

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 11th June 2011

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, B Merritt, R Merritt, L Twomey

Deputy Steward: J Lattenstien

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 7

Number of Runners: 64

Stakes Paid: \$77,000

Race 1 - 2YO PLATE - 1000 metres:

On return to scale M McDuff rider of BIRCHLEY requested to view the patrol film prior to correct weight being declared.

ICED MAGIC was slow to begin when the gates opened and NIGHT OPTION was slow to muster speed.

Near the 700 metres BIRCHLEY began to race greenly behind other runners and had a tendency to lay out rounding the corner resulting in it racing wide.

Ms J Cameron rider of TRISTA RULER was found guilty of a charge of careless riding (AR 137(a)). The careless riding being that shortly after the start she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of BIRCHLEY. As a result BIRCHLEY had to be checked and clipped the heels of TRISTA RULER.

Ms J Cameron was suspended from riding in races for a period to expire at midnight on Saturday 18th July and fined the sum of \$250.

1st TRISTA RULER 2nd URIDASHI 3rd BIRCHLEY

Race 2 – 0 - 69 HCP - 1300 metres:

LET GO JOHNNY was slow to begin when the gates opened.

The Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected MAHAFFY ROAD which performed below expectations and reported that he could find no apparent abnormalities.

Mr K Lamprecht trainer of TIARALAE was fined the sum of \$20 for use of the Club's colours on that mare (NT 121).

1st MISS ENDEAVOUR 2nd FORETHOUGHT 3rd SEYMOUR SNAKE

Race 3 – CLASS B HCP - 1300 metres:

Shortly after the start PLYMOUTH was tightened for room and inconvenienced between CODENAME and SHADY STREET which shifted out.

Mr S Clarke trainer of DANCE AT ROSSARIO reported that the gelding was lame in the off foreleg subsequent to the event. Mr Clarke was advised that a satisfactory veterinary certificate must be produced prior to that gelding racing again.

C Atkinson rider of DAJI was reprimanded for excessive use of the whip on that gelding, (AR137A(3)).

1st DAJI 2nd LECKEY 3rd SHADY STREET

Race 4 – 0 - 76 HCP - 1100 metres:

On jumping away FIREDRAKE was tightened for room between MANNING and LITTLE RAPTOR which shifted out.

LITTLE RAPTOR continued to shift out taking FIREDRAKE, MANNING and REFLEX outwards causing REFLEX to bump GALLIUM on the hindquarters turning that gelding sideways for some strides.

ETHBAAL dwelt when the gates opened and was then hampered by GALLIUM when that gelding was taken out onto ETHBAAL.

Stewards questioned P Shiers rider of ETHBAAL which performed below expectations. P Shiers stated that ETHBAAL was slow away and then tightened after the start and he was unable then to ride the horse forward. This resulted in ETHBAAL having to race behind other runners which it had not done at it's previous Darwin starts. P Shiers stated that he believed ETHBAAL did not appreciate the sand coming back and this may have been the reason for it's poor performance.

The Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected ETHBAAL and reported he could find no apparent abnormalities.

1st NIGGLE 2nd FIREDRAKE 3rd MANNING

Race 5 – 0 - 63 HCP - 1200 metres:

When the gates opened ANOTHER BAY was slow to begin.

On jumping away SIGNED AND SEALED shifted and MAJOR NELSON shifted in. As a result TUSCAN BREEZE, EVEN MONEY and ROYAL STEAL were all tightened for room, as a consequence TUSCAN BREEZE and EVEN MONEY were hampered and ROYAL STEAL was badly hampered and had to be checked.

1st MIRACULIST 2nd YOSHI BOY 3rd ANOTHER BAY

Race 6 – OPEN HCP - 1200 metres:

TESTAGOLD was slow into stride when the gates opened.

On jumping away TAN TAT JET jumped awkwardly and struck the font gate and was then bumped by BANKERS LAMP which shifted out.

At the start WYREEMA jumped outwards and bumped KAPPA.

Near the 900 metres EXALATION had to be eased off the heels of BANKERS LAMP which shifted in.

Near the 650 metres TESTAGOLD had to be eased off the heels of BANKERS LAMP which shifted in.

Near the 650 metres HARGITAY had to be eased slightly when tightened for room by EXALATION which rolled out.

1st EXALATION 2nd BANKERS LAMP 3rd KAPPA

Race 7 – 0 - 58 HCP - 1600 metres:

In the middle stages of the race INVINCIBLE GOLD overraced and got it's head up for some distance and on a number of occasions INVINCIBLE GOLD got in onto the rail and became unbalanced.

At the entrance to the straight SHEDLY was disappointed for a run between THE SAILOR and CELESTIAL KINGDOM.

1st EQUITABLE 2nd INVINCIBLE GOLD 3rd BENAVARRO

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from SHEDLEY, QUANTUM FIRE, THE GIFTED ONE.