

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2014

Weather: Overcast

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, R Merritt, J Lattenstein
Deputy Stewards: C Manley, L Jackson, A Napier
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 4
Number of Runners: 30
Stakes Paid: \$44,300

Race 1: Carlton Mid Class B Handicap 1100 metres

NOBLE SUCCESS (R Mageean) – Commenced awkwardly.

STYLISH CRUISER (S Hillebrand) – Raced wide throughout.

AZRAEL (M Tyndall) – Bounded at start. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that despite losing ground at the start she had been able to obtain a prominent position and whilst the mare had travelled comfortably in running it was under pressure on straightening and yielded ground from the 200m. Trainer Mr D Bates expressed disappointment in the performance and subsequently reported the mare had recovered without incident. He advised of his intention to race the mare in a fortnight over a decreased distance.

JAIPECH (C Lloyd) – Underwent a veterinary examination at the barriers after being kicked by another runner and was cleared to compete. Cast its off hind plate in running.

DYNAMICS (A Brown) – Commenced awkwardly. Lay inwards from the 200m with its rider having difficulty in riding the gelding out fully.

Race 2: Bet365 0 – 58 Handicap 1300 metres

SIDE TO SIDE (S Hillebrand) – Compounded from the 600m. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr S Hillebrand was advised that he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for the gelding prior to racing again.

IT'S BLACK MAGIC (R Oakford) – When questioned regarding the improved performance, trainer Mr G Clarke advised that the gelding had pulled up in a flat manner and inappetent following its debut NT run when finishing last at DTC on 21 December, 2013 and in his opinion may have been suffering the effects of a virus. He explained that he had expected an improved effort today following the gelding working well during the week. In accepting this explanation Mr Clarke was reminded of his obligations in relation to AR140(c) to report to the Stewards any condition which may have affected the performance of any of his runners.

RETAIN BELIEF (C Lloyd) – Slow into stride. Had a tendency to lay inwards when tested with the whip in the straight.

SEAGARD (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout. Cast its off hind plate in running.

DUBLIN LAD (A Brown) – Raced greenly in the early stages.

Race 3: Sid Parker Memorial 0 – 64 Handicap 1000 metres

ROYAL PAGE (S Ridler) – Fractious in the barriers prior to the start. When questioned rider advised that despite his efforts the gelding was reluctant to stretch out in the early and middle stages but when taken outwards in the straight his mount responded when tested with the whip and made up considerable ground over the final 200 metres.

HILL OF FAITH (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

HIGH MOMENT (B Davis) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground.

General

Trainer Mr C Pollards' application to withdraw **COME BY SUNDAY** on race morning was approved following the Stewards inspecting the mare and confirming that it was not in a suitable condition to compete as it had sustained multiple abrasions and displayed associated swelling to both hind legs from a stable mishap.

Race 4: Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin 0 – 70 Handicap 1200 metres

WELLDOYA (W Davis) – Lay inwards over the concluding stages.

ANDAMOOKA GEM (S Ridler) – Raced wide from 500 metres.

WESTEND SMASH (S Hillebrand) – Slow into stride.

Post race samples were taken from all winners.

From Darwin Turf Club meeting held on 1st February 2014

Race 5 – Trainer Mr D Leech reported that DE SOUBA STAR had returned with a stone bruise to the off fore following the event.

Race 5 – Trainer Ms T Halter reported that following the unplaced performance WHO KNOWS would now spell.

For D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards