

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Tuesday 1st January 2013

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L A Lane (Chairman), R Merritt, L Twomey, R Hamilton, Ms J Lattenstein, J Mills, A Williams

Deputy Steward:

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 4

Number of Runners: 29

Stakes Paid: \$51,600

Race 1 – 0 – 58 HCP - 1100 metres:

From the 800 metres to the home turn KUSTAVI, MANTASTIC and PROPHETS raced tight on the inside of TIDALZONE. As a result all three came together on numerous occasions.

Stewards questioned P Crich rider of BALLADONIA regarding that mare's performance in the early stages of the race. P Crich stated that BALLADONIA was restless in the barriers and had its head in the adjoining stall just prior to the start being affected which resulted in it jumping awkwardly and he believed that this was the reason for it failing to muster speed in the early stages.

Stewards questioned Ms S Montgomerie rider of MANTASTIC which performed below expectations. Ms Montgomerie stated that MANTASTIC had a difficult run today as it was challenged from the outset and raced tight for the majority of the race between PROPHETS and KUSTAVI, bumping with these runners on several occasions. This was in contrast to its previous start where it had an easy run behind the leaders and went on to win.

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected MANTASTIC which performed below expectations and reported that she could find no apparent abnormalities.

1st EKRUM 2nd TIDALZONE 3rd PROPHETS

Race 2 – 0 - 70 HCP - 1200 metres:

Stewards permitted NEW YORK'S FINEST to carry the Club's colours as it appeared in the racebook in the colours of the previous trainer Mr L Paech.

B Hoppo rider of HERCULEAN was found guilty of a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii). The details being that he used his whip on that gelding on 8 occasions in the forehand manner prior to the 100 metres in contravention of the above rule.

Acting under AR 196(2) stewards ordered that B Hoppo forfeit his riding fee in respect of this race.

1st HERCULEAN 2nd NEW YORK'S FINEST 3rd OUT OF THE DESERT

Race 3 – CLASS B HCP - 1200 metres:

Mr C Pollard trainer of RARING TO GO GO was fined \$100 for failing to lodge an amended stable return for that gelding identifying the correct nominator (AR53(c)(4)). Mr Pollard was further advised that the gelding would not be permitted to start again until an appropriate stable return had been lodged.

When the gates opened COPPIN jumped awkwardly and struck the side gate COPPIN then scrambled and took some strides to regain its balance, conceding some ground as a consequence.

On jumping away WHERE ARE YOU jumped outwards and bumped OUR SHANGRI LA.

During the event OUR SHANGRI LA lost its off hind plate.

1st ROCKAHULA BABY 2nd MAI MAN NGUA 3rd MARRIED MAN

Race 4 – 0 - 64 HCP – 1600 metres:

Ms J Robinson trainer of LIVELY LILLIE notified the stewards that she had instructed the mare's rider to push forward from the start and lead.

When the gates opened JUST TOO COOL jumped awkwardly and struck the side of the gates.

1st THE TINKER 2nd MANNING 3rd SKY TRAVELLER

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from Luke's Courage, Rhythmic King, Stradasun, Yoshi Junior.

Summary:

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race 3	C Pollard (\$100)
Reprimands:	Nil	
Forfeit Riding Fee:	Race 2	B Hoppo
Embargoes:	Nil	