

STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SATURDAY 9th 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: 7

Number of Runners: 72

Stakes Paid: \$ 139,000

Race 1 Alice In The Territory Handicap 1200 metres

Prior to the race Stewards interviewed trainer L Lefoe in relation to the riding instructions she intended to give each jockey bearing in mind her stable had 3 runners in the event. All runners were ridden accordingly.

CHICKAMAUGA (C Haddon) – was declared a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 12.50pm after the gelding struck it's off side hip on the enclosure fence and sustained a laceration. Stewards ordered the following deductions:

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| ROYAL CHOICE | 3c win | 4c place |
| MOOT | | 4c place |
| NEVER POINTLESS | | 5c place |

ZANDERCAN (B Huppertz) – Raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages and mistrode near the 400m unbalancing. Due to it's racing manner the gelding will be required to barrier trial satisfactorily prior to racing again.

MOOT (K Gladwin) – Raced without cover in running.

NEVER POINTLESS (K Jennings) – Shifted in and away from another runner near the 1100m.

RIBERA DEL DUERO (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly.

ROYAL CHOICE (N Rose) - Returned having bled from the off side nostril. Trainer T Huish was advised that the gelding must complete a satisfactory gallop in the presence of the Stewards prior to racing again in accordance with AR53.

BEST A MAN CAN GET (C Spry) – Bumped and carried inwards near the 1100m. Tightened for room and dipped from heels near the 1050m

LE COMMANDO (J Todd) – Returned having bled from the off side nostril. Trainer G Connor was advised that the gelding must complete a satisfactory gallop in the presence of the Stewards prior to racing again in accordance with AR53.

LADY FLEETFOOT (W Kerford) – Bumped and unbalanced near the 1100m.

DESERT LADY (S Ridler) – Bumped, crowded and steadied near the 1100m.

General: On inquiry it was established that ZANDERCAN (B Huppertz) raced ungenerously in the early stages and shifted in quickly near the 1100m resulting in NEVER POINTLESS (K Jennings) shifting in and away from that runner causing interference to BEST A MAN CAN GET

C Spry) , DESERT LADY (S Ridler) and LADY FLEETFOOT (W Kerford). ZANDERCAN continued to race ungenerously and again shifted near the 1050m resulting in NEVER POINTLESS and BEST A MAN CAN GET again receiving interference. Trainer W Savage was advised that due to its racing manner ZANDERCAN must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Race 2: Yeperenye Shopping Centre Handicap 1200 metres

DANGER MOUSE (K Gladwin) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that after beginning well he was reluctant to ride vigorously for a forward position from his wide barrier as runners drawn to his inside showed more pace in the early stages. He explained that he was then obliged to race wide in running and his mount was off the bit approaching the first turn and had a tendency to lay out from thereon. This explanation was noted.

PHERENICE (B Huppertz) – Commenced awkwardly.

Race 3: Peter Sitzler Memorial Handicap 1100 metres

THE HUMMEL (F Bergstrand) – Shifted ground outwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

I'M A SOLDIER (K Gladwin) – Raced wide throughout.

GALLANT EXPRESS (G Watson) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

CHARLIE BELLE (C Haddon) – Slow to begin.

DARK CLOUD (S Ridler) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground.

Race 4: The Gem Cave Dash 1000 metres

PLANET VOYAGE (F Bergstrand) – Raced without cover in running.

PURPLE PASSAGE (W Kerford) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground. Lay outwards under pressure over the final 100m.

OVERRIDE (J Todd) – Ridden vigorously in the early and middle stages to maintain a forward position.

Race 5: Mixed Lollies Handicap 1400 metres

MCKENNA (G Watson) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

RUSSIAN ROCKER (J Todd) – Fractious in the barriers prior to the start.

ZOOM LAD (K Gladwin) – Crowded at the start. Steadied after improving onto heels near the 400m.

BACKSTOP (N Rose) – Bumped at the start and again shortly after.

ZIGGLER (C Haddon) – Slow into stride.

CATCHTHERAINBOW (W Kerford) - Fractious in the barriers prior to the start.

BRIDGEY FLYER (S Ridler) – Veered inwards and bumped at the start.

GIRL HAPPY (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 6: Yellowglen Handicap 1400 metres

KAYNO (F Bergstrand) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that gelding did not respond when put under pressure passing the 800m and although obliged to race wide in running, in her opinion raced below expectations. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

MADIBA'S VISION (J Todd) – Knuckled at the start almost dislodging its rider.

Race 7: Imparja Television NT Guineas 1600 metres

BIANCONI'S SON (G Watson) – Tightened for room and restrained losing ground near the 1500m. Steadied from the heels of a tiring runner near the 400m.

CAPITOLINE (D Pisani) – Bumped at the start.

CASH LEAKAGE (P Denton) – Dipped at the start. Carried inwards and bumped near the 1500m.

HEART OF RED (K Jennings) - Bumped at the start.

MALIBU RAIN (N Rose) – Bumped heavily and unbalanced near the 1500m. Raced wide throughout.

OSCARS FURY (B Huppatz) - Bumped at the start.

THE WILD ONE (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

General: On inquiry it was established that approaching the 1500m FINKE (B Davis) shifted in and away from HEART OF RED (K Jennings) resulting in SUNSET STRIP (C Spry) also shifting in and away from FINKE. This resulted in CASH LEAKAGE (P Denton) being carried inwards causing BIANCONI'S SON (G Watson) to be tightened for room and restrained after making heavy contact with MALIBU RAIN (N Rose). Stewards were satisfied that HEART OF RED was clear when shifting ground and further that jockeys B Davis and C Spry had attempted to straighten their respective mounts and therefore no further action was taken in regards to this interference.

General: Stewards opened an inquiry into an alleged altercation on course involving trainer R Bell and jockey D Pisani. The inquiry was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners and EIGHTEEN BOMBERS.

Pre-race samples taken RUSSIAN ROCKER, BRIDGEY FLYER and all runners engaged in Race 7.

Fines/Suspensions/embargos

Nil