

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

### THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 24 May 2019

Weather: Overcast.

Track: Soft (6), downgraded at 12:50pm to a Soft (7) with the section between the 400m and the 550m rated a Heavy (8).

Rail: Out 8 metres.

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

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#### **Supplementary Report**

Stewards inquired, on Thursday 23 May 2019, into the circumstances leading to D'beak, a 6YO bay gelding being euthanised at Thoroughbred Park, Canberra on 23 April 2019.

Evidence was obtained from Mr Paul Jones, Mrs Barbara Joseph and Mr Matt Jones comprising the training partnership of D'beak, stable foreperson Mr Scott Jamieson, Dr Toby Koenig, Chief Veterinary Officer Racing NSW, and Dr Jack Laing Bungendore Veterinary Surgery via teleconference. A veterinary report provided by Dr Jack Laing was also tendered into evidence. The stable treatment records were also tendered during the inquiry.

On the evidence it was established that on the morning of 18 April 2019, D'beak was observed in its box to be lame by stable staff. There was no evidence available to ascertain if the lameness was due to an incident in its stable overnight, however evidence was provided that the horse did not have any veterinary issues in the relevant period in the lead up to 18 April 2019. Whilst the gelding was diagnosed later that day by Dr Laing with a suspected non-displaced humeral fracture, advice was provided by him that the gelding be box rested and provided with pain relief. On 23 April 2019 the stable reported to Stewards that the gelding was showing signs of increased lameness and Dr Laing conducted a subsequent examination of the gelding. Although a fracture separation of the left humerus could not be confirmed clinically by Dr Laing as radiographs were not diagnostic, due to the pain level and the lameness displayed being poor prognostic indicators, the decision was taken to euthanise the gelding.

As the Stewards could not be satisfied that there was evidence of a pre-existing condition that led to the decision to euthanise the gelding, the inquiry was concluded.

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#### **RACE 1: tab.com.au Class 1 Handicap**

**1200M**

**Beersheba Lass** – Slow to begin. When questioned, rider B Murphy stated that his mount did not stretch out in the straight and pulled up quickly after the winning post. A post-race

veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in its near-foreleg. Subsequent radiographs taken at the Canberra Equine Hospital revealed that the mare had a fracture to its left knee. Trainer Ms A Walder advised that the mare would be retired from racing to be a broodmare.

**Tingu** – Slow to begin. Pulled during the middle stages.

**Shipway** – Contacted on jumping by Beersheba Lass which shifted in.

**He's Elusive** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider Ms K Adams stated that her mount which was second up did not run on in the straight under its big impost of 62.5kg coupled with today's soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Il Professionale** – Held up rounding the home turn, was unable to obtain completely clear running in the early part of the straight and passing the 200m was shifted out to obtain clear running.

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**RACE 2: The Duxton Benchmark 55 Handicap** **1000M**

**Hercegovka** – Slow to begin.

**Simply Striking** – Passing the 800m was eased from the heels of Invincible Dream which was taken in by Star Of The Clan (app J Richards) which shifted in when not quite clear. App Richards was advised to exercise more care.

**Excitable** – Raced fiercely in the middle stages and passing the 700m when being restrained from heels, shifted out resulting in Spirit Force having to be steadied. Passing the 500m again shifted out when racing fiercely resulting in Spirit Force being taken out, carrying No What To Keep out, resulting in Jellies having to be eased when tightened for room to the inside of Suneeze which shifted in marginally. Trainer Ms K Kulic was told that a warning would be recorded against Excitable's racing manners.

**Spirit Force** – Passing the 700m had to be steadied to avoid Excitable which shifted out when racing fiercely. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider R Bensley stated that in his view his mount did not appreciate today's soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Jellies** – Passing the 500m was tightened between Suneeze which shifted in marginally and No What To Keep which was taken out.

**Sunday Hustler** – Held up in the early part of the straight.

**Sergeant Sam** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider app P Scorse stated that in his opinion, his mount did not appreciate the soft track conditions and is better suited on firmer ground. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 2/5). Trainer Mr D Kelley was told

that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

**Invincible Dream** – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Following the running of the race and after further inspection of the racing surface, the track was downgraded to a Soft (7) at 12:50pm along with the advice that the section between the 400m and the 550m was a Heavy (8).

### **RACE 3: Geocon Maiden Handicap**

**1000M**

**Velvet Aeroplane** – Prior to the declaration of correct weight, Stewards opened an inquiry into rider app B McDougall having returned to scale 600 grams beneath his mount's allotted weight. Acting under the provisions of AR209(2)(a) Stewards disqualified Velvet Aeroplane from its second placing and amended the placings to read: 1<sup>st</sup> Tejori, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandalong Sera, 3<sup>rd</sup> Eltham Palace and 4<sup>th</sup> Secret Work. Further evidence was then taken from App B McDougall, stable foreman Mr A Tanner and Clerk of Scales Miss L Milton. App B McDougall subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR209(2)(b) in that as the rider of Velvet Aeroplane, which was disqualified from its second placing in the race, he did return to scale 600 grams beneath his mount's allotted weight. App B McDougall's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 2 June 2019 and to expire on Wednesday 12 June 2019 on which day he may ride. During the inquiry Stewards were unable to establish the reason for app B McDougall's variation in weight and App McDougall was satisfied that all of the gear that he had weighed out with was accounted for when he had returned to scale following the race. Apart from some weight loss during the race, app B McDougall was unable to offer any other explanation. Furthermore, the electronic scales were in operation for each and every race throughout the day whereby there were no other issues encountered.

**Bold Attack** – Slow to begin.

**Manilla Thriller** – Slow to begin.

**Mandalong Sera** - App Ms K Rayner was reprimanded under AR132(7)(a)(ii) for using her whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m, four occasions more than is permitted under the Rule.

**Mixed Up Grey** – Rider N Heywood was permitted to ride the mare 1kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy.

**Eltham Palace** - Raced very wide throughout.

**Secret Work** – Raced wide throughout.

**RACE 4: Elvin Group Maiden Handicap****1300M**

**Paradoxical** – As app Q Krogh was unavailable, Stewards permitted S Guymer to be substituted as the rider and to ride the gelding 1/2kg overweight. Was held up between the 200m and the 100m.

**Withorn** – Over-raced in the middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding rider S Miller stated that the gelding was under pressure from the 600m and was disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Will She Ever** – Slow to begin.

**Pulla Swifty** – Slow to begin.

**Casino Time** – Slow to begin.

**Bob's Blackbird** – Passing the 1100m was eased when crowded by Wordless which was taken in by Miner (B Murphy) which was corrected soon after the incident. B Murphy was advised to exercise more care.

**Wordless** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding which was on debut, rider app B Owen stated that passing the 500m when the leader Discombe quickened, his mount did not respond to his riding and did not run on in the straight but would derive benefit from the outing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Miner** – Raced wide throughout.

**RACE 5: XXXX Gold Benchmark 60 Handicap****1400M**

**Alpine King** – Stewards acceded to an application from trainer Mr P Facoor to scratch the gelding given his concerns after the gelding struck its jaw on the tie up point of the partition of its tie-up stall. A veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have an abrasion to its gum. Stewards subsequently ordered the late scratching of the gelding at 2:03pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Alpine King be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 2:03pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1<sup>st</sup>: Charmed Princess: 8c win and 8c place*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Mandalong Tapit: 8c place*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Tag And Release: 8c place*

**Tag And Release** – Approaching the 250m had some difficulty when attempting to improve into a narrow run between The Blue's Brother and Sonnets and was then contacted on its head by the whip of Ms K Nisbet (Sonnets) as she pulled the whip through from her left hand to her right hand.

**Smiling At Shadows** – Was held up in the early part of the straight.

**Metralia** – Was held up for clear running until near the 200m.

**Grasp** – Raced very wide throughout.

**Sonnets** – Raced wide throughout.

**Miss Farloo** – A pre-race veterinary examination of the mare which lost balance in its tie-up stall, slipped and sustained an abrasion to its knees, cleared the mare fit to start. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider app B McDougall stated that in his view his mount did not handle the soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 6: Donate At [njtappeal.com.au](http://njtappeal.com.au) Class 1 & Maiden Plate** **1600M**

**Via Condotti** – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; settled worse than mid-field. Passing the 1100m was hampered by Canberra Tram which shifted out abruptly when awkward on heels.

**Mandalong Ready** – Stable foreman Mr M Ames was told that the colt, which missed the start by 5L would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

**Future Time** – Knuckled on jumping and was then crowded by Hilltop Hood which shifted in.

**Canberra Tram** – Slow to begin. Passing the 1100m commenced to pull hard and when Zarafah lost some ground at that point Canberra Tram had to be shifted out abruptly to avoid the heels of that runner and in so doing hampered Via Condotti.

**Dashtorush** – Slow to begin.

**Elaborate** – Held up rounding the home turn.

**Perfect Rhyme** – Raced wide throughout. Rider app B Owen was reminded of his obligation to ride his mount out fully to the end of the race.

**Hilltop Hood** – Passing the 200m rider S Guymer dropped his whip.

**Jodie Irene** – When questioned, rider R Bensley could offer no other explanation for the performance of the mare which was beaten 15L other than that it was up in grade. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 7: Tab Federal Benchmark 70 Handicap** **2000M**

**Shangani Patrol** – Change of tactics: To be further forward; got its off-foreleg up against the lower section of the front gate just prior to the start being effected resulting in the gates being slightly slow to open causing the gelding being slow to begin. Ultimately settled handy.

**Fun Tickets** – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M Bell stated that in his view the gelding did not run out the 2000m journey on the soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Stable foreman Mr A Tanner advised that the gelding would now be sent for a spell.

**Jeddah Aheadah** – When questioned, rider Ms J Taylor stated that whilst she had to make some use of her mount to go forward from its wide draw, her mount was nevertheless disappointing in its failure to respond to her riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**Garros** – Passing the 200m came into contact with Shangani Patrol due to both runners shifting ground.

**Parliament** - Laid out between the 250m and the 200m and again inside the final 100m.

**RACE 8: John McGrath Auto Group Benchmark 65 Handicap 1200M**

**Dangerous Breeding** – As N Heywood was found to be overweight, Stewards permitted app B Owen to be substituted as the rider of the mare. At a subsequent inquiry N Heywood was fined the sum of \$200 under AR190(3).

**Zou York** – Slow to begin.

**Boy Scout** – Slow to begin.

**Exaggerate** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app T Schiller stated that his mount travelled strongly in the middle stages after being ridden positively in accordance with his instructions. He added that his mount was nevertheless disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Territorial** – To be ridden conservatively from the barriers; settled handy and wide.

**Emerald Fortune** – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Treasure Boss** – Raced wide throughout.

**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 3</b>	<b>App P Scorse (Eltham Palace)</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
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**SWAB SAMPLES:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners:

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 8: N Heywood (Dangerous Breeding)</b> AR190(3) \$200 – Overweight.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 3: App Ms K Rayner (Mandalong Sera)</b> AR132(7)(a)(ii) – Excessive whip use.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 2: App B McDougall (Velvet Aeroplane)</b> AR209(2)(b) – Return to scale underweight. Permit to ride in races suspended 2/6/19 until 12/6/19 on which day he may ride.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 2: Excitable</b> – Raced fiercely.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 3: Sergeant Sam</b> – Lamé off-foreleg (grade 2/5).
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 7: Fun Tickets</b> – Black cap. <b>Race 8: Dangerous Breeding</b> – White cap. <b>Race 8: Treasure Boss</b> – Red cap.
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil.
<b>Disqualifications:</b>	Nil.