

## STEWARDS REPORT

### ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

Stewards: D Westover (Chairman), M Hurley, B Lysaght, T Bell, M Campion

Deputy Steward: D Elliott

Veterinarian: Alice Veterinary Centre

Number of Races: 8

Number of Runners: 75

Stakes Paid: \$150,000

#### **Race 1 Harvey Norman Sprint 1200 metres**

**ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN** (S Rowley) – Commenced awkwardly.

**LE COMMANDO** (K Connor) – Raced wide throughout the event with no cover.

**KING SPIN** (R Vigar) – Slow into stride. Returned to scale having bled from one nostril. Trainer Mr J Peacock was advised that the gelding is subject to the provisions of AR53A(7).

**General:** Stewards intend to inquire into apprentice jockey S Rowley's riding of ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN through-out this event on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park.

#### **Race 2: Double Tree by Hilton Handicap 1200 metres**

**NOEL'S DREAM** (K Gladwin) – Rolled in at the 800m and had to steady.

**LE COMMANDANT** (K Connor) – Commenced to roll out under pressure down the length of the straight.

**AUSBRED ROYAL** (S Westover) – Stewards declared a late scratching on veterinary advice at 1:35 due to an abscess in its off side front. As betting had not yet commenced on this event there were no deductions applicable. Trainer Mrs L Gillett was advised that she must produce a veterinary certificate of soundness prior to racing or trialling again.

**PHERENICE** (S Rowley) – Raced wide throughout with no cover.

#### **Race 3: Scope Building Handicap 1100 metres**

**ESSENTIAL ELEMENT** (C Moon) – Slow into stride.

#### **Race 4: Mombasa Day Spa & Hairdressing Lounge Dash 1000 metres**

**PLANET VOYAGE** (F Bergstrand) – Knuckled slightly on jumping bumping with another runner.

**FIGHT TO THE LINE** (K Connor) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**General:** Stewards inquired into the ride of K Connor racing wide rounding the home turn whilst using her whip in the left hand. K Connor advised that the gelding had been laying out with her causing her to race wide. Stewards expressed their concerns over her explanation and advised that a similar display of riding may result in some action being taken.

#### **Race 5: SDA Plumbing Handicap Div 1 1400 metres**

**CRUZIERO** (T O'Donnell) – Bumped on jumping.

**SLIPPER DREAM** (D Pisani) – Bumped several times at the start, rolled in soon after jumping when racing forward.

**ARROGANT** (P Denton) – Was taken in by another runner soon after jumping and tightened onto another runner having to take hold.

**NEW EMPIRE** (R Vigar) – Rolled in slightly approaching the 600m.

**WINDSOR SPIRIT** (S Westover) – Had to steady off heels approaching the 600m losing a little ground. Inspected by the Club's veterinary surgeon following the geldings disappointing performance and reported she could find no apparent abnormalities. Trainer Mrs L Gillett advised that the race was not run to suit and that he may not have backed up from last week.

**BESA BOLA** (K Connor) – After jumping awkwardly getting its head up was tightened for room in-between runners shortly after having to take hold losing substantial ground.

**THE BEAUTIFUL WIFE** (C Moon) – Slow into stride.

**TIGER JET** (S Rowley) – Commenced a little awkward.

**General:** On inquiry apprentice D Pisani (SLIPPER DREAM) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) of careless riding. The specifics of the charge being that after jumping, he commenced to ride his mount forward uncorrected resulting in ARROGANT being tightened onto BESA BOLA which was then crowded for room having to take hold. Apprentice Pisani had his permit to ride in races suspended up until midnight the 25<sup>th</sup> April (2 ASTC meetings). D Pisani was notified of his right of appeal.

Stewards questioned S Westover (WINDSOR SPIRIT) and apprentice R Vigar (NEW EMPIRE) into an incident approaching the 600m. It was found that NEW EMPIRE rolled in slightly causing WINDSOR SPIRIT'S rider to steady off his heels on the point of the turn. Stewards were of the view that R Vigar did correct his mount quickly to relieve any further inconvenience to that runner and stewards took no further action.

#### **Race 6: The Gem Cave Handicap 1400 metres**

**PRETTY BLONDE** (P Denton) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**SPARTAN EAGLE** (S Westover) – Taken in by another runner shortly after jumping.

**CASINO EXIT** (R Vigar) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**BLAZING COMET** (D Pisani) – After jumping awkwardly tightened between runners.

#### **Race 7: Imparja Television NT Guineas 1600 metres**

**BACKSTOP** (K Connor) – Disappointed for a run when tightened between runners at the 200m.

**HARREBS TIME** (F Bergstrand) – Rolled in near 200m.

**JESTWIN** (W Kerford) – Bumped with another runner on jumping and raced wide throughout with no cover.

**LAC BAY** (S Rowley) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**PURPLE PASSAGE** (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly, rolled out 200m.

**RINGWOOD MAGIC** (S Westover) – Brushed the running rail about the 1200m.

**CATCHTHERAINBOW** (K Manoukian) – As the start was effected, reared up and lost considerable ground.

**General:** Correct weight for this event was delayed to ascertain whether CATCHTHERAINBOW was denied a fair start. After viewing the footage stewards declared correct weight.

### **Race 8: Yeperenye Shopping Centre Handicap Div 2 1400 metres**

**AQABA** (F Bergstrand) – Bounded out of gates bumping runners and momentarily tightened for room.

All riders were breath-tested for alcohol.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners.

Pre-race samples were taken from: BACKSTOP, BREATHE FREE, HARREBS TIME, JESTWIN, LAC BAY, PURPLE PASSAGE, REMBRANDT, RINGWOOD RANGER, SIRBIBLE, CARAJILLO, CATCHTHERAINBOW, DESERT ELSIE.

**General:** Stewards opened an inquiry into the riding of P Denton on SAND OF THE HOUR over the concluding stages in the Soldier Maiden Plate 1200 metres at Pioneer Park on Saturday 4<sup>TH</sup> April. P Denton was found guilty of a charge under AR137(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the end of the race. The specifics being that he failed to maintain second position by riding his mount to the end of the race. P Denton was fined the sum of \$250.00.

Trainer Mrs L Gillett was fined the sum of \$100 under AR47(4) for nominating her runner DISCOVERY LAD for race 1 the 0-58 Handicap for which it is ineligible.

Trainer Mr K Lamprecht was fined \$100 under NT129 for failing to declare his rider D Pisani (KASKAR) by the prescribed time.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Stewards opened an inquiry into the riding of apprentice S Rowley on ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN.

In the presence of her trainer in care Mr W Savage, apprentice Rowley was found guilty of a charge under AR137(a) for incompetent riding.

The specifics of the charge being that after jumping, apprentice S Rowley commenced to push her mount forward and once securing a prominent position about the 900m, and with no reasonable chance to take the lead, she elected to keep riding her mount out until it began to compound into the straight. Further to that S Rowley pulled the whip at the 200m when ESTAMBUL THIRTEEN had no prospect of improving its position.

S Rowley had her permit to ride in races suspended from midnight the 14<sup>th</sup> April up until midnight the 25<sup>th</sup> April (2 ASTC meetings).

When considering penalty, Stewards took into account that S Rowley had been placed on notice on two recent occasions that her similar tactics in endeavouring to maintain a forward position was not acceptable to the stewards. It was also taken into account that the suspension period involves 2 of Alice Springs feature Carnival race days.

S Rowley was advised of her right of appeal.

Summary

Fines – P Denton \$250, K Lamprecht \$100, L Gillett \$100

Suspensions – D Pisani (2 ASTC meetings) S Rowley (2 ASTC meetings)

Embargos – AUSBRED ROYAL, KING SPIN

Reprimand – Nil

Warnings – Nil