

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB
SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Merritt, J Hamilton (Clerk of Scales),
J Lattenstien (A/Judge)
Deputy Stewards: C Manley, A Napier, L Jackson
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 30
Stakes Paid: \$65,500

Race 1: Corestaff Maiden Plate 1300 metres

SUNBOUND (W Davis) – Under pressure leaving the 600m and compounded in the straight. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

TOP OF THE WORLD (F Bergstrand) – Lay inwards when tested with the whip in the straight.

ALPHA CAT (S Rowley) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 2: Gusher Open Handicap 1100 metres

Trainer Mr G Clarke's application to scratch **BLACK MARIA** on Saturday morning was approved following an inspection by Stewards revealed the gelding to be lame in the near fore which had developed overnight. Mr Clarke was advised he must present a Veterinary Certificate of Soundness for the gelding prior to racing again.

General: Stewards sought an explanation from Apprentice K Cross (JACOPO) and Jockey W Davis (SIGNAL FIRE) regarding their tactics in the early and middle stages of the event where both their mounts challenged for the lead. Jockey W Davis explained that it was his intention to utilise his inside barrier and lead as the gelding had done at its previous start. Apprentice K Cross advised that she had been instructed to lead if possible and after commencing well she pressed forward and when racing to the outside of SIGNAL FIRE she had not been able to cross that runner but she continued to ride along until leaving the 700m when she elected to ease and race at that gelding's girth. Bearing in mind that JACOPO was racing first up and consequently under heavy pressure at the 200m, Stewards were of the opinion that Apprentice K Cross had erred in her ride on the gelding in that she had not attempted to steady her mount between the 800m and the 700m when it was clear that her mount could not obtain the lead. Trainer Mr G Clarke confirmed the instructions issued for JACOPO and whilst he was initially not overly critical of the ride he accepted the Stewards position. Apprentice K Cross was advised to use more initiative in similar circumstances to ensure her mounts are given every opportunity to win or finish in the best possible position.

Race 3: JR Communications 0 – 70 Handicap 1300 metres

SOLITARY BIRD (K Connor) – Raced wide throughout.

BRIMARVI DUE FACE (F Bergstrand) – Bumped on jumping. Raced greenly approaching the 600m.

FULLY HECTIC BRO (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start.

Race 4: Tipperary Waters Marina 0 - 58 Handicap 1200 metres

SANGUINEA (C Lloyd) – Fractious in the barriers and after rearing and getting its leg momentarily over the petition, underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to compete. Bumped at the start.

ALWAYS RUSSIAN (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped losing ground.

BRAEBURN PARK (F Bergstrand) – Slow into stride. Brushed the running and steadied near the 700m.

LE COMMANDO (K Connor) – Kicked by another runner in the barriers and after undergoing a veterinary examination was cleared to compete. Bumped at the start and raced wide throughout.

Race 5: Northern Territory Pest & Weed Control 3YO Class 4 Handicap 1200 metres

ZOCALOS (K Gladwin) – Lay outwards through the middle stages.

DEVIL'S DREAM (P Shiers) – Slow into stride.

LEAVE A MESSAGE (K Connor) – Steadied from heels at the 600m.

BLONDE (C Lloyd) – Fractious in the barriers prior to the start. The Club Veterinarian reported that filly had returned with blood in its mouth from dislodged teeth.

KING DEJOUR (V Arnott) – Bounded at the start.

General: It was established that ZOCALOS (K Gladwin) lay outwards through the middle stages and as a result LEAVE A MESSAGE (K Connor) was obliged to steady off that runners heels near the 600m.

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

General: from Adelaide River Saturday 31 May, 2014

Trainer Mr A Trengrove reported that FRISKY ALBERT (R6) had cast its off fore plate in running.

Trainer Mr G Clarke reported that HEZASMARTYPANTS (R4) had pulled up lame in the near hind following the race due to a hoof abscess.

The following TCO2 results were taken on 24 May, 2014

ADYNATA	D Leech	30.4 (pre race)
ADYNATA	D Leech	<27.0 (post race at 1.5 hours)
ADYNATA	D Leech	28.6 (post race at 3 hours)

The following TCO2 results were taken on 31 May, 2014

IT'S BLACK MAGIC	G Clarke	27.7
ADYNATA	D Leech	29.4
I AM MAGIC	K Petrick	27.2
FASTER STRONGER	C Nash	29.3
DACOWBOYWAY	R Green	29.7

General : Stewards reconvened the inquiry that had commenced on 24 May, 2014 into the reported TCO2 results from samples taken from the Dick Leech trained ADYNATA at the ASTC meetings on 26 April and 5 May, 2014. Stewards tabled the results from subsequent samples taken from the gelding on 24 May and 31 May which were reported at levels within the normal range.

Trainer Mr D Leech subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR175(k) in that his conduct in feeding an alkalisng agent to ADYNATA within one clear day prior to racing at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on 5 May, 2014 had led to a breach of AR178AA. Mr Leech was fined the sum of \$500. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account that he had been previously placed on notice in regards to a similar issue in April 2013.

For D Hensler