

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 26th January 2011

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Overcast

Rail: True Position

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

Deputy Steward: J Lattenstien

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 41

Stakes Paid: \$76,040

Race 1 - 3 YO CLASS 2 HCP - 1100 metres:

Racing down the back straight SEVEN BRIDGES raced tight on the inside of CITY OF BRIGHTNESS for some distance. Near the 800 metres BLUE RAZOO rolled in and tightened CITY OF BRIGHTNESS in onto SEVEN BRIDGES. As a result CITY OF BRIGHTNESS became unbalanced.

In the early part of the straight CITY OF BRIGHTNESS rolled in and bumped MR ROUBINI which became unbalanced as a consequence.

C Spry rider of second placed SEVEN BRIDGES lodged an objection against BLUE RAZOO being declared the winner, alleging interference in the straight.

Stewards having considered the evidence of the parties concerned and viewing the patrol films dismissed the objection and declared correct weight.

It was established that BLUE RAZOO had rolled out initially near the 150 metres, and again near the 50 metres. However stewards believed that the interference to SEVEN BRIDGES was minimal and had no material effect on the result of the race.

At the winning post BLUE RAZOO and SEVEN BRIDGES came together due to both horses shifting.

Stewards questioned Ms J Huish trainer of JAY KAY TEE which was uncompetitive again today. Ms Huish explained that JAY KAY TEE was a late developer and that for it's next start she intended to race in blinkers which she hoped would improve it's performance. Stewards advised Ms Huish that whilst they would not take any action today if JAY KAY TEE was uncompetitive at it's next start it would be suspended for a period and then be required to perform to the satisfaction of the Steward's in a barrier trial.

1st BLUE RAZOO 2nd SEVEN BRIDGES 3rd LADY JINX

Race 2 - 0 - 58 HCP - 1100 metres:

As Ms V Arnott was to be overweight, Steward's permitted B Huppertz to replace her as the rider of THE BEAN COUNTER. Stewards took no action against Ms Arnott who had not previously been replaced due to being overweight however advised her

that she must ensure in future if she accepts rides she is then able to fulfill the engagement.

On jumping away LONG SHORTS jumped awkwardly and shifted in onto MORETORQUE which then shifted in away from that gelding.

In the middle stages of the race MORETORQUE got it's head up and raced ungenerously.

S Hillebrand rider of LONG SHORTS was fined \$100 under NT 144 for making 2 celebratory gestures after passing the winning post.

1st LONG SHORTS 2nd THE BEAN COUNTER 3rd JAFTICA

Race 3 – CLASS B HCP - 1200 metres:

As the gates opened CELESTIAL KINGDOM reared and lost considerable ground as a consequence.

Near the 1000 metres VENUE overraced and had to be eased off the heels of RUBITONS FAREWELL.

In the straight VENUE had a tendency to lay in.

1st SINGING SIREN 2nd VENUE 3rd RUBITONS FAREWELL

Race 4 – BENCHMARK 76 HCP - 1200 metres:

On jumping away MARCO LAGO jumped awkwardly and shifted out and KAPPA shifted in, resulting in HIDDEN SURPRISE being tightened between those runners.

During the event BLACKSTONE ROSE suffered a laceration to the near hind tendon.

Subsequent to the event Mr D Jupp trainer of STEAL THE CASH advised the stewards that the gelding was lame in the near foreleg.

1st HIDDEN SURPRISE 2nd BLACKSTONE ROSE 3rd PICK OF THE LOT

Race 5 – 0 - 63 HCP - 1300 metres:

Shortly after the start R Oakford rider of CHEVROLET LAD was dislodged when that gelding bucked.

Mr G Clarke trainer of CHEVROLET LAD was advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding and that it must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Mr S Clarke's explanation for the late notification of a rider for SHECKY EVIL was accepted.

1st FINGAL BAY 2nd MISS ENDEAVOUR 3rd CARDINAL ANGEL

Race 6 – 0 - 69 HCP - 1100 metres:

On jumping away COSTLYEV shifted out taking NIGGLE outwards onto COLONEL JACK.

In the straight COLONEL JACK had a tendency to lay.

Ms S Montgomerie rider of KIWI JIM was reprimanded for using her whip unnecessarily on that gelding which was out of contention (AR 137 A(3)).

M Fitzgerald rider of FASTIZIO was fined the sum of \$200 for unnecessary use of the whip on that gelding which was out of contention. (AR 137 A(3)).

1st COSTLYEV 2nd COLONEL JACK 3rd EREMBOURG

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners

The following riders were drug tested today A Brown, C Spry, B Davis, S Bailey.

Steward's questioned trainer Ms J Huish in relation to a loose dog at her stable area that morning. Ms Huish was reprimanded for have a dog which was unrestrained in the stable area in contravention of the DTC Committee's policy.

Having reviewed the stewards patrol film subsequent to the meeting an inquiry was adjourned into the use of the whip by B Huppatz rider of THE BEAN COUNTER.