

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 14TH 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, L Jackson
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 6
Number of Runners: 60
Stakes Paid: \$77,600

Race 1: OAMPS Handicap 0 -70 1100 metres

SEA GEM (B Huppatz) – Fractious prior to the start and bounded on jumping. Steadied inwards near the 700m. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

ATLAS RISING (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

PLEASURE OR PAIN (W Davis) – Commenced awkwardly. Tightened for room and checked by its rider near the 700m. Returned having bled from both nostrils. Trainer Ms T Halter was advised that the gelding would incur the disabilities of AR 53.

PRUSSIAN REIGN (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly and mistrode from heels, losing ground.

BATTLE READY (A Brown) – Raced wide throughout.

General: On inquiry apprentice K Cross, in accompaniment with her host trainer Mr G. Clarke, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a). The specifics being that near the 700m she permitted her mount PIXIU to shift ground when insufficiently clear resulting in SEA GEM (B Huppatz) being steadied inwards which placed pressure on EKRUM (F Bergstrand) which in turn shifted in causing PLEASURE OR PAIN (W Davis) to be tightened for room and checked. Apprentice K Cross was suspended from riding in races for a period of (3) NT meetings to expire after 28 June, 2014. In arriving at this decision Stewards were of the opinion that the degree of interference was in the mid range and also considered that this was apprentice Cross's third suspension for careless riding this year.

Race 2: AON Risk Services Handicap 1300 metres

EXALTED BROTHER (K Cross) – Slow to begin.

ADYNATA (K Gladwin) – Following the unplaced performance a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be suffering from mild respiratory distress. Trainer D Leech subsequently reported that he gelding had developed a swollen left eye from being hit by a clod in running.

SAKHERO (V Arnott) – Raced ungenerously in the early stages until being taken outwards passing the 1000m and then raced wide for the remainder of the event.

GAME OF CHANCE (A Brown) – Raced wide throughout.

AMBROSIA (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start.

Race 3: Marsh Class B Handicap 1200 metres

LET HER SLIDE was declared a late scratching at 1.55pm following the mare being injured in a floating mishap. No deductions were applicable.

HEART OF AYLA (B Davis) was declared a late scratching by order of the Stewards at 4.04pm when the mare refused to load into the barriers. This delayed the start time by several minutes. Stewards ordered all monies wagered on HEART OF AYLA to be refunded and all monies wagered on the event prior to the withdrawal of HEART OF AYLA to be paid as follows:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Win	24c		
Place	16c	19c	22c

Trainer Mr G Clarke was advised that HEART OF AYLA must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

ARRISED (A Brown) – Impeded for a clear run on straightening until taken inwards to improve.

DUBLIN LAD (P Shiers) – Raced wide throughout.

MUGHAREEGA (C Lloyd) – Slow into stride. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off fore. Trainer Mr J Peacock was advised that he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for the gelding prior to racing again.

Race 4: AFA Insurance Brokers 0 – 64 Handicap 1200 metres

LUCKY STRATEGY (B Davis) – Lay outwards rounding the home turn.

HAZEROTH (K Connor) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped. Crowded for room and restrained approaching the 1000m. Steadied near the 650m.

RICCARDO THE GREAT (K Cross) – Cast both front plates in running.

PENNINES (V Arnott) – Bumped at the start.

STRIKE ALERT (B Huppatz) – Race wide throughout.

General: On inquiry jockey B Davis was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a). The specifics being that near the 1100m when riding his mount LUCKY STRATEGY forward he permitted it to shift ground when not fully clear resulting in SET FOR A BUNDLE (F Bergstrand) being carried inwards causing HAZEROTH (K Connor) to be crowded for room and restrained. Jockey B Davis was suspended from riding in races for a period on (2) DTC meetings to expire after 28 June, 2014. In arriving at this decisions Stewards were of the opinion that the degree of interference was in the mid range and also took into account jockey Davis's good race riding record.

Race 5: QBE Cup 1200 metres

PULL NO PUNCHES (P Shiers) – Angled outwards across heels leaving the 250m to secure clear running.

RED COLOSSUS (P Crich) – Slow into stride.

SWEENEYS LANE (K Connor) – Raced wide throughout.

SPARTAN EAGLE (S Hillebrand) – Following the unplaced performance a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be suffering from mild respiratory distress.

PLANET KING (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 5: MBA Insurance Brokers Handicap 1200 metres

CLASS BEATS (A Brown) – Cast its near fore plate in running.

BATTERY PARK (P Shiers) – Bumped shortly after the start.

LANOGATCO (B Huppatz) – Slow to begin.

JUNGLE RANGER (C Lloyd) – Retired from the event after sustaining an injury to the off fore tendon. Trainer Mrs K Hughes was advised that she must present a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding racing again.

BENTLEY TYCOON (J Todd) – Bumped and crowded shortly after the start.

CELTIC GHOST (B Davis) – Raced wide throughout.

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from EXALTED BROTHER, LIL ROCK SIREN, PULL NO PUNCHES, SPARTAN EAGLE, CLASS BEATS & APPLEBOTTOM.

General: Nine (9) riders provided urine samples for drug analysis at the request of the Stewards.

Stewards intend to interview apprentice F Bergstrand regarding her use of the whip in Races 1 & 4.

Jockey R Oakford was reprimanded for being overweight under AR 120(b) after accepting the ride on HEART OF AYLA and subsequently having to be replaced by jockey B Davis.

Trainer Mr P Johnston was fined the sum of \$100 under AR 140A for presenting CLASS BEATS to the enclosure without its approved gear.

For D Hensler