

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 7th July 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L A Lane, R Merritt, J Hamilton (OAM), L Twomey, J Lattenstein,
P Brennan, D Merritt

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 9

Number of Runners: 95

Stakes Paid: \$230,000

Race 1 – TROBIS 2YO PLTE - 1000 metres:

When the gates opened RED GINGER jumped awkwardly and struck the front gate and CORSTONS BEAU dwelt and conceded some ground.

Ms J Robinson trainer of WHERE ARE YOU was fined \$100 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear (AR140A).

1st PITTA PATTA 2nd MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3rd CORSTONS BEAU

Race 2 – 0 -58 HCP - 1300 metres:

THE THIRD BASEMAN which was restless in the barriers reared and lost ground when the gate opened.

AGASHA bounded when the gates opened and conceded some ground.

Mr L Paech trainer of PLIERS was fined \$100 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear (AR140A).

1st SKY TRAVELLER 2nd CYCLONE SARAH 3rd THE SAILOR

Race 3 – 0 - 64 DIV 1 HCP - 1200 metres:

MEET BARNEY was slow to begin when the gates opened.

A Nicholls rider of MR BUTTERSCOTCH reported that his mount had a tendency to hang out from near the 800 metres to the 400 metres and as a result raced wide.

Ms K Adams rider of STIRRUP CUP (fifth) requested to view the photo finish prior to correct weight.

Mr J Hickmott trainer of WILDER WILDER was fined \$100 for the late declaration of S Ridler as the rider for that gelding (NT129).

1st ALERT THE JEWELLER 2nd WILDER WILDER 3rd ROYAL GRACE

Race 4 – 0 - 64 DIV 2 HCP – 1200 metres:

FORETHOUGHT jumped inwards at the start and bumped JERRYKOOLER.

HAMISH BOY jumped away awkwardly and struck the front gate.

S Hillebrand rider of STRIKING COPPER requested to view the patrol film prior to correct weight.

1st HERCULEAN 2nd STRIKING COPPER 3rd HANGAR SEVEN

Race 5 – 0 - 76 HCP- 1200 metres:

ROBSON STREET shifted out abruptly at the start and bumped RHYTHMIC KING on the hind quarters.

SHEAHAN jumped away awkwardly and was then hampered by COURTING MAGIC which shifted in.

Near the 200 metres TEST THE SCENE was disappointed for a clear run and was held up for a short distance as a consequence.

Mr J Hickmott trainer of LET GO JOHNNY was fined \$20 for using club colours on that gelding. (NT121)

1st ALPHA GOLD 2nd ALCARNTSPELL 3rd BARSTOOL

Race 6 – SC HCP- 1600 metres:

The start of this race was delayed as the on course ambulance was required to attend to an on course patron.

1st GLARE 2nd BACCHUS EAGLE 3rd ITS HOME

Race 7 – WELTER - 1100 metres:

Rounding the home turn DUBAWI GOLD was held up behind runners, then near the 250 metres had to shift out to obtain a clear run.

B Hoppo rider of DUBAWI GOLD stated that the gelding has a tendency to lay in towards the rail which made it difficult for him to gain a clear run rounding the turn and in the early part of the straight.

Approaching the winning post DUBAWI GOLD rolled in and bumped LUCID REFLECTION.

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon reported that COSTLYEV was lame in the off foreleg subsequent to the event. Mr G Clarke trainer of COSTLYEV was advised that he must provide a satisfactory veterinary certificate for that gelding prior to it racing again.

1st EMBOLDENED 2nd DUBAWI GOLD 3rd LUCID REFLECTION

Race 8 – Darwin Guineas – 1600 metres:

TEHUTI stood flat footed when the gates opened and lost some ground.

POWLETT dwelt when the gates opened.

Shortly after the start RICH PRIDE was tightened for room by ROUGH DEAL which initially shifted in and SNITZELS CHOICE which shifted out.

Near the 200 metres GRASSY had to be checked off the heels of COMMAND RULER which had been taken out by PATIENCE (P Shiers). COMMAND RULER which had hung rounding the turn shifted out away from PATIENCE after being taken out.

As the stewards did not believe that the interference was fully attributable to one rider they took no action other than to reprimand P Shiers and advise him that in future he must ensure he is 2 lengths clear before shifting ground.

On return to scale S Hillebrand rider of POWLETT requested that stewards consider deeming that the gelding had been denied a fair start in accordance with AR134A. Stewards having considered the evidence believed that POWLETT had not been denied a fair start.

The connections of ROUGH DEAL requested to view the photo finish image prior to correct weight.

1st SNITZELS CHOICE 2nd CHEIFTAN JACK 3rd PATIENCE

Race 9 – 0 - 70 HCP – 1600 metres:

C Spry rider of LIGHTNING SHOT which led early and then weakened advised the stewards that the gelding overaced in the early stages.

Mr L Paech trainer of LIGHTNING SHOT was fined \$100 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear. (AR140A)

1st SNITZELS CHOICE 2nd CHEIFTAN JACK 3rd PATIENCE

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre Race Swab Samples were taken from; Uridashi, Birchley, Patience, It's Home, Grassy, Powlett, At The Fore, Snitzel's Choice, Rich Pride, Command Ruler, Tehuti, Rough Deal, The Ruffian, Chieftan Jack.

Adjourned;

Stewards having reviewed the films from Saturday the 30th June interviewed jockey R Oakford in respect of his use of the whip when he rode FRISKY ALBERT in race 4 on that day. R Oakford was advised that going forward he should endeavour to restrict overall use of the whip in the straight. He was advised that although he was in contention over the concluding stages the amount of whip he used in the straight on this occasion was more than he would be expected to use in future and he should consider riding his mounts hands and heels as an alternative.

Summary:

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	J Robinson - Race 1
	L Paech - Race 2
	J Hickmott - Race 3
	J Hickmott - Race 5
	L Paech - Race 9
Reprimands:	P Shiers - Race 8
Embargo's:	Costlyev - Race 7