

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Tuesday 3 November 2020

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (7), upgraded to a Soft (6) at 2:38pm following Race 4.

Rail: Out 5m

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

Supplementary Report

Moruya Friday 2 October 2020

Race 5: Bluey's Kwik Kerb Decorative Edging Showcase F & M Benchmark 58 Handicap 1200m

An inquiry was today resumed into B McDougall's riding of *Show Tickets* in the above stated race particularly during the middle stages of the event and further in relation to the mare racing away from the rail during the race. During the inquiry opened on Friday 2 October 2020, B McDougall stated that his instructions were to use his mount's asset, being its early speed but to take his time going forward as the mare has displayed a tendency to over-race previously and also to not restrain the mare if it did so as it resented that pressure. He further added that in pre-race discussions as it was believed that the surface was inferior closer to the rail, he was to stay 3-4 horses off the inside rail. He added that from his wide draw he rode his mount to instructions and was able to lead, however nearing the first turn near the 1000m, *Show Tickets* commenced to race keenly and whilst he made some effort to attempt to ease his mount, bearing in mind his instructions and despite being aware that his mount was travelling too fast, he did not increase his restraint of his mount as he believed that to do so would not be effective but rather result in the mare getting its head up and continuing to over-race. He further added that from the 600m his mount also commenced to hang out and when subsequently allowed to run, shifted further ground out rounding the home turn resulting in the mare covering excessive ground. Co-trainer Mr L Price confirmed the instructions issued and said that the mare was temperamentally a difficult horse and had displayed a history of over-racing in its races and also during trackwork where he said that the more pressure that is placed on the reigns to restrain it, the more pronounced it gets in respect to getting its head up. Given the mare's racing manners today and its history, Mr Luke Price expressed satisfaction with B McDougall's riding of the mare.

Further evidence was taken at today's resumed inquiry from B McDougall and co-trainer Mr R Price and a report into betting activity on the race, completed by Mr M Reid – Analyst, Betting

& Compliance RNSW, which revealed no integrity concerns, was also tendered into evidence. After reviewing the mare's previous races and in particular its racing manners at Kembla Grange on 3 March 2020 when it over-raced and similarly opened up a sizeable break on the field, and bearing in mind the stable's advice in respect to the mare's tendency to react to pressure to restrain the mare, Stewards accepted the evidence of B McDougall. Co-trainer Mr R Price was advised that due to the mare's tractability it would now be retired from racing and on this basis no action was taken against the mare.

RACE 1: Custom Plumbing Handicap 2000m

George Two – Rider M Travers was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. Stable representative Mrs J Rolfe was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was unruly in the mounting enclosure and en route to the start.

Dark Alibi – Was held up rounding the home turn. Passing the 300m was impeded by George Two which laid in despite its rider's efforts.

Lady Kirkham – After the 200m was tightened by Appetizing (M Cahill) which shifted in. M Cahill was advised to exercise mor care.

Appetizing – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M Cahill stated that whilst his mount may have raced on ground that was a little inferior on the rail, when challenged by Bulwark soon after straightening his mount was immediately under pressure, did not respond to his riding from this point and was disappointing thereafter. Trainer Mr J Austin stated that in his view the gelding may not have been suited by the moderate tempo in the middle stages as it does not have a sprint, but nevertheless concurred with the rider's views that when challenged soon after straightening it was then disappointing in the straight. Mr Austin undertook to report any condition that may become apparent in the days subsequent. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: Elvin Group Handicap 1000m

The Fancyjonesgirl – A pre-race veterinary examination of the mare which had an abrasion to the inside of its left nostril, passed the mare fit to start. Began awkwardly.

Hard Core – Slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn and until near the 200m.

Fountain Of Youth – Raced three-wide throughout.

Charlie Chap – Was held up rounding the home turn and until near the 200m.

Attuned – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider S Miller stated that his mount raced keenly in the middle stages and in his view did not appreciate racing

between horses, with Fountain Of Youth positioned to his outside and was very disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr R Potter advised that he would now consult with the gelding's owners to consider its immediate racing future and undertook to report back to Stewards.

RACE 3: Capital Trophies & Sportswear Handicap 1300m

Costa Chin Chin – Slow to begin and was bumped soon after by Mimesis which shifted out.

Mimesis – Shifted out at the start and bumped Costa Chin Chin. Raced three-wide throughout. Rounding the home turn, came into contact with Wandonna due to that runner being taken out slightly by Aerobatic Warrior. When questioned, rider M Travers advised that in the early part of the straight his mount laid out and after having travelled so well earlier, as it did not respond to his riding and additionally, commenced to feel unbalanced in its action, for this reason he became concerned with its welfare and over the final 80m did not test it as he thought it may have an issue. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. In the circumstances, trainer Mr T Sergi was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare also having to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial prior to it being permitted to race again. Mr Sergi was also requested to report any condition to the Stewards which may become apparent in the days subsequent.

Mendonsa Kiss – Passing the 1000m was eased from the heels of Wandonna (B Ward) which shifted in when not clear. B Ward was reprimanded under AR131(a). During the above-stated inquiry in respect to interference suffered by her mount Mendonsa Kiss, rider Ms R Freeman-Key gave evidence that whilst Wandonna had not quite cleared her mount passing the 1000m when it obtained a position in front of her, she had wanted that runner to cross her as she believed that it would be beneficial to follow that runner given that it was the favourite in the race. She further added that her instructions were to obtain a position back in the field however her mount began well and initially settled further forward than anticipated. Stewards advised Ms Freeman-Key that despite her instructions when her mount had obtained a favourable position to be on the back of fancied runner Aerobatic Warrior, she should have maintained a position closer to that runner to ensure she held that position which would have kept Wandonna in a three wide position to her outside and which would have enhanced her mount's prospects. Ms Freeman-Key was advised that she must ride her mount's in a more competitive manner in future to ensure they are given the best possible chance of winning the race.

RACE 4: Seears Workwear Plate 1300m

Namarari – Trainer Mr K Goldman was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of N Heywood as the rider of the gelding. Bumped on jumping by Invincible One which shifted out. Rider N Heywood pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) of having failed to ride his mount out over the final two strides. N Heywood was fined the sum of \$400. In assessing penalty Stewards considered the beaten margin of a short half head between his

mount which finished 5th and Press Estate which was placed 4th and that his inaction had prejudiced his mount from obtaining the higher placing.

Feeling Friskee – Slow to begin.

Five Star Miss – Slow to begin.

Invincible One – Shifted out at the start and bumped Namarari.

Five Star Miss – Passing the 1200m shifted in toward the running rail when racing greenly and became unbalanced. Over-raced in the middle stages and passing the 1000m had to be checked away from the heels of Kermatin.

Following the running of this race, the track was upgraded to a Soft (6) at 2:38pm.

RACE 5: EPC Solar Handicap 1000m

Deepstar – Trainer Mr G Portelli was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of R Freeman-Key as the rider of the filly.

Hayyu – Began awkwardly resulting in its rider A Sweeney becoming unbalanced. Raced three-wide throughout.

A Real Wag – Got its head down as the start was effected and was slow to begin.

Deepstar – Raced three-wide throughout.

Samasay – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly which was on debut, rider M Cahill stated that his mount was agitated prior to the start and required the re-fitting of its tongue-tie after being positioned in its barrier stall. He added that his mount then began only fairly and was then under pressure from the 600m and commenced to shorten stride from the 450m. He further added that on return to scale following the event, the filly also made respiratory noises. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly which was beaten 20L did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Ms O Stavely was told that the satisfactory results of an endoscopic examination would be required prior to the filly also being required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to it being permitted to race again.

Feeling Mighty – Trainer Mr P Robl will be interviewed in relation to the apparent improved performance of the gelding.

RACE 6: NCG Services Plate 1600m

Clem Fandango – Rider N Heywood was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. Trainer M Dale was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was difficult to load.

Jodie Irene – Sustained abrasions to both hind legs and a laceration to its near hock en route to the course and was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 12:42pm.

Deterge – Raced three-wide throughout. Passing the 100m was contacted by Riverstock which shifted out.

Riverstock – Rider B McDougall was spoken to regarding returning to scale 300 grams underweight.

I Like Toucans – When questioned, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that she was instructed to give her mount a dig out of the gate but it began much better than anticipated and surprised when it consequently led.

Auburn Boy – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider B Ward stated that his mount was under pressure from the 600m and proved disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr R Price stated that whilst in his view the gelding raced in inferior ground on the inside, he was of the belief that the gelding may have choked down. Nevertheless, Mr price advised that the gelding would now be sent for a spell.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1300m

Mr Kylin – Rider N Heywood was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. Stewards acceded to the prior application to have the blinkers applied today and the winkers removed on the recognition that the gelding started at this meeting rather than the Goulburn meeting which was transferred to Wednesday 4 November. Public notifications were made. Passing the 100m was contacted by Mookareena which shifted in. Close to the finish line was unable to be tested after shifting out slightly and being impeded by Mookareena which shifted in slightly.

Denmiss – Trainer Mr W Hudd was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of B Ward as the rider of the mare.

Girls Are Ready – Slow to begin.

Royal Monarch – Slow to begin and raced three-wide throughout.

Lolita Gold – Over-raced in the middle stages.

RACE 8: Laser Plumbing Handicap 1600m

Lead Choreographer – The explanation tendered by trainer Ms S Murray-Leslie for the late declaration of app Ms A McLucas as the rider of the gelding was accepted. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app Ms A McLucas stated that passing the

1000m she was unable to hold her position two-wide and was taken to the fence by Buzz 'N' Joe and in her view her mount was then disadvantaged by being obliged to race on inferior ground on the inside. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Axion – The explanation tendered by trainer Mr G Kirkup for the late declaration of M Cahill as the rider of the gelding was accepted.

Lady Kirkham – Trainer Mr J Austin was fined the sum of \$100 under LR42(1) for failing to withdraw the mare from this race by the prescribed time when it was also accepted in race 1 today.

Buzz 'N' Joe – Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

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.

Race 1	App Ms A McLucas (Delude)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
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Swabs:

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

Race 1: Happy Hustler, George Two

Race 2: Equaspecial, Intercontinental

Race 4: Namarari, Five Star Miss

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 4: N Heywood (Namarari) (AR131(b)) – \$400. Fail ride mount out to end of race.</p> <p>Race 4: Trainer Mr K Goldman (Namarari) (LR35) – \$100 – Late rider.</p> <p>Race 5: Trainer Mr G Portelli (Deepstar) (LR35) – \$100 – Late rider.</p> <p>Race 7: Trainer Mr W Hudd (Denmiss) (LR35) – \$100 – Late rider.</p>
Reprimands:	Race 3: B Ward (Wandonna) (AR131(a)) - Careless riding.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	<p>Race 1: George Two – Unruly mounting enclosure and en route to the start.</p> <p>Race 6: Clem Fandango – Difficult to load.</p>

Trials:	Race 3: Mimesis – Not tested final 80m due to rider's concerns with mount. Race 5: Samasay – Poor performance.
Vet Certificates:	Race 3: Mimesis – Not tested final 80m due to rider's concerns with mount. Race 5: Samasay – Results of an endoscopic exam.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: Lady Kirkham – Yellow cap. Race 5: Samasay – Apricot cap.
Follow up:	Nil.