

STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

Stewards: D Westover (Chairman), M Hurley, B Lysaght

Deputy Steward: D Elliott

Veterinarian: Alice Veterinary Centre

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 40

Stakes Paid: \$52,500

Race 1 XXXX Gold Handicap 1200 metres

ADJUSTER (K Gladwin) – Had to steady off heels of front runners approaching the 900m.

IDATRICE (K Connor) – Commenced slowly and despite the efforts of its rider, failed to muster early speed.

DOUBLE FIVE (W Davis) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

TYCOON QUEEN (F Bergstrand) – Commenced slowly bumping with another runner and shortly after was tightened between runners clipping heels and dipping. Raced wide throughout with no cover.

INNOVATE (S Rowley) – Knuckled on jumping.

Race 2: Lasseters Handicap 1100 metres

ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN (D Pisani) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

MABOOTS (K Gladwin) – Commenced slowly and was inclined to lay out in the early and middle stages of the event.

CLANGGAJANG (S Rowley) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

ACT OF FAITH (W Davis) – After slipping over in the mounting yard, a veterinary examination took place in the mounting yard and on arrival at the barriers and was subsequently declared fit to start.

BONSAI BOY (F Bergstrand) – Hung out rounding the home turn causing its rider some difficulties in controlling the gelding. Trainer Mr K Lamprechect was advised that a warning on that gelding was in place and a similar occurrence may result in some action being taken.

Race 3: Holdfast Class B Handicap 1200 metres

UNSHINKABLE (S Rowley) – Ridden hard in the early and middle stages of the event to maintain lead and then compounded over the final stages.

PROVEN FAITH (K Gladwin) – Commenced awkwardly hitting the gates as they opened.

SAND OF THE HOUR (P Denton) – Ridden hard in the early stages of the event and allowed to run at a solid pace to maintain lead before compounding over the concluding stages.

IMPERIAL DYNASTY (W Davis) – Commenced a little slow into stride and raced wide with no cover through out the event.

General: Stewards questioned apprentice S Rowley (UNSHINKABLE) and jockey P Denton (SAND OF THE HOUR) regarding their tactics in this event when both horses set a fast tempo and led the field by a considerable margin through the middle stages. Apprentice S Rowley explained that she was to ride the filly the same as she has ridden it in previous races which was to lead. Trainer Mr W Savage confirmed these instructions. Jockey P Denton explained that he too was to let his mount bowl along and lead if possible but had to set a faster tempo when taken on for the lead by UNSHINKABLE. Trainer Mrs L Lefoe also confirmed these instructions. In the circumstances stewards took no further action but advised all parties that it was the view of the stewards that discretion and their own initiative should be used when trying to fulfil specific riding instructions and ride in a manner which is not detrimental to giving their mounts the best possible chance in a race. S Rowley will be given further tutelage in this regard.

Race 4: Indervon Class B Handicap 1400 metres

KASKAR (K Gladwin) – Crowded for room on jumping and failed to muster early speed.

KRIS KRINGLE (J Cameron) – Had to steady slightly in-between runners approaching the 100m.

KEEP THE CURRENCY (P Denton) – Raced wide throughout with no cover.

MEDIA GOSSIP (K Manoukian) – Commenced a little awkwardly.

UNDERCOVERED WEALTH (W Davis) – Steadied off heels shortly after jumping and failed to muster early speed.

Race 5: Holdfast Handicap 1400 metres

SLIPPER DREAM (F Bergstrand) – Shifted ground over the concluding stages bumping with another runner.

LANOGATCO (W Davis) – Slow into stride on jumping.

I AM IN COMMAND (P Denton) – Bumped with another runner shortly after jumping.

PHERENICE (S Rowley) – Bumped with another runner shortly after jumping.

AZRAEL (J Cameron) – Commenced awkwardly.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners.

Pre-race samples were taken from Race 4; LAC BAY, MEDIA GOSSIP

Race 5; PHERENICE, AZRAEL

Urine samples were taken from riders: F Bergstrand, K Gladwin, D Pisani, K Manoukian, K Connor, P Denton, J Cameron, T Gillett.

Stewards questioned jockey W Davis in regards to his safety vest after an inspection of all riders' vests was conducted. It was found that the vest W Davis had in his possession was in a poor condition and had been manipulated in contravene of AR.87D.

Stewards accepted the explanation tendered by W Davis that the manipulation of the vest was for repairs and not a weight advantage.

Stewards subsequently found W Davis guilty of a charge under AR.87D in that he did have in his possession a vest which did not conform with a standard prescribed by the Board or which had been modified in any way.

W Davis was fined the sum of \$250.00 and notified of his right of appeal.

When considering penalty, stewards took into consideration that whilst the vest itself was in poor condition, it had not been modified for a weight advantage but had been modified by way of adding Velcro to secure together as the zipper was no longer working.

Summary

Fines – W Davis \$250

Suspensions – Nil

Embargos – Nil

Reprimand – Nil

Warnings – BONSAI BOY (Hung out)