

## STEWARDS REPORT

### ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SUNDAY 07<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

Stewards: D Westover (Chairman), M Hurley, B Lysaght,  
Veterinarian: Alice Veterinary Centre  
Number of Races: 5  
Number of Runners: 41  
Stakes Paid: \$ 53,500

#### **Race 1 Doubletree By The Hilton Plate 1200 metres**

**MEROONI** (K Manoukian) – Crowded for room momentarily shortly after jumping.

**RIBERA DEL DUERO** (R Vigar) – Bumped with another runner on jumping and shifted in shortly after bumping on several occasions with another runner. Rider reminded of his obligations in relation to relieving pressure when racing tight.

**VIA MAZZINI** (E Brown) – Slow into stride.

**WATERBAG** (D Pisani) – Slow into stride bumping with another runner. Following the uncompetitive performance a veterinary examination revealed no apparent abnormalities. Trainer Mr J Luele was advised that the gelding must barrier trial satisfactorily prior to racing again. He further advised that the gelding will now be retired.

**YES MA'AM** (J Maund) – Rolled out slightly shortly after jumping.

**General:** Correct weight was delayed to allow the rider of the second placegetter to view the photo finish.

#### **Race 2: Cleanaway Handicap 1200 metres**

**ESSENTIAL ELEMENT** (J Cameron) – Slow into stride.

**SANTA MAURA** (E Brown) – Jumped awkwardly and bumped.

**AUSBRED ROYAL** (R Prest) – Bumped at the start.

**SHIVORO** (K Manoukian) – Raced wide throughout with no cover.

**General:** In the mounting yard prior to this event, trainer Mr M Nyhan advised the Stewards that he had instructed his rider J Cameron (ESSENTIAL ELEMENT) to ride back in the field if possible and an announcement to the public was made. Subsequently Mr Nyhan was reminded of his obligations under AR135A in that if a horse is to be ridden in a manner different from last start, notification of such should be made to the Stewards no later than 30 minutes prior to the race.

### **Race 3: Coca-Cola Handicap 1000 metres**

**OVERRIDE** (K Manoukian) – Rolled out under pressure from the 200 metre. Rider advised that in similar circumstances, he must stop riding and straighten his mounts.

**PERFECT PAUSE** (K Gladwin) – Slow into stride bumping with another runner.

**PURPLE PASSAGE** (R Prest) – Commenced awkwardly.

**HOLY GRAIL** (J Maund) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

### **Race 4: Colemans Printing Handicap 1000 metres**

**BEL VUITTON** (K Gladwin) – Momentarily crowded for room shortly after jumping.

**ALL DUE RESPECT** (R Prest) – Fractious in the barriers and bumped with another runner on jumping.

**TROFEO** (S Westover) – Dipped slightly on jumping and bumped with another runner.

**SETH'S SPECIAL** (D Pisani) – Raced wide throughout.

**VICTORIOUS TALE** (R Vigar) – Raced wide throughout.

### **Race 5: Australian Removals Handicap 1400 metres**

**MAYBE JUST MAYBE** (K Gladwin) – Commenced to race wide from the 650 metres.

**BEST A MAN CAN GET** (S Westover) – Bumped with another runner shortly after jumping and raced wide throughout.

**WINDSOR SPIRIT** (R Prest) – Slow into stride and bumped with another runner shortly after.

**LADY PHROMILY** (E Brown) – Steadied off heels at the 650 and the 400 metres brushing the running rail at the 250 metres and failed to obtain a clear run from the top of the straight until the 100 metres having to take hold on several occasions.

**THREELEGSAGAIN** (J Cameron) – Fractious in the barriers and inclined to lay in down the length of the straight.

**General:** Correct weight for this event was delayed after the rider of the second placegetter requested to view the official photo finish.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners

Pre-race samples were taken from Race 5 FAVEROCK

### **Darwin Turf Club – Tuesday 9 June, 2015**

Stewards today inquired into the reasons why jockey S Westover presented to ride overweight on TROFEO (Race 4) and BEST A MAN CAN GET (Race 5) at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on Sunday 7 June, 2015. As there was no other rider available, Stewards permitted him to ride both horses at 0.5kg over the allotted weight. Jockey S Westover subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR120(b) for accepting both rides and then being overweight. In arriving at a penalty Stewards considered the following circumstances:

- This was his 5<sup>th</sup> offence under the rule this year
- He was fined the previous day for the same offence at the Darwin Turf Club meeting
- At that time he had given the Stewards an undertaking that he could ride at the allotted weight at the Alice Springs race meeting
- He had retained both rides (as there was no other rider available) as opposed to being replaced

Jockey S Westover was the sum of \$500 and placed on notice that any further breaches of this rule may result in a suspension of his license.