

STEWARDS' REPORT
DARWIN TURF CLUB
WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2016

Weather: Overcast

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, A Napier, L Jackson, R Merritt, S Copelin (Deputy), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 6
Number of Runners: 58
Stakes Paid: \$162000

General - Stewards today conducted compliance checks and stable inspections which included examinations of all runners engaged to compete at today's meeting.

Race 1: 0-66 Handicap 1200m

DUGAN (NZ) (S Brown) – Stewards questioned apprentice S Brown in relation to his tactics in continuing to apply pressure and race on terms with the leader through the middle stages, when in the opinion of the Stewards there appeared to be an opportunity to steady his mount and race at the leaders girth. He advised he had no specific instructions other than to position the gelding wherever it was comfortable in running. He explained the he allowed his mount to stride forward and obtained a position outside the leader and as the gelding was striding freely without being urged along he elected not to steady and continued to race on terms with the leader. In the circumstances this explanation was accepted.

SHOOT 'N' SCOOT (R Vigar) - Commenced awkwardly and veered outwards and raced wide throughout. Tightened for room and restrained inwards to avoid heels over the concluding stages.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT (R Oakford) - The Club veterinarian reported that the gelding returned with a laceration to the abdomen.

SOLDIER'S SECRET (P Shiers) – Shifted inwards and away from another runner near the 1000m. Bumped with another runner then became unbalanced on straightening when under pressure and yielded ground in the straight. A post-race vet examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

NORTHERN STORM (C Spry) - Commenced awkwardly. Got its head in the air when negotiating the first turn consequently lost ground. The Club veterinarian reported that the gelding returned with a laceration to the off hind hock.

ZOCALOS (S Ridler) - Bumped at the start. Contacted on the hind quarters by another runner and became unbalanced near the 1100m and again bumped and unbalanced near the 1000m.

HOT SPIN (K Gladwin) - Bumped and crowded between runners at the start. Crowded and bumped near the 1100m and again crowded near the 1000m.

ARRAYANES (K Cross) - Commenced awkwardly and bumped with another runner. Lay inwards shortly after the start and contacted another runner near the 1100m. Carried inwards and impeded near the 1000m.

PERESSINI (P Denton) - Bumped with another runner and became unbalanced when rounding the home turn.

General: On inquiry it was established that near the 1000m SOLDIER'S SECRET (P Shiers) despite the efforts of its rider, shifted in and away from DUGAN (S Brown) resulting in interference to ARRAYANES (K Cross), HOTSPIN (K Gladwin) and ZOCALOS (S Ridler).

At a further inquiry apprentice S Brown (DUGAN) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that whilst riding his mount along, he did permit the gelding to shift outwards inside the final 100m resulting in SHOOT 'N' SCOOT (R Vigar) having to restrain inwards to avoid heels over the concluding stages. Apprentice S Brown had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period of 1 NT meeting to commence midnight Wednesday 13th July 2016 and to expire midnight Saturday 16th July 2016.

Race 2 - BMNT Handicap 1100m

ACTION AGAIN (S Cahill) – Bumped on straightening. Returned with a laceration to the near fore heel.

PRINCE HARADA (B Davis) – Fractious in the barriers and underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to compete. Raced in restricted room passing the 800m. Lay outwards rounding the first turn and momentarily impeded from heels. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

YOUR EXCELLENCY (R Vigar) – Bumped at the 800m. The gelding returned from the race having bled from both nostrils. Trainer T Halter was advised of the disabilities placed on the gelding under AR53A.

AFRICAN PULSE (S Brown) – Raced wide throughout.

NEAT FEAT (R Oakford) – Shifted outwards on straightening and bumped another runner.

HE'S COMMANDING (W Davis) – Blundered badly at the start losing ground.

Race 3 - 0-62 Handicap 1300m

Prior to the declaration of correct weight, Stewards viewed the head on patrol footage of the start in the presence of jockey C Spry, the rider of FARAJA, and in addition took evidence from the Starter Mr J O'Neil. Stewards were satisfied that when the start was effected, the geldings' bridle was being held by a barrier attendant when attempting to assist the rider and as a consequence the gelding was unable to commence with the field and lost considerable ground. Acting under the provision of AR134A, Stewards were of the opinion that FARAJA had been denied a fair start and was therefore declared to be a non-starter with the following deductions applicable to successful bets placed on the event.

SENOR JUEZ	5c win	5c place
QUANTUM DOT		7c place
SPOILSPOT		5c place

QUANTUM DOT (R Oakford) – Bumped inwards near the 1250m.

SPOILSPOT (J Lyon) – Bumped at the start.

ROYAL CHOICE (B Huppatz) - Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

BEDISGUISED (K Gladwin) – Raced wide throughout.

DE STARSANDCIRCLES (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start.

HUSSAVI (S Ridler) – Crowded and buffeted between runners for several strides shortly after the start.

OLD STORMY (S Brown) – Checked from heels near the 1250m.

MIRKA (NZ) (P Denton) – Bumped at the start. Steadied inwards near the 1250m.

General: On inquiry jockey B Huppatz (ROYAL CHOICE) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under 137(a) in that near the 1250m he permitted his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear resulting in MIRKA (P Denton) having to steady inwards onto QUANTUM DOT (R Oakford) which was in turn bumped inwards onto OLD STORMY (S Brown) which had to be checked by its rider. Jockey B Huppatz's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of 2 NT meetings to commence midnight Wednesday 13th July 2016 and to expire midnight Sunday 14th July 2016.

Race 4 - Fillies and Mares 0-70 Handicap 1300m

LEAD HUSSON (C Spry) – Trainer H Hayes reported that after the Stewards had inspected the mare on race morning it subsequently suffered an injury to the off for leg in a stable mishap and was declared a late scratching on veterinary advice at 2.55pm. Trainer was advised that he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for the mare prior to racing again.

AMBROSIA (B Davis) – Buffeted between runners on straightening.

BELLE EZ (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout. Bumped on straightening.

BAUMKUCHEN (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout. Carried outwards slightly on straightening and bumped.

DUST 'N' DIAMONDS (K Gladwin) - Commenced awkwardly.

Race 5 - 0-58 Handicap 1600m

DANCE THE BEAT (V Arnott) – Raced wide from the 1000m.

OLIVARES (K Gladwin) - Bumped at the start. Raced wide for the majority.

VODIANOVA (A Mallyon) – Commenced awkwardly.

BRIDGEY FLYER (F Bergstrand) - Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

MRS ZELTFIRE (NZ) (P Denton) - Bumped at the start.

Race 6 - 0-76 Handicap 1600m

STATUE OF WARRIORS (P Shiers) – Steadied rounding the first turn.

MCKENNA (S Ridler) – Brushed and carried outwards passing the 800m.

KING KEV (B Davis) – Raced wide for the majority.

MORE THAN FRANK (W Davis) - Commenced awkwardly and lost ground.

FLEX (NZ) (A Mallyon) – Whilst conducting a stable inspection on race morning, trainer S Brown's representative advised the Stewards that the gelding had swelling to the near hind fetlock following a stable mishap but had not received any treatment or missed any work. The gelding underwent a veterinary examination on arrival on course and was cleared to compete. Commenced awkwardly. Rider reported that after being crossed by other runners his mount commenced to resent the kickback and despite his efforts the gelding was unable to maintain a competitive position with the field. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

ITCHYZARIZ (R Vigar) – Shifted outwards and brushed another runner near the 800m.

Summary

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners and MCKENNA. Pre race samples were taken from PERESSINI, ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, ROYAL CHOICE, HUSSAVI, MISS INSOMNIA, OLIVARES, GOLD CLIP and all runners engaged in Race 6.

Fines

Race 6 - Jockey S Cahill (BEL SIR) fined \$200 for using his whip consecutively and two additional occasions permitted prior to the 100m.

Suspensions

Race 1 – Apprentice S Brown suspended for 1 NT meeting for careless riding

Race 3 – Jockey B Huppertz suspended for 2 NT meetings for careless riding

Embargoes

Race 2 - YOUR EXCELLECY bled both nostrils – 3 month ban

Race 4 – LEAD HUSSON lame off fore leg – vet clearance required

D Hensler

NT Chairman of Stewards