

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 7th January 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, R Merritt, B Merritt, R Hamilton
J Lattenstien

Deputy Steward: P Brennan

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 31

Stakes Paid: \$55,400

Race 1 – MAIDEN PLTE HCP - 1200 metres:

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon inspected JUJU GEORGIA on arrival at the course as it had minor swelling to its rear side hock. The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon advised the stewards the JUJU GEORGIA was fit to start.

1st NIGHT OPTION 2nd ATOMIC TIGER 3rd SAVANNAH IRON

Race 2 – 0 – 70 HCP - 1200 metres:

Mr D Leech trainer of HOLLYWOOD DREAM (Race 2) and SNEAKY SQUIRREL (race 5) contacted the stewards and advised that both horses had inadvertently been treated with a substance which would be detected in a swab sample and therefore where unable to start.

Acting on this advice stewards ordered the withdrawal of HOLLYWOOD DREAM and SNEAKY SQUIRREL at 2pm.

Trainer Mr D Leech was found guilty of a charge under AR175(k) with negligence. The negligence being that as the trainer of the above horses he failed to appropriately supervise his stable leading up to today's racemeeting to ensure his horses did not receive any treatment which may result in the detection of a prohibited substance as defined by AR178B. As a consequence Mr Leech's two runners were late scratchings today.

Mr Leech was fined the sum of \$400.

DESERT FLARE jumped outwards at the start and bumped COLONEL JACK on the hindquarters.

Near the 250 metres COLONEL JACK raced up onto the heels of the weakening DESERT FLARE and shifted in to obtain a clear run.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon inspected DESERT FLARE which performed poorly and reported that the mare was suffering heat stress and was slow to recover after the event.

1st NERO MACCHINA 2nd ROBSON STREET 3rd FASLINATION

Race 3 – TROBIS 0-58 Hcp - 1100 metres:

Subsequent to race 1 licensed jockey M McDuff advised the stewards that he would not be fulfilling his engagements on RED PANTHER (race 3) and MYSTICAL BOND (race 4).

Stewards reminded M McDuff of his obligations under the rules and advised him to reconsider his position.

M McDuff left the course shortly after without further contact with the stewards.

Stewards permitted B Huppatz to replace M McDuff as the rider of RED PANTHER (race 3) and C Spry to replace him as the rider of MYSTICAL BOND (race 4).

As M McDuff had left the course despite having been advised not to by the stewards an inquiry was conducted in his absence. M McDuff was found guilty of a charge under AR85B. The details being that as a licensed jockey he refused to fulfil his engagements on RED PANTHER (race 3) and MYSTICAL BOND (race 4).

M McDuff was fined the sum of \$1,000.

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon inspected OTTENS on arrival at the barriers and reported that the gelding was lame behind.

Acting on this advice the stewards ordered the withdraw of OTTENS at 5.02pm

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

Deductions	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Win	4c		
Place	6c	5c	6c

Mr M Rattly trainer of OTTENS was advised that prior to the gelding racing again he must produce a satisfactory veterinary certificate in relation to the gelding.

On jumping away CRACKALACKIN shifted in onto FISKY ALBERT.

On return to scale R Oakford rider of SINGING SIREN was 1 Kg over his declared weight. R Oakford stated that after weighing out he had a drink as he was dehydrated.

R Oakford was found guilty of a charge under AR145 with having weighed in 1 Kg over his declared weight on SINGING SIREN. R Oakford was fined the sum of \$200.

1st CRACKALACKIN 2nd FRISKY ALBERT 3rd RED PANTHER

Race 4 – 0 – 64 HCP - 1300 metres:

Rounding the first turn near the 650 metre MYSTICAL BOND got its head up and laid out towards the heels of OIGLES.

MYSTICAL BOND continued to lay out for the majority of the turn.

1st INVINCIBLE GOLD 2nd MYSTICAL BOND 3rd ALANA'S MATE

Race 5 – BENCHMARK 72 HCP - 1300 metres:

As C Spry was to be overweight the stewards permitted B Davis to replace him as the rider of PILOS. Stewards reprimanded C Spry for accepting the ride on PILOS for which he was ultimately overweight (AR120(b))

When the gates opened CARNEGGON JESTER dwelt and PILOS was slow into stride.

Near the 800 metre KINGSFORD had to be eased slightly to avoid the heels of PILOS which shifted in.

1st KINGSFORD 2nd REFLEX 3rd PILOS

The following riders were drug and alcohol tested today, R Oakford, B Davis, S Hillebrand. M McDuff failed to provide a urine sample when requested to do so by the stewards. An inquiry into M McDuff's failure to provide a urine sample was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Swab samples were taken from all winners.