

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB
SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), R Merritt, R Hamilton, A Napier, L Jackson,
J Lattenstein, L Ross (Clerk of Scales)

Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 4

Number of Runners: 27

Stakes Paid: \$49,600

Race 1: HOT100 0 -58 Handicap 1100 metres

A protest lodged by jockey C Spry, rider of the second placed SOUND OF THE OCEAN against the winner RULE THE WAY (M Tyndall) alleging interference over the final 200m was dismissed. Whilst In dismissing the objection Stewards were of the opinion that RULE THE WAY had a tendency to lay outwards in the straight and as a result raced tightly with SOUND OF THE OCEAN and brushed with that runner near the 100m, they were not satisfied that the interference warranted a reversal of placing's.

RULE THE WAY (M Tyndall) – Lay outwards in running placing its rider in some difficulty in being able to fully test her mount in the straight. Brushed with another runner near the 100m. Trainer Mr M Carson was advised that a warning will be placed on the gelding's racing manner.

SOUND OF THE OCEAN (C Spry) – Raced tightly with another runner over the final 200m and brushed near the 100m.

BRAEBURN PARK (P Crich) – Slow into stride.

Race 2: Asian United Food Service 0 - 70 Handicap 1600 metres

CHOBÉ (C Spry) – Slow into stride. Following the unplaced performance a post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr C Nash intends to remove the nose band from the gelding and will nominate to race at Adelaide River in 3 weeks.

FISHTALE (R Vigar) – Shied from another runner and veered outwards over the concluding stages, unbalancing its rider.

Race 3: Bridge Toyota Handicap 1300 metres

TIBET (M Tyndall) – When questioned regarding the performance, rider advised that her mount commenced to lay out from the 700m and then felt uncomfortable in its action and mistrode near the 500m. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near hind leg. Trainer Mr M Carson was advised he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing or trialling again.

MR TANGALANGA (C Spry) – Trainer reported the gelding was slow to recover. He intends to add a tongue tie for the gelding's next start.

SENIOR COUNCIL (C Lloyd) – Raced wide throughout.

FRENCH TUSSON (W Davis) – Slow into stride.

PROPHECY (R Vigar) - Slow into stride.

Race 4: SKYCITY Darwin TROBIS Maiden 1200 metres

LEAN 'N' MEAN (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

MAKOWSKY (C Lloyd) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground.

MESTIZOS (F Bergstrand) – Fractious prior to the start.

FLYING TORMENTA (R Vigar) – Failed to muster early speed.

SHE'S A PLAN (W Davis) – Rider reported his mount resented the kickback in the early stages and when taken wider on the track near the 600m then lay outwards from thereon.

General:

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

All riders provided urine samples to be analysed for the presence of banned substances.

General: From Alice Springs Turf Club Monday 4 May, 2015

Stewards today convened an inquiry into the reason for apprentice S Rowley being dislodged from LAC BAY when the gelding fell near the 550m in race 4 the SKY RACING HANDICAP over 2000m. Evidence was taken from apprentice S Rowley, her host trainer Ms T Halter and trainer W Savage (via telephone). Stewards also considered a written statement from jockey P Denton and reports from trainers Mr G Clarke (EFFCEE) and Mr K Healy (AIR COMET) relating to their post race observations of each gelding.

After viewing the patrol films, considering the live Stewards observations of the race and the submissions from all parties it was established that leaving the 600m LAC BAY was racing in clear running between EFFCEE (B Davis) on the inside and AIR COMET (P Denton) on the outside. Near the 550m LAC BAY faltered, stumbled and fell dislodging its rider. LAC BAY sustained a compound fracture of the near fore cannon bone and was euthanized by the Club Veterinarian. Stewards were of the opinion that no jockey or horse in the race had any bearing on the incident and on the evidence in all likelihood the gelding sustained the fracture in running which caused it to falter and fall. Trainer Mr W Savage advised that LAC BAY had no previous history of unsoundness.

The Stewards therefore determined the incident to be accident and no further action was taken.

D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards