

DARWIN TURF CLUB
Saturday 11th February 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: R Merritt (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, B Merritt, R Hamilton, L Twomey, J Lattenstien, P Brennan

Deputy Steward: D Merritt

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners:

Stakes Paid: \$

Race 1 – BENCHMARK 81 HCP - 1200 metres:

At the start REFLEX jumped out onto PHANTOM VERDE.

On jumping away ROCKY BAY bounded and PICK OF THE LOT jumped awkwardly.

In the straight PHANTOM VERDE hung.

1st PICK OF THE LOT 2nd FIRE Drake 3rd REFLEX

Race 2 – MAIDEN PLT - 1100 metres:

At the start THE TINKER bounded in the air and MR DAVE jumped awkwardly causing both runners to lose some ground.

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected JUJU GEORGIA and reported that filly had blood in it's mouth due to knocking it's tooth.

Ms J Cameron rider of WAIROA reported she had difficulty rounding the turn.

Stewards ordered WAIROA which hung badly to trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

J Cameron rider of WAIROA was issued a reprimand for using her whip forward of the shoulder on that gelding (AR 137A (4)(a)).

1st FREGOSI 2nd ALMADINE 3rd WAIROA

Race 3 – 0 - 70 HCP - 1000 metres:

Shortly after the start GLASGOW JIM came out and bumped HOLDING THE FORT.

EREMBOURG was slow away.

Prior to correct weight Ms C Angel rider of HIGHTOU requested to view the steward's patrol film.

1st ALCARNTSPELL 2nd THUMBPRINTS 3rd HIGHTOU

Race 4 – 0 – 64 HCP - 1200 metres:

At the start FORETHOUGHT jumped out onto LONG SHORTS.

Shortly after the start NEW YORKS FINEST came out onto CRACKALACKIN forcing that mare out onto FORETHOUGHT.

Prior to correct weight S Hillebrand rider of FORETHOUGHT and V Arnott rider of CRACKALACKIN requested to view the film.

As a result V Arnott rider of second placed CRACKALACKIN lodged a protest against the winner NEW YORKS FINEST ridden by C Spry alleging interference at the top of the straight and again over the concluding stages. Stewards, after reviewing the film and taking further evidence from J Manning, L Paech, C Spry & V Arnott dismissed the appeal.

During the event BRACE YOURSELVES suffered a bleeding attack. Mr G Clarke trainer of BRACE YOURSELVES was advised of his requirements under AR 53A.

1st NEW YORKS FINEST 2nd CRACKALACKIN 3rd LONG SHORTS

Race 5 – 0 - 58 HCP - 1300 metres:

Just after the 1200 metres STIRRUP CUP (P Crich) and CELESTIAL KINGDOM (C Spry) moved out taking ALANA'S MATE ridden by C Haddon across the heels of THE SAILOR which had also shifted in slightly.

As no single rider was responsible for this incident, no further action was taken.

1st THE SAILOR 2nd STIRRUP CUP 3rd VENUE

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Stewards completed an inquiry which was adjourned from Saturday 4th February into the use of the whip by Ms J Cameron rider of NOBEL CONNECTION in race 4 on that day. Stewards charged J Cameron under AR 137 A(5)(a)(i) with using the whip in two consecutive strides at approximately the 300m in the forehand manner and using the whip in the forehand manner on three consecutive strides at around the 150m.

Further Stewards charged J Cameron under AR 137 A(5)(a)(ii) with using the whip on 8 occasions in the forehand manner before the 100 metres, three more times than permitted under the rule.

Stewards found J Cameron guilty of all charges. Taking into account J Cameron's record, Stewards ordered she forfeit her riding fee in respect of her breaches of AR 137 A(5)(a)(i) and issued a reprimand in respect of her breach of AR 137 A(5)(a)(ii).