

STEWARDS' REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Westover, D Hensler, M Hurley, B Lysaght, T Bell
Veterinary: Alice Veterinary Centre
Number of Races: 8
Number of Runners: 80
Stakes Paid: \$139,000

Race 1: Indervon Petroleum Handicap 1200 metres

NADAKA (B Davis) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that the gelding was cantankerous in its preliminary and despite his urgings failed to travel in running and was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr G Clarke undertook to monitor the gelding's recovery and advise accordingly of his intentions.

ZOCALOS (C Moon) – Slow to begin.

MYSTIC OBSESSION (S Westover) – Steadied when racing in restricted room passing the 600m and held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

LET'S TRY HARDER (K Manoukian) – Commenced awkwardly and raced wide throughout.

Race 2: Royal Flying Doctor 0 – 58 Handicap 1100 metres

BRUSH OFF (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground. Taken outwards near the 100m around the heels of a tiring runner.

APACHE WING (J Todd) – Crowded at the 150m.

MOONSMOKE (R Vigar) – Bumped at the start. Raced ungenerously in the early stages getting its head in the air.

MEROONI (J Cameron) – Bumped at the start.

General: Apprentice F Bergstrand (BONSAI BOY) was reprimanded under AR137(b) for relaxing on her mount inside the 100m before again riding the gelding out over the concluding stages. In issuing the reprimand Stewards were of the opinion that her actions had not affected her finishing position.

Race 3: Murray Pest Control Handicap 1100 metres

ACTION AGAIN (J Todd) – Fractious in the barriers prior to the start and after undergoing a veterinary examination was cleared to compete. Commenced awkwardly.

SWEENEYS LANE (K Connor) – Bumped at the start and again shortly after.

PLANET VOYAGE (F Bergstrand) – Bumped at the start.

GOLD BUNDLE (R Vigar) – Bumped shortly after the start.

Race 4: Home Timber & Hardware Handicap 1000 metres

LE COMMANDANT (K Connor) – Raced wide throughout.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT (B Davis) – Took charge of its rider in the preliminary and after undergoing a veterinary examination was cleared to compete.

HOT TO TROT (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and then crowded shortly after losing ground.

SEA GEM (T O'Donnell) – Bounded at the start.

General: Jockey S Westover acknowledged breaching AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii) for using his whip in the forehand manner on 2 additional occasions than permitted and consecutively on 6 occasions prior to the 100m and was fined the sum of \$700. In arriving at this penalty Stewards took into account that his mount had won the race.

Race 5: Central Australian Removals Plate 1600 metres

LARGE RAAJ (R Vigar) \$26 – Struck the fence when leaving the mounting enclosure and after undergoing a veterinary examination was declared unfit to compete due to being lame in the off hind leg. The gelding was declared a late scratching at 3.59pm. All monies invested on the gelding were ordered to be refunded. All winning bets placed prior to 3.59pm were subject to the following deductions:

KAYNO	0c win	3c place
LAC BAY		4c place
WHISTLE STOP		2c place

BEST A MAN CAN GET (S Westover) – Following the unplaced performance a post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormality.

Race 6: Peter Sitzler Memorial 0 - 66 Handicap 1600m

Correct weight was delayed to allow the Stewards to view the head on patrol film of the start.

REVEL IN THE CHAOS (W Kerford) –

IDATRICE (K Gladwin) – Fractious in the barriers and reared as the start was effected losing considerable ground. Trainer Mr G Connor was advised that a warning would be placed on its barrier behaviour.

TYCOON QUEEN (S Westover) – Commenced awkwardly.

SOLITARY BIRD (K Connor) – Raced wide throughout.

General: Following this event jockey K Connor was examined by the Paramedics and declared unfit to fulfil her remaining engagements due to the effects of a virus. Stewards approved the following replacements: Race 7 DIFFERING FORTUNES (F Bergstrand) and Race 8 LE COMMANDO (T O'Donnell)

Race 7: Red Centre Technology Partners Chief Ministers Cup 1600m

AIR COMET (T O'Donnell) – Slow to begin. Rolled inwards over the concluding stages.

CASINO EXIT (J Cameron) – Bumped at the start.

SPARTAN EAGLE (S Westover) – Raced wide throughout.

ZAYAK (R Vigar) – Rider lost the use of his off side iron near the 1400m and was unable to ride competitively from thereon.

PRETTY BLONDE (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped, losing ground.

General: On inquiry it was established that near the 1400m the right stirrup leather mount snapped on apprentice R Vigar's saddle and he consequently lost the use of that iron. Stewards inspected his saddle following the race and found it to be in good order.

Darwin Horse Transport 0 – 58 Handicap 1400m

LE COMMANDO (T O'Donnell) – Jumped awkwardly and bumped.

SPARKLING SKY (P Denton) – Following the unplaced performance a post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

IN VINO VERITAS (F Bergstrand) – Bumped at the start.

General: Jockey S Westover acknowledged breaching AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii) for using his whip in the forehand manner on 5 additional occasions than permitted and consecutively on 9 occasions prior to the 100m and was fined the sum of \$500.

Swab samples were taken from all winners. Pre race samples were taken from all runners engaged in Race 7.

All riders were breath tested for alcohol.

General: From ASTC meeting Saturday 18 April, 2015

Stewards today continued the adjourned inquiry into the late scratching of ANOTHER MAN'S LOSS from race 1 "The Centralian Advocate 2YO Sprint" at the abovementioned race meeting.

Prior to the race and during the course of the Stewards conducting their normal pre race identity checks of runners engaged to race it was established that the gelding presented to race was not in fact ANOTHER MAN'S LOSS and it has subsequently been verified that it is an unnamed 2 yold gelding by CASINO PRINCE out of MANHATTAN TRANSFER.

Upon investigation it was established that trainer Mr D Leech had recently purchased 3 horses from a Magic Millions dispersal sale and had registered the names for two, namely ANOTHER MAN'S LOSS and CASINO JAKE. The third horse was the unnamed 2 yold mentioned above. Mr Leech explained and it was confirmed, that as he had only received the Identification Card the preceding day, he had mistakenly been preparing and presented to race the unnamed 2 yold under the incorrect assumption that it was ANOTHER MAN'S LOSS. The Stewards have now been able to establish the identity and location of all 3 horses purchased at the sales by Mr Leech.

In relation to this incident Mr Leech subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR59(1)(b) in that he presented the incorrect horse to race as ANOTHER MAN'S LOSS in race 1 The Centralian Advocate 2YO Sprint run over 1100m at the Alice Springs Turf Club on Saturday 18 April, 2015. Under the provisions of AR59(2) he and was fined the sum of \$750. In arriving at this penalty Stewards were satisfied that Mr Leech had been negligent in not confirming the identity of the gelding and that there was no attempt to be deceitful or dishonest and further that he had co-operated fully during the inquiry.

Summary fines/suspensions

From ASTC 18/4/2015 – Race 1 Trainer D Leech fined \$750 for a breach of AR59(1).

Race 4 – Jockey S Westover (HAND IN GLOVE) fined \$700 for breaching AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii)

Race 8 – Jockey S Westover (WINDSOR SPIRIT) fined \$500 for breaching AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii)