

STEWARDS' REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), M Hurley, B Lysaght
Deputy Stewards: D Elliott
Veterinary: Alice Veterinary Centre
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 38
Stakes Paid: \$53,500

Race 1: Mombasa Champagne Lounge 0 – 70 Handicap 1000 metres

Due to a delay with the arrival of the St Johns ambulance this race was rescheduled to commence at 3.15pm.

BEST A MAN CAN GET (C Moon) – Crowded and steadied passing the 1200m.

LANOGATCO (S Rowley) – Crowded at the start.

General: On inquiry Jockey P Denton (I AM IN COMMAND) was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a) for allowing his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear passing the 1200m resulting in BEST A MAN CAN GET (C Moon) being crowded and steadied.

Stewards questioned jockey B Davis (LE COMMANDANT) and apprentice D Pisani (AUSBRED ROYAL) regarding their tactics in the event when both horses set a fast tempo and led the field by a considerable margin through the middle stages. Jockey B Davis explained that he had been instructed to lead if possible and after being ridden positively from his wide barrier he was able progress forward on his mount but was then surprised to be continually challenged for the lead through the middle stages. Trainer Mr G Connor confirmed these instructions.

Apprentice D Pisani advised that he had been instructed to lead and maintain that position as is the mare's normal pattern. He explained that after being challenged for the lead in the early stages he continued to ride his mount along in an attempt to hold the lead and as he had continued to do so through the middle stages of the race his mount was under heavy pressure at the 600m and yielded ground from thereon. Stewards were of the opinion that apprentice D Pisani had erred by not handing up the lead to LE COMMANDANT leaving the 1200m and his tactics in continuing to challenge for the lead through the middle stages had been detrimental to the manner in which both horses finished the race off. Trainer Mrs L Gillett confirmed these instructions and agreed with the Stewards assessment. In the circumstances apprentice D Pisani was admonished and advised that in similar circumstances he must use his discretion and own initiative when trying to fulfil specific riding instructions and ride in a manner to ensure his mounts are given the best possible chance in the race. Apprentice D Pisani will be given further tutelage in this regard.

Race 2: Cup Day Luncheon 4th May Maiden 1000 metres

The start time of this event was amended to 3.43pm.

GOLDEN TONE (K Gladwin) – Raced wide throughout and greenly in running. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

MEDIA GOSSIP (C Moon) – Commenced awkwardly.

MISTER PERFORMER (S Rowley) – A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Following the uncompetitive performance trainer Mr W Savage was advised that the gelding must barrier trail to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. Trainer reported that the gelding will be leaving his stable.

ROSIE'S DREAM (F Bergstrand) – Returned with a minor injury to the off fore hoof.

Race 3: The Gem Cave Ladies Day Luncheon 11th April Handicap 1100 metres

INNOVATE (S Rowley) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that in her opinion the gelding did not seem to back up when racing in consecutive weeks and furthermore did not appreciate the heavier weight impost in today's event. Trainer Mr B Jones agreed with these comments.

FALPOLLO (K Connor) – Following the unplaced performance connections advised that the mare will now be retired.

Race 4: Young Guns 18th April Benchmark NT Handicap 1200 metres

No incidents to report

Race 5: XXXX Gold Cup Day 4th May Benchmark 54 Handicap 1200 metres

ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN (S Rowley) – Lay inwards passing the 150m.

NORTHERN EDGE (D Pisani) – Raced wide throughout.

LE COMMANDO (B Davis) – Slow into stride.

AZRAEL (C Moon) – Bounded at the start.

KEEP THE CURRENCY (P Denton) – A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that his mount had travelled well in running but was under pressure from the 500m. Trainer Mrs L Lefoe undertook to monitor the mare's recovery in the ensuing days and advise Stewards accordingly.

General: Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

D Hensler
NT Chairman of Stewards