

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 13th JUNE 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

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

Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 55

Stakes Paid: \$85,400

Race 1: AFA Insurance Brokers 0 - 64 Handicap 1000 metres

UNSHINKABLE (B Huppatz) – Raced wide throughout.

SILENT GEE (C Lloyd) – When questioned rider advised that his mount resented the kickback passing the 700m and raced ungenerously for some distance and lost ground. Trainer Mr D Bates advised that as the gelding was having its first start for him, he intends to consider gear changes for its next start.

Race 2: Holdfast Insurance Brokers Maiden 1100 metres

EARNHART (J Todd) – was declared a late scratching at 2.58pm on veterinary advice after the gelding was kicked by another runner behind the barriers and was found to be lame in the off hind leg. All wagers placed on EARNHART were ordered to be refunded with the following deductions applicable to successful bets made prior to 2.58pm:

RINGWOOD DANCER 7c – win 8c – place

BONSTAR EXPRESS 9c – place

IT'S A PIPE DREAM 7c – place

BULDANCE (R Oakford) – Race wide throughout.

ON THE DOT (S Westover) – Commenced awkwardly and crowded at the start.

RINGWOOD RANGER (K Gladwin) – Bumped at the start.

THE SOOTHSAYER (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped at the start.

BONSTAR EXPRESS (F Bergstrand) – Bumped at the start.

OUR CAVALIA (W Davis) – Bumped at the start. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that his mount resented the kickback and raced ungenerously in the middle stages and then when taken wide raced in a flat manner and finished well back. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr A Trengrove subsequently advised that the filly had recovered well following the event but will not start in a race for a period of 2 weeks.

WILANDER DIAMOND (B Huppatz) – Commenced awkwardly.

Race 3: Marsh Pty Ltd 0 -70 Handicap 1100 metres

THE HUMMEL (K Gladwin) – Raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that although he was obliged to race without cover in running the gelding was positioned further back than he had anticipated and raced in a flat manner. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr K Lamprecht subsequently advised that the gelding had recovered well following the event but will not start in a race for a period of 2 weeks.

DASH ABOUT (S M Brown) – Crowded between runners at the start and lost ground.

Race 4: MGA Insurance Brokers Benchmark 54 Handicap 1200 metres

RESTRAINT (C Spry) – Raced without cover in running.

MOORE ALPHA (J Todd) – Bumped by another runner near the 1100m and brushed the running rail becoming unbalanced.

CAVALLINO RAMPANTE (W Davis) – Fractious prior to the start. Raced wide throughout.

Race 5: Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Handicap 1300 metres

FIGHT TO THE LINE (P Shiers) – When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance trainer Mr G Connor was of the opinion that the gelding appreciated the firmer track surface as it has previously raced below his expectations in Alice Springs.

IGLES STAR (S M Brown) – Raced without cover in running.

HOT TO TROT (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground. Taken wide on straightening and lay inwards under pressure from thereon placing its rider at a disadvantage in fully testing his mount.

Race 6: QBE Cup 1200m

SWEENEYS LANE (P Denton) – Raced without cover in running.

KING KEV (C Spry) – Following the unplaced performance rider advised that as the gelding normally races over further ground it was not suited to the fast pace set in the event.

SET FOR A BUNDLE (K Cross) – Fractious prior to the start.

DESIGN FOR LIFE (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground.

General:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and OUR CAVALIA (R2).

Pre race samples were taken from BRUSH OFF, SMARTY MCFLY, HILLBILLY RICH, STORM APPROACH, SET FOR A BUNDLE & URGENT BELLS.

Summary fines

Race 5: Trainer Mr M Carson was fined \$100 for presenting PURRFECT COCKTAIL to race without its approved gear (AR140)

D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards