

STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

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

Officials: L Spicer, N Westover

Clerk of the Scales: A Korman

Judge/Asst Judge: Z Butcher, L Horsefall

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 40

Stakes Paid: \$83,000

Race 1 Guinness Handicap 1200 metres

THEATREMAN (T Gillett) – Bumped with another runner on jumping and bumped on several occasions between runners shortly after.

REMBRANT (K Gladwin) – Taken out wide shortly after jumping by another runner.

ARTIES ANGEL (J Cameron) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

BACKSTOP (S Westover) – Bumped on jumping and inconvenienced between runners shortly after. After performing poorly a subsequent veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

VIA MAZZINI (D Pisani) – Bumped with another runner on jumping and shifted out shortly after. Inclined to roll in under pressure over the final 100m.

General: Correct weight for this event was delayed after W Kerford (CATCHTHERAINBOW) requested to see the Stewards footage of the final 100m. After viewing the footage, correct weight was declared.

Race 2: 9th April The Gem Cave Ladies Day Luncheon Handicap 1200 metres

FINKE (N Rose) – A little slow into stride.

PRANFARE (R Vigar) – Commenced awkwardly.

REMEMBER RAZOR (W Kerford) – Commenced awkwardly.

General: Stewards questioned apprentice R Vigar (PRANFARE) in regards to his ride in this event. R Vigar advised that his instructions were to ride forward and that he did not want to get caught in any kickback as his mount would resent it. Stewards were of the view that R Vigar had secured a good position at the 800m sitting just off the pace and out of the kickback. R Vigar then elected to keep letting his mount roll forward to challenge for the lead at the 600m which in the view of the Stewards may have been detrimental to the chances of that filly finishing closer. R Vigar was advised that in future he must use more initiative once securing a position in a race and not to leave his rides open for question.

Race 3: 16th April McDonalds Young Guns Day Handicap 1100 metres

MITIGATE (S Westover) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

AUSBRED CUTIE (T Gillett) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

Race 4: Alice in the Territory Handicap 1100 metres

AURUMCERT (S Westover) – Slow into stride and losing ground.

ZIZZELDO (N Rose) – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider explained that after commencing a little slow into stride and then caught back behind runners, he resented the kickback and failed to stride out until straightening up when he made up some ground.

SHORT SHIFT (T Gillett) – Shifted in abruptly shortly after jumping.

General: Correct weight for this event was delayed when S Westover (AURUMCERT) requested to view the Stewards footage of the final 200m. After viewing the footage correct weight was declared.

Race 5: Colemans Printing Handicap 1000 metres

WEEKENDINALICE (K Gladwin) – Inclined to roll out under pressure over the final 100m.

EMPRESS O'REILLY (R Vigar) – Raced wide rounding the home turn and down the length of the straight.

ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN (B Huppertz) – Commenced awkwardly when attempting to get its head down just as gates were effected. Trainer Mr W Savage was advised that as the gelding had previously displayed a tendency to become fractious in the barriers, a warning had now been placed on that gelding and that a similar occurrence may result in some action being taken.

BLAME IT ON RIO (W Kerford) – Momentarily tightened between runners shortly after jumping.

Race 6: ST Patricks Cup 1600 metres

GALA ARCH (K Gladwin) – Fractious in the barriers.

NEW EMPIRE (R Vigar) – Raced wide into the straight and down the length of the straight.

GOLD ZAC (D Pisani) – Bounded out of the barriers losing ground. On returning to scale was found to have bled from one nostril. Trainer Mr P Gardner was advised of his obligations under AR53A(7).

General: Stewards questioned apprentice R Vigar in the presence of host trainer Mr G Lefoe in regards to his whip use in this event.

R Vigar was subsequently found guilty of a charge under AR137A5(a)(i)(ii) in that he used his whip on 8 extra occasions with 7 of those consecutively prior to the 100m.

Apprentice R Vigar had his licence to ride in races suspended to expire midnight 19th March (1NT meeting). R Vigar was further fined the sum of \$350. Stewards when considering penalty took into consideration his poor record in relation to the whip with his last breach as recently as last week when Stewards advised him that he was now on notice that another breach may attract a higher penalty. R Vigar was advised of his rights of appeal.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners

Pre-race samples taken from: NEW EMPIRE, GOLD ZAC.

Fines/Suspensions/embargos

Race 3 Jockey S Westover (MITIGATE) was fined \$100 for using his whip on 2 extra occasions than permitted prior to the 100m – AR137A5(a)(ii).

Race 6 Apprentice R Vigar (NEW EMPIRE) was fined \$350 and suspended 1NT meeting for using his whip on 8 extra occasions than permitted prior to the 100m with 7 of those being consecutive – AR137A5(a)(i)(ii).

Race 6 GOLD ZAC (one nostril bleeder) requirements of AR53A(7).