

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY 2016

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, A Napier, L Jackson, S Copelin (Deputy), Z Gooden (Deputy) J Lattenstein (Judge), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 39
Stakes Paid: \$77,200

Race 1: Carlton United Breweries 0 - 64 Handicap 1600m

BACKSTOP (R Oakford) – Lay outwards rounding the first turn. Cast its off fore plate in running. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be mildly lame in the off fore leg.

CURFEW (V Arnott) – Slow into stride. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that after missing the start she elected to shift her mount to the outside of the field rounding the first turn to avoid the kickback but the gelding failed to stretch out at any stage of the event. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Due to the uncompetitive performance trainer Mr J Manning was advised that the gelding must barrier trial satisfactorily prior to racing again. Trainer subsequently reported that the gelding had received treatment for muscle tightness over both shoulders.

CASINO EXIT (W Davis) – Raced without cover in running.

IDATRICE (R Vigar) – Bounded at the start losing ground. Raced wide from the 800m.

ZIGGLER (C Spry) – Slow into stride. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance trainer/jockey reported that whilst the gelding had travelled comfortably in running it finished the race off only moderately. He subsequently advised that the gelding had recovered well following the race and he has nominated to race again next week over a lesser distance.

CELEBRAKTI (B Davis) – Raced without cover in running.

ROYALS (B Huppatz) – Commenced awkwardly.

Race 2: bet365 TROBIS 3YO Handicap 1000 metres

WOWPAL (R Rhodes) – Bumped at the start. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

FINKE (B Davis) –

MISTER BLEVAL (W Davis) – Bumped inwards at the start. Raced greenly and lay inwards when tested with the whip in the straight.

SHEZA DARK HORSE (V Arnott) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

Race 3: HOT100 Handicap 1100 metres

BLUE SHORE (R Oakford) – Raced without cover in running.

TIPSY ON RED (W Davis) – Bumped at the start. Raced wide for the majority of the event and lay outwards under pressure in the straight.

NERVOUS (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

ALL DUE RESPECT (R Rhodes) – Dwelt at the start.

MISS KITTY (B Huppatz) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

Race 4: Ascend Sales Maiden Plate 1200 metres

The start time of this event was rescheduled to 3.59pm at the request of SKY channel.

The start time of this race was delayed several minutes due to PRIMARY ELEMENT having to be resaddled after being presented to race with the wrong saddle cloth number.

Stewards considered an objection lodged by B Davis, rider of the 2nd placed GIRLS AWAY against the winner ARRAYANES ridden by K Cross alleging interference in the early stages of the event. Whilst Stewards were of the opinion that near the 1000m ARRAYANES did shift inwards resulting in GIRLS AWAY being eased by its rider. Bearing in mind where the incident occurred and the ground lost by GIRLS AWAY, they were not satisfied that it warranted a reversal of placings and the protest was dismissed.

COMMANDING LAD (R Oakford) – Raced wide for the majority of the event.

GIRLS AWAY (B Davis) – Eased near the 1000m. Lay outwards rounding the home turn. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a swollen right eye and a laceration to the off fore leg. When questioned rider advised that his mount had been hit in the face by a clod of dirt in running but he was unable to ascertain how the gelding had received the laceration to its leg.

PRIMARY ELEMENT (F Bergstrand) – The gelding was eased down following the event and a veterinary examination confirmed an injury to the off fore tendon. Trainer Mr S Clarke was advised that a veterinary certificate of soundness must be presented prior to racing again. Trainer advised that the gelding will be retired.

General: On inquiry jockey K Cross was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a) for permitting ARRAYANES to shift inwards near the 1000m when not clear resulting in GIRLS AWAY having to be eased by its rider.

Race 5: Hotel Darwin Weight for Age 1300 metres

EXTRACCEED (B Davis) – A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

KING KEV (C Spry) – Bounded at the start.

General

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

All jockeys provided urine samples for the purpose of drug testing.

Summary fines

Race 4 – Trainer Mr S Clarke was fined \$200 for negligence in that he presented PRIMARY ELEMENT to race with the incorrect saddle cloth number.

Reprimands/Warnings

Race 1: Jockey R Oakford (BACKSTOP) was reprimanded for using his whip consecutively prior to the 100m – AR137A(5)(a)(i)

Race 4: Jockey K Cross was reprimanded for careless riding – AR137(a)

Suspensions

Nil

Embargoes

Race 1: CURFEW must barrier trial due to uncompetitive performance

Race 4: PRIMARY ELEMENT requires vet clearance – lame off fore

D Hensler

NT Chairman of Stewards