a warning would be recorded against the mare which was difficult to load. Raced three-wide throughout.

**Andreas** – When questioned regarding the performance of the colt which was resuming, rider J Ford stated that his mount was slow to begin and to muster speed. He added that his mount travelled fairly but did not finish off its race and would now benefit from being stepped up in distance for its next start. A post-race veterinary examination of the colt did not reveal any abnormality.

**Elveena** – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly which was on debut, rider Ms W Costin stated that her mount was agitated in the gates prior to the start, was slow to muster speed and then did not travel in the early and middle stages. She added, that whilst her mount did respond rounding the home turn, it then went to the line only fairly and she had recommended to connections that the filly be stepped up in distance for its next start. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Rider W Costin advised Stewards following the race that she had contacted her right knee on the barrier stall gate when the start was effect and after subsequently being examined by the club's ambulance officers was cleared to fulfil her remaining riding engagements.

#### **RACE 6: Epic Solar Handicap 1600m**

**Hello China** – Trainer Mr M Smith was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the very late declaration of S Guymer as the rider of the gelding.

**Larmour** - Trainer Mr N Olive was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of R Bensley as the rider of the gelding.

**Pecuniary Interest** – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled off-pace after being slow to begin.

**Holy Sunday** – Passing the 300m had some difficulty improving into a narrow run between Brash Sammy and Lead Choreographer. Stewards considered a protest lodged by the connections of the gelding, which was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, against Pecuniary Interest being declared the winner alleging interference rounding the home turn. Whilst it was submitted in evidence that Holy Sunday had improved into a run which had developed to the inside of Pecuniary Interest rounding the home turn when that runner had shifted out, Stewards were not satisfied that that run had fully developed, and on the basis that Holy Sunday was instead restrained from the heels of Pecuniary Interest rounding the home turn, when disappointed for that run, Stewards dismissed the protest and declared correct weight on the Judges placings.

**Shenandoah** – Over-raced in the early stages.

**Ocean Walzer** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**RACE 7: TAB Federal 1000m**

**Ons Vier** – Trainer Mr J Ible was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the mare.

**Onthetake** – Slow to begin. Passing the 100m was directed to the outside of Our Finvarra to continue into clear running.

**Our Finvarra** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Exaggerate** – Raced wide throughout.

**Trumbo** – Passing the 750m had to be restrained when tightened between Whycatchim and Stone Cold (app Ms A McLucas) which shifted out when not clear. App Ms A McLucas was reprimanded (AR131(a)).

**Polar Star** – Passing the 750m was hampered by Trumbo which shifted out after receiving interference.

**Ameares** – Passing the 750m was hampered by Polar Star which shifted out after receiving interference.

**Uno Best** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J Mallyon stated that his mount did not respond to his riding at any stage of the event. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr P Korn was told that the gelding, which was uncompetitive having been beaten 23L, would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to be permitted to race again.

**RACE 8: O'Connor Commercial Refrigeration Handicap 1200m**

**Legal Challenge & Attestar** – Whilst positioned in its barrier stall, *Attestar* became fractious. Legal Challenge, which was stalled alongside *Attestar* then reacted, reared up and got its off-foreleg momentarily caught between the front gates. The gelding which sustained a laceration to that leg was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 4:58pm. *Attestar* which again became fractious, reared up and got its off-foreleg caught over the partition for a prolonged amount of time was also a scratching on veterinary advice at 4:59pm. Stewards ordered that all bets on *Legal Challenge* and *Attestar* be refunded in full and further, that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 4:58pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1<sup>st</sup>: Fortune Seeker: 7c win and 6c place*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Aidneabet: 18c place*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Hypnosis: 8c place*

Further, that all successful bets placed with bookmakers between 4:58pm and 4:59pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1<sup>st</sup>: Fortune Seeker: 3c win and 3c place*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Aidneabet: 9c place*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Hypnosis: 4c place*

At subsequent inquiries, trainer Mr D Pfeiffer was told that *Attestar* would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction and trainer Mr R Litt was told that, in the circumstances, a warning would be recorded against *Legal Challenge*.

**Aidenabet** – Trainer Mr S Hill was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was difficult to load.

**Miss Magnum** – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled off-pace.

**Hypnosis** – On jumping was contacted on the hind-quarter by Aidenabet which shifted out.

**Sea Stitch** – Began awkwardly. Over-raced near the 800m. On return to scale rider S Guymer reported that his mount had hung out during the event and also felt uncomfortable in its action. A post-race veterinary examination of the colt did not reveal any abnormality.

**Lenny's Lad** – Passing the 900m was restrained from the heels of Hypnosis (B Loy) which shifted in when not clear. B Loy was reprimanded under AR131(a). B Loy was fined the sum of \$100 under AR128(2) in relation to leaving the course without obtaining the Stewards permission which necessitated in him having to return to the track so as to allow the Stewards to inquire into the above-stated interference suffered by Lenny's Lad.

### **Supplementary Report**

#### **SERA/CRC Offices 2 September 2020**

Stewards conducted an inquiry into a complaint made by Canberra Racing Club Bottom Track Trackwork Supervisor Ms T Mills against licensed stablehand Ms E Sheargold concerning her alleged conduct during trackwork on the morning of Friday 28 August 2020. Evidence was taken from Ms T Mills, Ms E Sheargold, approved rider Ms A Gangotena and licensed trainer Mr J Ible. Canberra Racing Club Racecourse & Facilities Manager Mr A Ayre attended as a support person for Ms Mills and licensed trainer and employer Mr D Gorrel also attended as a support person for Ms Sheargold and provided a character reference for Ms Sheargold. Ms Sheargold subsequently pleaded guilty to the following charges relating to her conduct at Thoroughbred Park on the morning of 28 August 2020:

**Breach 1:** Under AR 232(b) she did disobey a directive issued to her by Ms Mills not to enter the bottom track without having a functioning warning light.

Breach 2: Under AR 228(c) she did conduct herself in an improper manner in that she did direct inappropriate language to Ms Mills.

Breach 3: Under AR 122(5) she did exercise horses prior to sunrise without having a functioning warning light affixed to her helmet.

After taking into consideration all relevant matters including Ms Sheargold's guilty pleas and her personal circumstances, she was issued with the following penalties:

Breach 1: \$300 fine.

Breach 2: \$400 fine, \$200 of which was stayed under the provisions of AR283(5) for a period of 12 months.

Breach 3: Reprimand.

#### **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 1</b>	<b>R Bensley (Imitation Game)</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>M Cahill (Final Showdown)</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>S Guymer (Capitoline Lady)</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>B McDougall (Sweet Knuckle)</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m

#### **Swabs:**

Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<p><b>Supplementary Report:</b> Stablehand Ms E Sheargold (AR232(b)) \$300 – Disobey directive Trackwork Official.</p> <p><b>Supplementary Report:</b> Stablehand Ms E Sheargold (AR228(c)) \$400 (\$200 stayed) – Improper conduct toward an Official.</p> <p><b>Race 6:</b> Trainer Mr N Olive (<b>Larmour</b>) \$50 – LR35 – Late rider.</p> <p><b>Race 6:</b> Trainer Mr M Smith (<b>Hello China</b>) \$100 – LR35 – Very late rider.</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> Trainer Mr J Ible (<b>Ons Vier</b>) \$50 – AR65 – No TIC.</p> <p><b>Race 8:</b> B Loy (<b>Hypnosis</b>) (AR128(2)) – \$100 – Leave course without obtaining permission.</p>
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<p><b>Supplementary Report:</b> Stablehand Ms E Sheargold (AR122(5)) – Exercise horses without warning light.</p> <p><b>Race 3:</b> B McDougall (<b>Kid You Not</b>) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> App Ms A McLucas (<b>Stone Cold</b>) (AR131(a)) – Careless</p>

	riding. <b>Race 8: B Loy (Hypnosis)</b> (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 3: B Loy (All Too Rio)</b> (AR131(a)) – Careless riding. License to ride in races suspended 13/9/20 and to expire on 21/9/20, on which day he may ride.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 5: Ella Jane</b> – Difficult to load. <b>Race 5: Aidenabet</b> – Difficult to load. <b>Race 8: Legal Challenge</b> – Fractious barriers.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 2: Roslyn Park</b> – Retired but must trial should application to be re-instated, be made. <b>Race 7: Uno Best</b> – Uncompetitive. <b>Race 8: Attestar</b> – Fractious barriers.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	Nil.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 1: Wilful Soul</b> – Black cap. <b>Race 4: Kitty Karine</b> – Black cap. <b>Race 7: The Inflamer</b> – White cap.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.