

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB
FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2016

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Twomey (Chairman), R Hamilton, L Jackson, A Napier, L Ross (Clerk of Scales), S Copelin (Assistant Judge)

Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 33

Stakes Paid: \$53,600

Race 1: BM54 Handicap (Div 1) 1000m

DASH ABOUT (P Denton) – Bumped with another runner shortly after the start.

HAMISH BOY (S Ridler) – Bumped shortly after the start. Subsequent to the event rider reported the gelding hesitated rounding the home turn due to a scarification marks on the track. Following this event the track surface was dragged to remove any disruption to the surface.

Race 2: TROBIS BM54 Handicap (Div 2) 1000m

CRACKED (B Huppatz) – Bumped shortly after the start and inconvenienced.

BRIDGEY FLYER (R Rhodes) – Bumped at the start. Raced wide throughout.

VIA MAZZINI (Brendon Davis) – Bumped at the start.

DESERT LADY (N Rose) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1200m

LEGAL VEINE (J Todd) – Slow away. Raced wide throughout.

MEET MY BRO (R Rhodes) – Slow into stride.

TATAMAGOUCHE (W Davis) – Held up for a clear run rounding the turn and entering the straight.

Race 4: 0 – 64 Handicap 1200m

MORE THAN FRANK (P Denton) – Slow into stride.

PLEASURE OR PAIN (S Ridler) – Rider reported that the gelding resented the pressure when racing tight rounding the turn and was reluctant to run on.

Race 5: 0 - 70 Handicap 1600m

DOCKING (B Davis) – Raced wide through out.

AIR STRIKER (C Spry) – Weakened significantly from the 600 metres.

FLYING SOLO (P Denton) – Cast its off hind plate in running.

THE KUNUNURRA KID (B Huppatz) – Bumped at the 500 metres and contacted the running rail.

CASINO EXIT (R Rhodes) – Attempted to lay in at the 1300 metres.

MITFORD GIRL (S Ridler) – Badly inconvenienced by a weakening runner at the 500 metres. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

General: Stewards questioned riders S Ridler (MITFORD GIRL), C Spry (AIR STRIKER), B Huppatz (THE KUNUNURRA KID) & N Rose (STREET RELATED) in relation to an incident near the 500 metres. It was established that MITFORD GIRL which was racing tight, was forced to be taken hold of by it's rider to avoid the heels of AIR STRIKER which commenced to yield ground quickly, as a result MITFORD GIRL then bumped with THE KUNUNURRA KID forcing that gelding to make contact with the inside running rail.

Further evidence was taken from Dr Jamin Fairbrother who reported that AIR STRIKER was lame in both front feet following a post race inspection.

On the evidence presented, Stewards were of the opinion that no one rider was at fault for the incident and accepted the explanation of all riders.

Trainer/Jockey Mr C Spry was advised that he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for AIR STRIKER prior to racing again.

Summary

Fines

Race 4 - Jockey W Davis was fined \$100 for using his whip on 2 additional occasions than permitted prior to the 100m.

Reprimands/Warnings

Race 2 - Jockey B Huppatz was reprimanded for using his whip on 1 additional occasion than permitted prior to the 100m.

Suspensions

Embargoes

Race 5 – AIR STRIKER, Veterinary Certificate.