

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Wednesday 13 January 2021

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4), upgraded to a Good (3) at 1:28pm following race 1.

Rail: Out 4m

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

Supplementary Report

Queanbeyan 26 December 2020

Race 3 Canberra raider Benchmark 50 Handicap 1600m

Opposite – Stewards today continued their inquiry into the death of *Opposite* after it went amiss near the 950m and was gradually eased down from that point and was subsequently euthanised. Evidence today was taken from trainer Mr D Rolfe who provided treatment records and evidence from his stable veterinarians certifying that the gelding had not required any veterinary treatments for the relevant period. A veterinary report completed by veterinarian Dr R Walshe concluded that the gelding suffered a catastrophic fracture of its near-fore fetlock. As the Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing injury/condition that may have led or contributed to *Opposite* sustaining the injury, the inquiry was concluded.

RACE 1: Eco-Road Hero Dust Stop Plate 2000m

Princess Kalli – Began awkwardly.

Lamington drive – Began awkwardly.

Cloud Nine – Passing the 500m lost some ground when reluctant to hold its position to the inside of Princess Kalli which shifted in slightly when weakening.

Following the running of this race the track was upgraded to a Good (3) at 1:28pm to be made retrospective to include this race.

RACE 2: Capital Doorworks Handicap 1400m

Nuremburg Castle – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; began awkwardly and soon after the start was contacted by Propose A Toast which shifted out but was then allowed to stride forward to settle outside the leader near the 900m. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Boho Chick – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider M Cahill stated that his mount travelled well throughout the race however proved very disappointing in the straight when it did not respond to his riding. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr L Pepper could offer no explanation for the performance of the filly but advised that it will now be sent for a spell.

Jobkeeper – Shifted ground inside the final 150m when racing greenly.

RACE 3: Gibley Gardening Handicap 1400m

Physcoa – Rider S Miller was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. Raced keenly in the middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn. Over the concluding stages had to be restrained when tightened by Ambari (J Mallyon) which shifted in. In reprimanding J Mallyon, whilst it was noted that he had corrected his mount just prior to the tightening, he had initially allowed his mount to shift in three horses.

Shespictureperfect – Rider M Heagney was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Rustify – The explanation tendered by trainer Mr J Stewart for the late declaration of app P Scorse as the rider of the gelding was accepted by Stewards. Raced three-wide. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Boom Dazzler – The explanation tendered by co-trainer Mr P Jones for the late declaration of R Bensley as the rider of the gelding was accepted by Stewards.

Affiliate – Slow to begin.

Boom Dazzler – Slow to begin. Rounding the home turn had to be restrained from the heels of Trust The Gut which was being restrained from the heels of Rustify which was weakening.

Just A Pearl – Slow to begin.

Foxy Rose – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Just A Pearl – Passing the 1000m when over-racing, had to be further restrained from the heels of Rustify (app P Scorse) which shifted in when not quite clear. App P Scorse was reprimanded under AR131(a).

Fuchsia Rose – Passing the 200m was taken out by Ambari which shifted out.

Trust the Gut – Rounding the home turn had to be restrained when held up on the heels of Rustify which was weakening. App Ms A McLucas (*Affiliate*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that near the 50m she permitted his mount to shift in under riding when insufficiently clear of Trust The Gut which lost its rightful running and had to be checked. App A McLucas' permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 23 January 2021 and to expire on Tuesday 26 January 2021 on which day she may ride.

Reelclass – Passing the 150m had to be restrained to avoid the heels of Fuchsia Rose (B McDougall) which was laying out and away from Ambari after initially being taken out by that runner. In all the circumstances B McDougall was reprimanded under AR131(a).

RACE 4: TAB Federal Handicap 1000m

Alfstar – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 200m.

Major Time – Passing the 200m had some difficulty attempting to improve through a narrow run to the inside of Affinity Beyond.

Nevada Dane – Laid in in the straight.

Snitzagirl – Knuckled on jumping and raced wide throughout.

RACE 5: Bega Cup 2 Day Carnival 30 – 31 Jan @Sapphire Coast Handicap 1600m

War Deck – Stewards considered a protest lodged by the connections of the gelding, which was placed second, against Loafing being declared the winner alleging interference inside the final 100m. On the evidence it was established that both horses shifted ground to make very slight contact passing the 100m and passing the 50m Loafing then shifted out slightly taking War Deck out which also resulted in its rider J Kissick being restricted in the use of his whip in his right hand. However, bearing in mind the minor degree of interference passing the 50m, as Stewards could not be satisfied that had that interference not occurred, that War Deck would have finished ahead of Loafing, the protest was dismissed.

Loafing – Passing the 50m shifted out slightly.

Resort – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled back. Rider A Kajiya was spoken to regarding the use of his whip when his mount was out of contention.

Dinner Lake – Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L).

Confidential – Slow to begin (2L).

Invincible Dash – Contacted on jumping by Snowbrook which was taken in by Nicholas. Held up for clear running between the 250m and the 200m.

Snowbrook – Raced three-wide throughout.

Nicholas – When questioned, rider app P Scorse stated that he was instructed to attempt to lead and to maintain a margin of one length over the second placed horse during the middle stages. He added however that his mount pulled hard in the middle stages and from the 1100m despite his attempts to restrain it, travelled faster than he wanted which resulted in it weakening in the straight. Co-trainer Mr M Jones advised that due to the gelding's racing manners either the blinkers would be removed for its next start or it would be dropped back in distance.

Thefancyjonesgirl – Held up for clear running rounding the home turn and until passing the 250m.

RACE 6: Eco-Road Hero Earthzyme Handicap 1300m

Designer Dance – Rider J Kissick was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Certain Riches – The explanation tendered by trainer Ms B Byrne for the late declaration of A Kajiya as the rider of the gelding was accepted by Stewards. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was uncompetitive having been beaten 21L did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Ms B Byrne was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding.

Propose To Me – Slow to begin.

Zelago – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Eurosay – Raced three-wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was beaten 20L revealed it to have cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr T Smart was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance including the results of an ECG prior to the gelding also having to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to it being permitted to race again.

Honeysuckle Choice – Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Say Goodbye – Over-raced in the middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

RACE 7: Ainslie Laundrette Handicap 1200m

The start of this race was re-scheduled to 5:00pm due to the delay resulting from stablehand Ms B Barton requiring medical attention after being struck on the head by the head of A Real

Wag when she was leading that runner in the mounting enclosure. Ms Barton was subsequently transported to hospital for further examination.

Favourite Things – Change of tactics: To be ridden quieter settled worse than mid-field. Held up rounding the home turn.

Surekat – Passing the 200m was directed to the outside of Favourite Things which shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly which was on debut, did not reveal any abnormality.

Hayyu – Passing the 900m was restrained when crowded between Frolic Roc which shifted out slightly and River Mac (App Ms H Ede) which shifted in. App Ms H Ede was advised to exercise more care. Passing the 700m was hampered by River Mac which again shifted in. Due to the lack of satisfactory evidence including inconclusive steward's footage of the incident, no action was taken against Ms Ede, however she was generally reminded of her obligation to leave sufficient room to her fellow riders.

River Mac – Hung in in 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.

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| Race 1 | B McDougall (Lamington Drive) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m |
| Race 5 | B McDougall (Propose To Me) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m |

Swabs:

Swab samples were obtained from all winners.

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil. |
| Reprimands: | Race 3: App P Scorse (Rustify) – AR131(a) – Careless riding. Race 3: J Mallyon (Ambari) – AR131(a) – Careless riding. Race 3: B McDougall (Fuchsia Rose) – AR131(a) – Careless riding. |
| Suspensions: | Race 3: App Ms A McLucas (Affiliate) – AR131(a) – Careless riding. Permit to ride in races suspended 23/1/21 until 26/1/21 on which day she may ride. |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |

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| Warnings: | Race 6: Certain Riches – Uncompetitive. |
| Trials: | Race 6: Eurosay – Cardiac Arrhythmia (incl ECG). |
| Vet Certificates: | Race 6: Eurosay – Cardiac Arrhythmia (incl ECG). |
| Falls/Injuries: | Race 7: Stablehand Ms B Barton – Transported to hospital after receiving a head knock. |
| Change of Colours: | Race 3: Just A Pearl – Red, yellow diamond and armbands. Race 7: Surekat – Black cap. Race 7: Just A Pearl – Black cap, yellow spots. Race 7: Witness To Love – Red, white, pale blue sleeves. |
| Follow up: | Nil. |