

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 30th July 2011

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, R Merritt, L Twomey

J Lattenstien

Deputy Steward: P Brennan

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 7

Number of Runners: 58

Stakes Paid: \$239,000

Race 1 – MAIDEN PLATE - 1300 metres:

No Report

1st LADUNI 2nd ATOMIC TIGER 3rd PLYMOUTH

Race 2 – WELTER – 1900 metres:

No Report

1st STALINGRAD 2nd BELOW 3rd LOUKOUMI

Race 3 – 0 - 69 HCP - 1200 metres:

At the start HANNESBURG which was laying on the side of the gates jumped awkwardly.

Stewards questioned P Denton rider of FASTER STRONGER regarding his riding of that gelding over the concluding stages. P Denton stated that whilst he did not use the whip on the gelding in the straight he rode in his normal manner hands and heels. Further that FASTER STRONGER is a challenging horse to ride in the straight as it races with its head up and it is his view that it does not appreciate the whip. For this reason he did not use the whip in the straight as he believed it would be detrimental to the geldings chances of winning.

1st QUE 2nd FASTER STRONGER 3rd MISS ENDEAVOUR

Race 4 – 0 - 76 HCP - 1000 metres:

On arriving at the barriers C Haddon rider of KNICKER BOCKER was dislodged.

During the event KNICKER BOCKER lost it's near hind plate.

Approaching the winning post RED COUPE was taken out by NIGGLE which shifted out.

1st ETHBAAL 2nd NIGGLE 3rd RED COUPE

Race 5 - 0 - 58 HCP - 1600 metres:

Near the 1400 metres O'TOOLE had to be checked when tightened for room between RHODES TO GLORY and GIVE 'N' GO. Prior to being checked O'TOOLE was racing tight and laying in onto RHODES TO GLORY, also GIVE N GO which was over racing when being restrained was taken in by MONTEFALCO (L Hopwood). As no one rider was fully responsible Stewards took no action however advised Ms L Hopwood that in future she must ensure she is 2 length's clear prior to shifting ground and should endeavour to give her fellow riders more room than she did on this occasion.

Ms J Robinson trainer of LIVELY LILLIE was fined \$20 for the use of the Club's colours (NT 121).

During the event DIEU SOLEIL suffered a bleeding attack. Ms U Dobbie trainer of DIEU SOLEIL was notified of her requirements under AR 53A.

1st MONTEFALCO 2nd BUZLIGHTNING 3rd LIVELY LILLIE

Race 6 – PALMERSTON SPRINT - 1200 metres:

SOUND ON NATURE which struck its side on the gate when exiting the mounting yard was inspected by the Club's Veterinary surgeon on arrival at the barriers and passed fit to run.

LUCID REFLECTION which dwelt at the start was bumped by SENSE OF SUN on jumping away.

Approaching the 200 metres TAN TAT JET had to be eased off the heels of HIDDEN SURPRISE which rolled out.

P Denton rider of SENSE OF SUN was fined the sum of \$200 for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post, (AR137(c)).

Subsequent to the event Mr D Leech trainer of LUCID REFLECTION requested blood samples be taken from that gelding citing its poor performance.

During the event TAN TAT JET bled from one nostril. MR D Bates trainer of the gelding was advised that prior to the gelding again racing it must gallop over a 1000 metres to the satisfaction of the stewards.

1st SENSE OF SUN 2nd FAR HORIZONS 3rd CANALI

Race 7 – 0 - 63 HCP - 1100 metres:

The connections of third placegetter BELLBOOKANDCANDLE and fourth placegetter GOLDEN IMAGE requested to view the official photo image prior to correct weight.

On jumping away ZIPIT shifted out abruptly onto DISPLAY resulting in DISPLAY losing ground.

REALLAN which was slow away was tightened shortly after the start by NERO MACHINO.

Shortly after the start ZIPIT had to be eased when tightened for room between MOUSAL and GOLDEN IMAGE.

Near the 1000 metres NERO MACHINO was tightened in onto MAJOR NELSON by BELLBOOKANDCANDLE (S Montgomerie) which shifted in. When tightened for room MAJOR NELSON bumped EREMOUG on the hindquarters turning that gelding outwards which accentuated the interference. Stewards adjourned an inquiry into this incident to a date to be fixed.

ZIPIT had a tendency to lay out rounding the turn.

During the event MAJOR NELSON suffered a bleeding attack. Mr D Jupp trainer of MAJOR NELSON was advised of the requirement under AR53A.

1st THE GHOST 2nd MAJOR NELSON 3rd BELLBOOKANDCANDLE

Swab samples were taken from all winners, Loukumi and Lively Lillie

Stewards today completed the inquiry which was opened on Wednesday 27th July into the nomination of THE SOLDIER in the Special Conditions Hcp on Monday 1st August. Evidence was today taken from Mr K Rogerson trainer of THE SOLDIER. Mr Rogerson stated that he nominated THE SOLDIER for this event as he was concerned that his preferred event the Lightning Plate may not receive sufficient entries/acceptances and may be deleted. This would then mean that there was no race for THE SOLDIER on Darwin Cup Day to race in. Mr Rogerson supported his statement by pointing to the fact that the previous two starts that THE SOLDIER had were in 6 horse fields.

Stewards opened an inquiry into an alleged incident involving licensed jockey S Hillebrand and apprentice jockey Ms C Angel. Evidence was taken from both parties in the incident which is alleged to have occurred on the track on the morning of Friday 29th July. It is alleged that S Hillebrand verbally abused Ms Angel at the above time. Stewards adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed to call persons who may have witnessed the alleged incident.