

DARWIN TURF CLUB
Wednesday 1st January 2014

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), J Hamilton (OAM), J Lattenstein, R Hamilton, R Merritt, L Twomey

Deputy Stewards: C Manley, A Napier

Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 36

Stakes Paid: \$82,100

Race 1 – Three Year Old Benchmark Handicap - 1000 metres:

Prior to the race FLACCID ROCK dislodged its rider, Ms A Brown. After being placed in the barriers FLACCID ROCK reared on several occasions. Acting of advice from the starter that FLACCID ROCK was unruly in the barriers, stewards ordered its withdrawal at 3:06pm.

Stewards ordered all monies wagered on FLACCID ROCK to be refunded and all monies wagered on the event prior to the withdrawal of FLACCID ROCK to be paid as follows:-

Deductions	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Win	6c		
Place	5c	15c	

Subsequent to the event Ms A Brown was examined by the ambulance staff, who advised that she was not fit to continue riding today.

Stewards subsequently permitted the following rider replacements:

Race 3 POWLETT B Davis

Race 4 PROTESTA S Hillebrand

SMUDGER jumped away awkwardly when the start was effected.

DEVIL'S DREAM and COOPERS SHOUT bumped shortly after jumping away.

Rounding the turn near the 600 metres SMUDGER had a tendency to lay out and as a result bumped the hindquarters of DEVIL'S DREAM and lost ground as a consequence.

Mr C Nash, representing trainer of FLACCID ROCK. Mr S Brown was advised that a warning would be issued against the gelding for unruly behaviour in the barriers and if it was to perform in a similar manner in future some action may be taken against it.

1st DEVIL'S DREAM 2nd SMUDGER 3rd COOPER'S SHOUT

Race 2 – 0 - 58 Handicap - 1100 metres:

B Huppatz, rider of PLEASURE OR PAIN, was found guilty of a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(i)(ii). The details being that prior to the 100 metres he used his whip in the forehand manner on seven occasions, three of which were consecutive in contravention of the rule.

Acting under AR196(2) stewards ordered that B Huppatz forfeit his riding fee for this event.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT stood flat footed when the gates opened and conceded considerable ground. BATTLE READY dwelt when the start was effected.

Subsequent to the event RULES OF ENGAGEMENT was examined by the Clubs Veterinary surgeon who reported that he could find no apparent abnormality.

Stewards questioned Mr C Nash, representing Mr S Brown trainer of SEA HORSE, which was scratched from this event on Monday at 3:25pm. Mr Nash stated that SEA HORSE was mildly lame on Monday morning, however, he considered that the gelding would be fit to start and expected that after it was re shod that day the mild lameness would be resolved. However, after the farrier had removed the plates on Monday afternoon he found deep seated bruising and the mare was then substantially more lame and not fit to start.

Whilst stewards accepted the explanation of Mr Nash, he was reminded of his responsibility under NT128(2) and advised that in similar circumstances in future stewards would be most likely to impose a \$500 scratching fee.

1st PLEASURE OR PAIN 2nd BATTLE READY
3rd RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Race 3 – 0 - 70 Handicap - 1100 metres:

GREY THUNDER bounded as the start was effected.

The Clubs Veterinary surgeon reported that GREY THUNDER was suffering heat stress subsequent to the event.

1st POWLETT 2nd READY TO REEL 3rd UNLUCKY

Race 4 – Benchmark Handicap – 1300 metres:

ATLAS RISING raced up onto the heels in the early stages of the race and had to be eased.

Near the 600 metres FASTER STRONGER rolled out slightly to avoid running up on the heels of the weakening KIRKHAM. As a result ANDAMOOKA GEM was tightened for room and taken out onto REFLEX as a consequence both horses became unbalanced.

**1st BIG CHANCE
STRONGER**

2nd ATLAS RISING

3rd FASTER

Race 5 – 0 - 64 Handicap – 1600 metres:

Mr C Pollard, trainer of SEAGARD advised the stewards that he intended to instruct the rider to attempt to take a more forward position on the gelding today.

Near the 1300 metres WELCOME RETURN raced up onto heels and had to be eased.

1st RESLEND

2nd FALDANE

3rd NIGHT OPTION

Race 6 – Class B Handicap – 1200 metres:

At the entrance to the straight MISS ANT was tightened for room and became unbalanced when racing tight on the inside of QUICK THOUGHTS and on the outside of MYKINDACOLOUR which rolled out under pressure.

MYKINDACOLOUR had a tendency to lay during the event.

1st MYKINDACOLOUR 2nd QUICK THOUGHTS 3rd DE SOUBA STAR

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre Race swab samples were taken from the following horses; Welcome Return, Seagard, Night Option.

Summary:

Suspensions: Nil

Fines: Nil

Reprimands: Nil

Forfeit Riding Fee: Race 2 B Huppatz

Embargoes: Nil