

## STEWARDS REPORT

### ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2016

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

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

Officials: L Spicer, N Westover

Clerk of the Scales: A Korman

Judge/Asst Judge: C Flattum, Z Butcher

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 55

Stakes Paid: \$ 65,000

General: As jockeys M Tyndall, S Westover & K Connor were indisposed the following riding replacements were approved.

Race 2 – COLDROCK (K Gladwin) BLUE SHORE (P Denton) SHOGUN STAR (W Kerford)

Race 3 – RAZOR TIME (F Bergstrand)

Race 4 – JUST TOO HARD (J Cameron) MR GOOD LOOKING (W Kerford)

Race 6 – RUPERT (D Pisani)

Jockey S Westover was overweight and was subsequently fined \$300 for a breach of AR120(b).

Stewards accepted the explanation tendered by jockey K Connor who was unable to make her flight from interstate to attend the race meeting.

#### **Race 1 Brian Cairns Handicap 1600 metres**

**ADJUSTER** (K Gladwin) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance, rider advised that although obliged to race without cover in running, his mount had raced in a flat manner and was under pressure from the 700m when the pace quickened. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr K Rogerson subsequently advised that the gelding had pulled up lame in both front legs and was advised that he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing again.

**MORE THAN FRANK** (F Bergstrand) – Carried outwards, bumped and unbalanced losing ground near the 500m and raced wide from thereon.

**IDATRICE** (G Watson) – Carried outwards, bumped heavily and unbalanced near the 500m. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that despite receiving interference at the 500m his mount was already under pressure from the 600m and in his opinion had raced below expectations. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be sore over the hindquarters. Trainer Mr D Leech was advised that he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing again.

**NEW EMPIRE** (R Vigar) – Taken outwards to improve and contacted with another runner at the 500m.

General: On inquiry apprentice R Vigar was found guilty of a charge of reckless riding under AR137(a). The specifics being that near the 500m he did angle and ride his mount outwards

making contact with MORE THAN FRANK (F Bergstrand) which was bumped and unbalanced and further caused IDATRICE (G Watson) to be bumped heavily and also unbalanced. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the higher level of seriousness attached to reckless riding, the degree of interference was in the mid range and his previous record in relation to this rule. Apprentice R Vigar had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of 3 NT meetings to expire after midnight 16 April, 2016. Apprentice Vigar was further advised of his right of appeal.

#### **Race 2: David Lillecrapp Handicap 1100 metres**

**VIA MAZZINI** (D Pisani) – Raced wide throughout.

**MR PORTER** (C Haddon) – Blundered at the start almost dislodging its rider.

**DESERT LADY** (S Ridler) – Knuckled at the start. When questioned regarding his vigour in the straight rider advised that as the mare had a tendency to lay inwards he had difficulty in fully testing his mount. He added that the mare was beginning to make good ground over the concluding stages but was improving close to heels. This explanation was noted.

**BLUE SHORE** (P Denton) – Slow into stride and momentarily tightened between runners shortly after jumping.

#### **Race 3: John McBride 2YO Plate 1000 metres**

**CASINO JAKE** (G Watson) – Raced ungenerously rounding the home turn.

**CHARLIE BUBBLES** (K Gladwin) – Inclined to lay inwards under pressure over the concluding stages of the event.

**RAZOR TIME** (F Bergstrand) – Cantankerous when proceeding to the barriers.

**RAZOR BURN** (W Kerford) – Proved difficult to load and delayed the start time of the event. Trainer Mr T Gillett was advised that a warning would be placed on the filly's manners.

#### **Race 4: Terry Lillis Handicap 1200 metres**

**CHETTALLI** (G Watson) – Commenced awkwardly and raced wide rounding the home turn and into the straight.

**FLYING SOLO** (S Ridler) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**VAN PERSIE** (R Vigar) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that after being slow into stride his mount raced keenly in the early stages and after being unable to take up a forward position the gelding did not appreciate the kickback. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**JUST TOO HARD** (J Cameron) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**MR GOOD LOOKING** (W Kerford) - Trainer Mr N Moody advised of a change in riding instructions in that the gelding would be ridden more prominently if possible. This information was disseminated. Inclined to roll out under pressure over the final 150m.

#### **Race 5: Bernadette Joyner Handicap 1200 metres**

**ENGINE FIFTY FIVE** (W Kerford) – Trainer Mr N Moody advised of a change in riding instructions in that the gelding would be ridden more prominently if possible. This information was disseminated. Stewards questioned jockey W Kerford in relation to him looking over his right shoulder on two occasions inside the final 150m. He explained that his mount was laying out under pressure and he was endeavouring to ensure he was not interfering with other runners. The head on patrol film supported that the gelding was laying out and Stewards were satisfied with his explanation.

**Race 6: Kevin Hickmott Plate 1200 metres**

**CATTLECAMP CROONER** (\$12) – Declared a late scratching at 4.26pm acting on veterinary advice after the gelding injured it's off fore tendon in the barriers. Trainer Mr V Oldfield was advised that he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing again.

The following deductions were applicable to winning bets placed prior to 4.26pm

TALLAROOK	6c win	5c place
BELLA GIULIETTA		6c place
OSCAR'S FURY		7c place

**OWESMEBIGTIME** (J Cameron) – Inconvenienced between runners close to the finish line.

**SCHOONER** (R Vigar) – Commenced awkwardly getting its head up and raced wide in the middle stages of the event.

**BELLA GIULIETTA** (W Kerford) – Slow into stride.

**TALLAROOK** (K Gladwin) – Got its head up soon after jumping.

**UNCOVERED WEALTH** (B Davis) – Slow into stride.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners

Pre-race samples taken from: MORE THAN FRANK

All riders breath tested for alcohol.

**Fines/Suspensions/embargos**

Jockey S Westover: \$300 AR120(b)

Race 1: Apprentice R Vigar suspended reckless riding from midnight 2<sup>nd</sup> April to expire midnight 16<sup>th</sup> April (3NT meetings).

Race 5: Jockey B Huppatz Race 5: \$200 AR137A(5)(a)(i)(ii)

Race 1 ADJUSTER: Veterinary certificate

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Race 3 RAZOR BURN: Warning

Race 6 CATTLECAMP CROONER: Veterinary certificate