

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY 2015

Weather: Overcast/showery

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Merritt, J Lattenstien (Judge), L Jackson (A Judge), C Manley (Betting), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)

Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 42

Stakes Paid: \$65,200

General: The start time of the opening event was put back to 3:42pm to allow track staff to perform remedial work on a section of the running rail which had been damaged due to high wind gusts.

Race 1: bet365 Maiden Plate 1100 metres

BESTIHAVEEVERHAD (W Davis) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that his mount was under pressure prior to straightening and raced in a flat manner. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr C Pollard advised that the gelding would now spell.

CHETTALLI (S Ridler) – Bumped at the start.

DEVIL'S TALE (F Bergstrand) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

MOTTO STAR (D McIntosh) – Slow into stride. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

DUCISSA (C Spry) – Bounded at the start. Cast its off hind plate in running.

ORO BELLO (C Lloyd) – Raced wide for the majority of the event.

Race 2: Yoda's 60th Celebration Day Handicap 1000 metres

BLACK MARIA (B Davis) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr G Clarke was advised that the gelding is subject to the provisions of AR53.

FIREBRAKE (W Davis) – Commenced awkwardly.

FASTER STRONGER (A Brown) – Trainer Mr C Nash advised that he would issue instructions for the gelding to be ridden more prominently today if possible and an oncourse announcement was made. Raced wide throughout.

Race 3: Asian United Food Service Handicap 1300 metres

NIGHT OPTION (V Arnott) – Raced wide for the majority of the event. Cast both front plates in running.

ANTIKITA (F Bergstrand) – Bounded at the start. Steadied inwards to avoid heels leaving the 600m.

APALA (S Hillebrand) – Checked from heels and lost ground leaving the 600m.

INCISIVE (M Tyndall) – Lay outwards rounding the first turn and contacted another runner. Raced in restricted room, tightened and checked leaving the 600m. Returned with superficial lacerations to the inside of both hind legs.

BLACK BURBERRY (S Ridler) – Raced wide throughout.

DE SOUBA STAR (W Davis) – Cast all plates except the off fore in running.

CAVALLINO RAMPANTE (A Brown) – Cast its near hind plate in running.

General: On inquiry apprentice A Brown (CAVALLINO RAMPANTE) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a). The specifics being that leaving the 600m she did fail to make sufficient effort to allow adequate room on her inside for INCISIVE (M Tyndall) resulting in that mare being tightened for room and checked by its rider. As a consequence of this incident APALA (S Hillebrand) and ANTIKITA (F Bergstrand) which were following both received indirect interference. In issuing the charge Stewards accepted that INCISIVE did lay out rounding the first turn and initiated contact with CAVALLINO RAMPANTE, but they were not of the opinion that this had any bearing on the interference. After considering the degree of interference and taking into account her previous good record, Apprentice A Brown had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period of 1 (DTC) meeting and in addition was fined the sum of \$500.

Race 4: Gardens Park Golf Links Handicap 1200 metres

ENCHANTED BOY (C Lloyd) – Carried outwards near the 800m. Impeded from heels leaving the 500m.

RA IKANE (V Arnott) – Crowded shortly after the start.

DEVIL'S DREAM (R Oakford) – Raced wide throughout.

WESTERING HOME (M Tyndall) – Bumped outwards near the 800m and raced wide throughout.

Race 5: Channel Nine BMNT Handicap 1200 metres

DREAMING OF NEPAL (S Rowley) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr G Clarke was advised that the gelding is subject to the provisions of AR53.

WARREGO MELODY (R Oakford) – Raced wide throughout.

COURTING MAGIC (F Bergstrand) – Dwelt at the start and lost ground.

General:

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

Summary fines/suspensions

Race 1: Trainer D Leech fined \$50 (AR175k) for failing to notify a gear change for CHETTALLI.

Race 3: Jockey S Hillebrand fined \$100 (AR175k) for negligence in fail to weigh out with stirrup irons on APALA.

Race 3: Trainer D Leech fined \$100 (NT129) for failing to notify the rider for DE SOUBA STAR by the prescribed time.

Race 3: Apprentice A Brown suspended for 1 (DTC) meeting and fined \$500 (AR137a) for careless riding.

Race 5: Trainer G Clarke fined \$100 (AR140A2) for presenting DREAMING OF NEPAL to race without its approved gear.

D Hensler

NT Chairman of Stewards