

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

### THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 22 February 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4). Upgraded to Good (3) following Race 2 at 2.26 p.m.

Rail: True.

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. 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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#### **GENERAL:**

An inquiry was today opened into a complaint made by apprentice jockey Mr D. Budler against App. A. Sweeney in respect to the conduct of A. Sweeney during a telephone conversation on Monday 18 February 2019. Evidence was obtained from App. Budler, represented by his master licensed trainer Mr R. Potter, and App. Sweeney represented by licensed trainer Mr G. Vella. App. Sweeney pleaded guilty to a charge of improper conduct under AR175 (q) in that on Monday 18 February 2019 during a telephone call he made to App. Budler he did direct an inappropriate remark to App. Budler. App. A. Sweeney was fined the sum of \$600, however advised that under the provisions of AR196 (4) that Stewards would suspend the operation of \$300 of that fine on the condition that App. Sweeney did not breach any conduct-related rule for a period of 12 months.

#### **RACE 1: BECOME A MEMBER BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP**

**2000M**

**Tobermory**—Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Bendethera**—As R. Brewer was unavailable due to transport difficulties, Stewards permitted M. Bell to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

**Typhoon Max**—Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, the only explanation that rider R. Bensley could provide was that the gelding may not have run out today's 2000 metre journey. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

**Creative Vision**—Change of tactics: to be ridden more forward; settled off pace.

**Dashtorush**—Got its near hind leg up on the running board as the start was effected and as a consequence was slow to begin (3L).

**Three Stooges**—Rider S. Miller was permitted to ride the gelding half a kilogram above its declared weight in accordance with the overweight policy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Larmour 2<sup>nd</sup> Bendethera 3<sup>rd</sup> Dashtorush 4<sup>th</sup> Tobermory**

**RACE 2: ALAN RUMMERY BOOKMAKER BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP **1200M****

**Enjoy The Stars**—Change of tactics: to be ridden with cover; settled off pace without cover. On return to scale App. B. Owen stated that whilst his mount was obliged to race wide throughout it nevertheless did not travel at any stage.

**Admire Gratzi**—Laid out rounding the home turn.

**Zedforce**—Began awkwardly resulting in its rider becoming unbalanced.

**Dictation**—After the 1100 metres was eased from the heels of *Orithyia* (Ms K. Nisbet) which shifted in when not quite clear. Ms K. Nisbet was advised to exercise more care. Held up rounding the home turn and until near the 200 metres.

**Fleeting Princess**—When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider M. Bell stated that his mount travelled well for only the first 200 metres and then passing 600 metres was under pressure and did not respond to his riding in the straight. Trainer Mr C. Karakatsanis could offer no tangible explanation other than that the mare's best performances have been when she was provided galloping room and today may not have appreciated racing cluttered up. Mr Karakatsanis undertook to report the results of a full veterinary check by his stable veterinarian. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

Following the running of this race the track was upgraded to a Good (3) at 2.26 p.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> Alpine King 2<sup>nd</sup> Zuzzudio 3<sup>rd</sup> Zedforce 4<sup>th</sup> Dictation**

**RACE 3: BLACK OPAL STAKES SUNDAY 10 MARCH MAIDEN HANDICAP **1000M****

**Milamoo**—Trainer Mr M. Miladinovic was fined the sum of \$50 under AR140A for presenting the mare in the mounting enclosure without its blinkers. Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Atomic Bomb* and became unbalanced.

**Timandjack**—Raced wide throughout.

**Invincible Angel**—Raced very wide throughout. Hung out rounding the home turn and continued to lay out during the straight.

**Giocoso**—Slow to begin and shortly after shifted in and became awkward on the heels of *The Amazing Tahlia*. When questioned, M. Cahill explained that on straightening, after being held up between *Our Nuisance* and *Atomic Bomb*, a narrow run between those horses commenced to develop when *Atomic Bomb* shifted out. He added however that when that runner then shifted back in slightly that run closed and after the 250 metres he then endeavoured to shift to the inside of *Our Nuisance* to improve, however when that runner rolled in toward the fence he was obliged to restrain his mount when disappointed for that run. He added that soon after and near the 200 metres he directed his mount to the outside of the heels of *Our Nuisance*, however when *Atomic Bomb* once again shifted in and closed

that run he was obliged to restrain his mount. As a result he directed his mount once again to the inside of *Our Nuisance*, however when there was insufficient room to improve, his mount was held up and unable to be tested for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities.

**I Am Rush**—Slow to begin.

**Mad As Zariz**—Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

**Militia**—Trainer Mr P. Facoor was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of A. Layt as the rider of the gelding. Shifted in on jumping and had to be restrained when awkwardly positioned close to the heels of *Milamoo*.

**Space Shrapnel**—Raced wide throughout.

**This Time Tige**—Raced very wide throughout.

**1<sup>st</sup> Flying Angel 2<sup>nd</sup> The Amazing Tahlia 3<sup>rd</sup> Timandjack 4<sup>th</sup> Milamoo**

**RACE 4: JOHN MCGRATH MASERATI MAIDEN HANDICAP 1400M**

**Lumley Road**—Change of tactics: to be ridden more forward; settled worse than mid-field. Overraced in the middle stages.

**Cadence**—Slow to begin. Rider N. Souquet reported that he had been instructed to obtain a position mid-field with cover, if possible. He added however that when trapped wide in the early stages and when his mount commenced to pull hard he allowed it to stride forward and obtained a position outside the leader near the 1000 metres. N. Souquet was reprimanded under AR137(b) for failing to ride his mount out until the end of the race.

**Street Cred**—Slow to begin.

**Banja Luka**—Began awkwardly resulting in its rider becoming unbalanced. Passing the 800 metres, when racing keenly, improved onto the heels of *Our Jesse James* and had to be shifted out. When questioned, App. P. Scorse stated that he was under a specific instruction not to lead today. He added that after beginning particularly well, bearing in mind his instructions, he elected to ease soon after the start. He further added that passing the 1000 metres he was able to obtain a position two-wide with cover. However, his mount raced keenly.

**Anrahir**—Slow to begin. Overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Quicklook**—Raced wide throughout. Passing the 1300 metres was eased from the heels of *Banja Luka* (App. P. Scorse) which shifted in when not quite clear. App. P. Scorse was advised to exercise more care.

**Tredici**—Raced wide throughout. M. Bell was reprimanded under AR137 (b) for failing to ride his mount out until the end of the race.

1<sup>st</sup> Monte Majura 2<sup>nd</sup> Jailbird Jayjay 3<sup>rd</sup> Major Time 4<sup>th</sup> I Am Rush

**RACE 5: XXXX GOLD CANBERRA GUINEAS PREVIEW**

**1400M**

**Acton Shale**—Slow to begin.

**Cosimo**—Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Sausedge**—When questioned regarding her riding, Ms K. Nisbet stated that as her mount was stepping up in distance today she had been instructed to attempt to obtain cover one out one back. She added that in order to comply with the instructions to obtain cover she had to settle a little further back than planned. She added that after the 600 metres, when she was of the view that the horse she was following, *Cosimo*, would not take her into the race and when racing three-wide, she was reluctant to shift wider to expose her mount to commence a run at that point of the race. She added however that soon after *Acton Shale* improved quickly to her outside and whilst she made a late attempt to obtain a position to the outside of the heels of *Cosimo*, Acton Shale had continued to improve quickly and placed her mount in a pocket. She further added that her mount was then held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and as a consequence she was unable to obtain clear running until after the 300 metres. Ms K. Nisbet was told that in the opinion of Stewards she had erred in that after the 600 metres she should have positioned her mount to the outside of the heels of *Cosimo* so as to ensure uninterrupted running for the remainder of the race.

**Francisco Pizaro**—Raced keenly in the middle stages. Passing the 75 metres had his whip accidentally dislodged by the whip of the rider of *Sausedge*. Held up and unable to improve until passing the 200 metres.

**Moss The Boss**—Held up for some distance in the early part of the straight and again over the concluding stages. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Farthing Wood**— Rider S. Miller was permitted to ride the filly half a kilogram above its declared weight in accordance with the overweight policy. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

1<sup>st</sup> Sausedge 2<sup>nd</sup> Francisco Pizaro 3<sup>rd</sup> Fearless Girl 4<sup>th</sup> Hard Core

**RACE 6: TAB CANBERRA CUP PREVIEW**

**1600M**

**Sir Barb**—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider N. Souquet said he was instructed to ride his mount cold in the hope that it would finish off its race. He added that in his view his mount was plain in the straight today and may not have appreciated today's firm track. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

**Grand Finalist**—Stable representative Mr Muraguri was told that the gelding, which suffered a bleeding attack on the first occasion during the event, would incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under the provisions of AR53A(4).

**Croix De Vie**—Began awkwardly.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lucky Prospector 2<sup>nd</sup> High Dude 3<sup>rd</sup> Appoint Percy 4<sup>th</sup> El Dorado Mine**

**RACE 7: TAB FEDERAL – NATIONAL SPRINT PREVIEW 1200M**

**Equal Balance**—Slow to begin.

**Beau Tirage**—Co-trainer Mr K. Dryden was fined the sum of \$50 under AR140A for presenting the gelding in the mounting enclosure without its blinkers.

**Te Ata**—Rider M. Bell was permitted to ride the mare half a kilogram above its declared weight in accordance with the overweight policy. Slow to begin.

**1<sup>st</sup> Who’s Knocking 2<sup>nd</sup> Bring A Secret 3<sup>rd</sup> Up Trumpz 4<sup>th</sup> Beau Tirage**

**RACE 8: AFFINITY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES BLACK OPAL PREVIEW-2YO PLT 1000M**

**Brennaman**—Began awkwardly.

**Redicon**—Trainer Mr N. Layt was told that a warning would be recorded against the colt, which proved difficult to load.

**Viking Clap**—Rounding the home turn, when weakening, was eased from the heels of *Bright Rubick* (C. Reith), which shifted out when not quite clear. C. Reith was advised to exercise more care.

**Bright Rubick**—Slow to begin.

**La Valkyrie**—Slow to begin.

**Sonrojado**—Trainer Mr G. Vella was fined the sum of \$50 under AR53C for failing to notify that **Sonrojado** had been gelded. Was a little slow to begin and crowded shortly after by *Bellevue Hill*, which shifted out.

**1<sup>st</sup> Bellevue Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> Bright Rubick 3<sup>rd</sup> Redicon 4<sup>th</sup> Tears Are Falling**

**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) or on consecutive occasions under AR137A(5)(a)(i). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

<b>Race 6:</b>	<b>Chalk (M. Bell)</b>	8 strikes prior to the 100m
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**SWAB SAMPLES:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

**SUMMARY**

<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>General:</b> A. Sweeney fined \$600 (AR175(q)). <b>Race 3:</b> Trainer Mr P. Facoory fined \$50 (LR35). <b>Race 3:</b> Trainer Mr M. Miladinovic fined \$50 (AR140A). <b>Race 7:</b> Co-trainer Mr K. Dryden fined \$50 (AR140A). <b>Race 8:</b> Trainer Mr G. Vella fined \$50 (AR53C).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 4:</b> N. Souquet reprimanded (AR137(b)). <b>Race 4:</b> M. Bell reprimanded (AR137(b)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	<b>Race 6: Grand Finalist</b> —mandatory three-month ban from racing (AR53A(4)).
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	Nil.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 6: Chalk</b> —green, gold CRC logo. <b>Race 6: El Dorado Mine</b> —red cap. <b>Race 8: Galaxy</b> —green, gold, CRC logo.
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil.
<b>Disqualifications:</b>	Nil.