

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, R Merritt
Deputy Stewards: C Manley
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 36
Stakes Paid: \$58,300

Race 1: Get You Heart Racing 0 – 58 Handicap 1100 metres

BOURSE (V Arnott) – Lay outwards through the middle stages and consequently raced wide in the straight. Trainer Mr D Waters advised of his intention to effect gear changes on the gelding in an attempt to rectify its racing manner.

BATTLE READY (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start.

TWIN FALLS (F Bergstrand) - Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

LET HER SLIDE (W Davis) – Proved difficult to load.

Race 2: New Carnival Pass \$99 Benchmark NT Handicap 1100 metres

IT'S HOME (B Huppatz) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that when racing outside the leader his mount was hard ridden from leaving the 600m and under pressure shortly after and yielded ground in the straight. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr G Clarke expressed disappointment in the performance and undertook to monitor the gelding's recovery and advise Stewards accordingly. He further advised that the gelding may race in two weeks depending on its recovery. Stewards also ordered a swab sample be taken.

EMVOSS (R Oakford) – Slow into stride and failed to muster early speed.

BRIMARVI DUE FACE (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 3: Bridge Toyota Ladies Day Luncheon TROBIS Maiden Plate 1200 metres

BRAEBURN PARK (Wayne Davis) – Slow into stride. Steadied from the heels of a tiring runner approaching the 800m and again leaving the 600m.

DASHING CHARGER (V Arnott) – Bumped at start.

SUNBOUND (S Rowley) – Bumped at start.

APALA (R Oakford) – Raced wide throughout and lay outwards from the 500m. Trainer Ms M Boothby undertook to effect gear changes on the gelding in an attempt to rectify its racing manner.

General – Jockey S Hillebrand (DECLINED), was reprimanded for a breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i) in that he used the whip in the forehand manner on a consecutive occasion prior to the 100m.

Trainer Mr C Pollard was fined \$100 under AR140A(2) for presenting BRAEBURN PARK without its approved gear.

Race 4: Allure Party Marquee 0 – 64 Handicap 1300 metres

NIGHT OPTION (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

QUICK THOUGHTS (W Davis) – Steadied at the 600m . Returned having cast its off hind plate in running.

SWIFT SHAMROCK (M Tyndall) – Commenced to yield ground from the 600m and compounded in the straight. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Due to the poor performance trainer Mr D Waters was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

General – Jockey, W Davis (QUICK THOUGHTS) was fined \$300 for a breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i) & (ii) in that he used the whip in the forehand manner consecutively and on two additional occasions in than permitted prior to the 100m.

Apprentice, S Rowley (MINE CRAFT), was reprimanded under AR137A(4)(g) for using her whip unnecessarily when her mount was clearly winning.

Race 5: Legends of the Straight 0 – 70 Handicap 1200 metres

POWLETT (W Davis) – Carried inwards and steadied near the 900m. Taken outwards on straightening to secure clear running.

LUNCH MATES (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout.

RED HOT HUSSTLER (B Huppatz) – Tightened for room and steadied at the 700m and again near the 550m.

COMMANDPERFORMANCE (S Rowley) – Slow into stride.

PENNINES (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly. Raced ungenerously in the early stages and bumped and unbalanced near the 900m. Lay outwards through the middle stages.

General – On inquiry it was established that approaching the 900m RED HOT HUSSLER (B Huppatz) shifted ground resulting in POWLETT (W Davis) being carried inwards and steadied which caused PENNINES (M Tyndall) to be bumped and unbalanced. Jockey, B Huppatz, was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a) for shifting ground when not clear. In arriving at this decision stewards took into account that jockey, B Huppatz had made an effort to straighten his mount and further that PENNINES did race ungenerously leading up to the incident.

Stewards further inquired into the reasons for RED HOT HUSSLER being tightened for room and restrained by its rider and the 700m and again near the 550m. It was established that in the first incident RED HOT HUSSLER received interference as a result of being held tight when PENNINES had commenced to lay outwards despite the efforts of its rider. It was established that near the 550m RED HOT HUSSLER was again tightened for room when under pressure and racing between INTERNAL REVENUE (V Arnott) and POWLETT, which had shifted outwards marginally. Stewards were satisfied that no rider was at fault in these incidents and no further action was taken.

Swab samples were taken from all winners and IT'S HOME (Race 2).

General

Stewards considered a request from trainer Mr C Pollard to have the embargo to barrier trial on BRIMARVI FAITHFUL lifted following its unplaced performance at the DTC meeting on 11 April, 2014. He explained that the filly had recovered without incident and had been working well with the addition of a tongue tie. Stewards gave permission for the filly to be nominated for the Katherine Turf Club meeting this Saturday bearing in mind it will be a month between race starts.

For D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards