

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Merritt, R Hamilton J Hamilton (Clerk of Scales), J Lattenstien (A/Judge), L Jackson, A Napier
Deputy Stewards: C Manley
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 6
Number of Runners: 57
Stakes Paid: \$162,000

Race 1: Women in Thoroughbred Racing NT 0 – 66 Handicap 1100 metres

LUNCH MATES (F Bergstrand) – Lay inwards under pressure in the straight.

SEA GEM (B Huppatz) – Commenced awkwardly.

HOLLYWOOD HUSSLER (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 2: Yellowglen Special Conditions (1) Handicap 1100 metres

CORSTONS BEAU (P Shiers) – Impeded when avoiding the heels of a crossing runner near the 750m.

FIRE Drake (W Davis) – Crowded near the 1000m and steadied by its rider.

FRISKY ALBERT (B Davis) – Cast its near fore plate in running.

TUDOR GLEN (J Cameron) – Raced wide throughout.

ALPHA MAN (J Todd) – Raced wide from the 500m.

General: On inquiry it was established that near the 1000m **WALKINAROUNDMONEY** (B Huppatz), despite the efforts of its rider, shifted inwards and away from another runner resulting in **FIRE Drake** (W Davis) being crowded and steadied.

At a further inquiry apprentice A Brown (SIGNAL FIRE) was reprimanded for careless riding under AR 137(a) for permitting her mount to shift inwards near the 750m when not clear, resulting in CORTSONS BEAU (P Shiers) being impeded and the rider having to take hold of his mount to avoid heels.

Race 3: Toyota Finance 0 - 62 Handicap 1300 metres

BLACK FUSION (A Brown) – Shifted ground outwards from the 200m and contacted another runner near the 100m.

QUICK THOUGHTS (B Davis) – Bumped at the 100m.

TIGERKELLY (J Todd) – Proved difficult to load. Bumped at the 175m and again near the 100m.

STREET CRIME (B Huppatz) – Following the unplaced performance a post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in both front legs. Trainer Mr G Clarke was advised he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing again.

BIG ON BLING (C Lloyd) – Bumped at the 175m and again near the 100m.

LE COMMANDO (K Connor) – Impeded behind the heels of a tiring runner between the 400m and the 300m.

LET HER SLIDE (K Cross) – Yielded ground from the 500m. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

General: On inquiry apprentice A Brown was reprimanded for careless riding under AR 137(a) for allowing her mount to shift ground uncorrected in the straight resulting in runners to her outside being bumped near the 100m.

Race 4: Paspaley Rose Bowl TROBIS Fillies & Mares 1300 metres

ARTIES ANGEL (P Shiers) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. As this was the first time the mare has suffered from this condition, Trainer Mr T Huish was advised of the provisions of AR 53A.

ATLAS RISING (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

DASCHEM HALO (J Cameron) – Knuckled badly at the start.

SPARKLING SKY (K Gladwin) – Bumped at the start.

APPLEBOTTOM (P Marks) – Retired from the event after sustaining an injury to the off fore tendon. Trainer Mr P Stennet was advised he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing again.

Race 5: Bridge Toyota Cup 1600 metres

IT'S BLACK MAGIC (P Shiers) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. As this was the first time the gelding has suffered from this condition, Trainer Mr G Clarke was advised of the provisions of AR 53A.

SAKHERO (V Arnott) – Carried outwards passing the 500m and raced wide from thereon.

AMBROSIA (B Davis) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 6: Ella Bache Handicap 1600 metres

HAZEROTH (K Conner) – Bumped at the start. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr G Connor advised that the gelding will now be retired.

LAGO COMO (B Huppertz) – Following the unplaced performance, trainer Mr W Savage undertook to monitor the gelding's recovery and advise Stewards accordingly.

NIGHT OPTION (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

POSEN (W Davis) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. As this was the first time the gelding has suffered from this condition, Trainer Mr S Brown was advised of the provisions of AR 53A.

REARRY (S Hillebrand) – Lay outwards from the 500m. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

PROPHECY (M Tyndall) – Rider accidentally dropped her whip near the 50m.

WATCH THIS SPACE (F Bergstrand) – Steadied from heels near the 1300m.

PRUSSIAN REIGN (J Todd) – Bumped and unbalanced between runners at the start. Tightened for room and checked losing considerable ground near the 1400m.

General: An inquiry was held into the reason for PRUSSIAN REIGN (J Todd) suffering interference and losing ground near the 1400m. On the evidence presented it was established that rounding the first turn PRUSSIAN REIGN was tightened for room between WESTEND SMASH (B Davis) and HAZEROTH (K Connor) which shifted ground inwards. WATCH THIS SPACE, which was following, had to be steadied in this incident. Jockey J Todd explained that when he took hold of the mare it had over reacted and he checked severely losing considerable ground. In assessing the evidence, Stewards took into account that HAZEROTH had returned lame in the off fore leg and could not be fully satisfied that this was not a contributing factor in the gelding shifting ground in the incident. Apprentice K Connor was nonetheless advised to ensure that there is sufficient room for runners to her inside when shifting ground in future.

Stewards intend to interview jockey P Marks (LANOGATCO) in relation to his whip use in the straight.

Summary fines:

Race 5: Jockey J Todd - \$200 (NT 144) for making a celebratory gesture after the winning post.

General: Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from PRUSSIAN REIGN, POSEN, NIGHT OPTION, MOORE ALPHA, HIGH MOMENT, IDATRICE, AMBROSIA and SATURDAY SORCERER.

Following a review of current procedures, the TRNT Stewards Department are discontinuing the practice of publishing the TCO2 results of horses subject to pre race testing.

D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards