

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB
SATURDAY 1st MARCH 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, J Lattenstein
Deputy Stewards: C Manley, A Napier
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 32
Stakes Paid: \$58,300

Race 1: Rydges Airport Resort Darwin Class B Handicap 1200 metres

STYLISH CRUISER (S Hillebrand) – Stewards permitted the withdrawal of the gelding prior to 8am after it had sustained abrasions and swelling to the near hind leg due to a stable mishap. Trainer Mr S Hillebrand was advised that he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for the gelding prior to racing or trialling again. He further advised that the gelding would now be sent for a spell.

TOP OF THE WORLD (W Davis) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance, rider advised that the gelding had raced greenly in the early stages and had consequently lost ground through the middle stages. He expressed that in his opinion the gelding may improve with the addition of blinkers. Trainer Mr C Pollard agreed and will consider effecting a gear change for its next start. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

KATESPUR (V Arnott) – Bumped at start.

CRISTI MORN (B Huppertz) – Lay outwards between the 800m and 350m.

Race 2: Quantas 0 – 58 Handicap 1100 metres

TWIN FALLS (F Bergstrand) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that she had been instructed to take up a forward position but after her mount was unsettled in the barriers it had commenced slightly awkwardly and despite her urgings the mare was quickly crossed by other runners and she was left with no option than to race in a rearward position. This explanation was noted.

SEA HORSE (A Brown) – Raced wide throughout. Returned having cast it's off fore plate in the running.

Race 3: Corestaff Benchmark NT 72 Handicap 1300 metres

No incidents to report.

General - As jockey S Hillebrand was overweight he was replaced as the rider of SAVANNAH PRINCE by jockey S Ridler. S Hillebrand was reprimanded under AR120 (b) for failing to make the allotted weight. In consideration of penalty, Stewards took into account that this was his first breach of this rule in his ten year career as a jockey.

Race 4: Ascend Sales 0 – 64 Handicap 1300 metres

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (W Davis) – Crowded at the start. Returned having cast its off fore plate in the running.

COMMAND PERFORMANCE (S Ridler) – Bumped on straightening.

JOLLIENCE (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide on straightening.

MUDSLIDE (S Hillebrand) – Fractious behind the barriers and reared over dislodging its rider. The gelding underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to compete. As this incident delayed the start time of this race by several minutes, trainer Mr S Hillebrand was advised that a warning would be placed on the geldings' loading behaviour and a repetition would result in further action being taken.

MOUSE (M Tyndall) – Shifted inwards and bumped another runner at the 800 m.

TORNADO JACK (A Brown) – Bumped at the start.

NABALI (C Lloyd) – Bumped at the start.

SHE SWINGS (R Oakford) – Returned having cast its off hind plate in running and to have a laceration to that leg.

WELCOME RETURN (S Rowley) – Crowded and bumped at the 800m and again bumped on straightening.

DE SOUBA STAR (B Huppatz) – Returned having cast its near fore and off hind plates in running.

General - On inquiry it was established that approaching the 800m, apprentice M Tyndall (MOUSE) shifted inwards causing WELCOME RETURN (apprentice S Rowley) to be carried inwards, crowded and bumped. Apprentice M Tyndall was advised to show more care when shifting ground in the future.

Race 5: Total Event Services 0 – 70 Handicap 1600 metres

ANDAMOOKA GEM (S Ridler) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that his mount commenced to race keenly leaving the 1400m and due to the moderate pace he was caught wide and therefore allowed the gelding to stride forward and lead. He further explained that as a consequence his mount was under pressure prior to the home turn and yielded ground in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have an elevated heart rate. Trainer Ms T Halter agreed with the rider's comments that the gelding had not been suited to the moderate early pace and she would also give consideration to a gear change.

General

Post race samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from SAVANNAH PRINCE, ANDAMMOKA GEM.

The following TCO2 results were taken on Saturday 22nd February 2014:

VILLE DE BERNE	P Cole	28.7
IT'S BLACK MAGIC	G Clarke	27.9

For D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards