

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Sunday 3rd April 2011

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Overcast

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane(Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, R Merritt, B Merritt, R Hamilton, L Twomey

Deputy Steward: J Lattenstien

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 50

Stakes Paid: \$50,400

Race 1 - CLASS B HCP - 1200 metres:

In the early stages RAMPANT PRINCE hung out badly and was eased down.

B Huppertz rider of RAMPANT PRINCE stated that the gelding hung out from the outset and he was on the outside rail by the 700 metres and for this reason he eased the gelding down. Ms T Halter trainer of RAMPANT PRINCE advised the Stewards that the gelding had never hung out before and she could offer no explanation for it doing so today.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon inspected RAMPANT PRINCE and reported she could find no apparent abnormality with that gelding.

Ms T Halter trainer of RAMPANT PRINCE was advised that a warning would be placed against the horse and similar behaviour in the future could lead to further action.

Near the 200 metres AFFAIR LIES rolled in and as a result BLUE RAZOO had to shift in to avoid it's heels.

In the straight LADY JINX had a tendency to lay in.

1st GOLDEN SHEKELS 2nd LADY JINX 3rd GEELONG

Race 2 – CLASS B HCP - 1300 metres:

Near the 1100 metres PAPANDREOU was tightened between CELESTIAL KINGDOM and SISTER ROSETTA and was buffeted for a number of strides between those 2 runners. It was established that PAPANDREOU initially rolled out onto SISTER ROSETTA and then HOSTILE ELEMENT (Ms A Brown) shifted in taking SISTER ROSETTA in onto PAPANDREOU which then made contact with CELESTIAL KINGDOM. Ms A Brown was advised that while Stewards did not hold her fully responsible for the interference she was advised that in future she must ensure she leaves sufficient room for runners on her inside.

Near the 400 metres HARBINGERS had to be checked when tightened for room by RUBITONS FAREWELL (Ms V Arnott) which rolled in abruptly. V Arnott stated that her mount was hanging out and then shifted in quickly catching her unaware.

Stewards reprimanded V Arnott for shifting in when not sufficiently clear and advised her that she must do her utmost to keep her mounts straight in future.

1st YOSHI BOY 2nd ONE CARAT 3rd DANCE AT ROSARIO

Race 3 – 0 -58 HCP - 1200 metres:

QUANTUM FIRE jumped awkwardly and was then tightened for room from GLORIA which shifted in.

Stewards reprimanded M McDuff rider of JAFTICA under AR137 (A) (4) (b) for raising his arm above his shoulder when rising the whip. M Mc Duff was further advised that his use of the whip bordered on excessive and he should consider his whip use going forward.

Ms S Montgomerie rider of SIENNA DIAMOND was found guilty of a charge of careless riding (AR137 (a)). The careless riding being that near the 900 metres she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of STIRRUP CUP thereby taking that gelding in onto UNMERITED which had GLORIA racing on it's inside. As a result UNMERITED and GLORIA had to be checked.

Ms S Montgomerie was suspended from riding in races for a period to expire at midnight on Sunday 10th April and fined \$250.

1st SIENNA DIAMOND 2nd EQUITABLE 3rd STIRRUP CUP

Race 4 – 0 - 63 HCP - 1600 metres:

Approaching the 1400 metres MELODY STREET had to be eased off the heels of SEYMOUR SNAKE which rolled in onto the fence.

The Clubs Veterinary surgeon reported that SEYMOUR SNAKE had blood in it's near side nostril subsequent to the event.

Ms L Williams trainer of SEYMOUR SNAKE was advised that the gelding must gallop over 1000 metres to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

1st TEQUILLA MIDNIGHT 2nd SEYMOUR SNAKE 3rd VENUE

Race 5 – 0 - 69 HCP - 1100 metres:

Near the 650 metres NIGGLES had to be eased off the heels of PICK OF THE LOT (B Davis) which rolled in.

B Davis was reprimanded for shifting in when not sufficiently clear and advised that in future he must ensure he is 2 lengths clear prior to shifting ground.

Near the 400 metres BELONG TO LOIRE was held up for a clear run for several strides.

Approaching the winning post HIGHTOU had to be eased off the heels of PICK OF THE LOT when taken in by BELLBOOKANDCANDLE (Ms S Montgomerie). Ms S Montgomerie who had left the course will be reprimanded for permitting her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear.

Stewards adjourned inquiries into the whip use by B Huppatz rider of NIGGLE and Ms V Arnott rider of THE BEAN COUNTER.

The Clubs Veterinary surgeon reported BARTER ME had suffered lacerations on the near fore during the event.

Ms L Williams trainer of PICK OF THE LOT and CULLEN'S SHADOW was fined \$50 on each account for presenting these horses late in the mounting yard (AR124).

1st NIGGLE 2nd BELLBOOKANDCANDLE 3rd PICK OF THE LOT

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race swap surplus were taken from FASTIZIO, COMMON GROUND and TEQUILLA MIDNIGHT.

Adjourned inquiry from Race 3 19th March

Stewards today completed an inquiry into the use of the whip by licensed jockey R Oakford when he rode JESTACONI in Race 3 at Fannie Bay on Saturday 19th March.

R Oakford was found guilty of a charge under AR137A (3) with excessive use of the whip on JESTACONI when his mount was out of contention and showing no response (AR137A (4) (c) (d)). R Oakford was fined for the sum of \$200.