

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB MONDAY 3rd AUGUST 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Merritt, A Napier, L Jackson, J Lattenstein, C Brown (RWWA), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)
Raceday Compliance: D Villella (RVL), D Westover, Dr G Forbes (RVL)
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 9
Number of Runners: 81
Stakes Paid: \$445,000

Members of the Raceday Compliance Unit conducted stable inspections of all trainer's and examinations of all runners engaged to compete at today's meeting.

As jockey W Davis was indisposed due to illness the following replacements were approved:
Race 4 YA CRACKIN' JOKES – S Brown and Race 7 WRITTEN NOTES – S Brown

Race 1: 0-66 Handicap 1000 metres

LUDUS MAGNUS (R Oakford) – Underwent a Veterinary examination at the request of its rider on arrival behind the barriers and was passed fit to compete.

DASCHEM HALO (F Bergstrand) – Reared as the start was effected and lost several lengths. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained an injury to its near fore suspensory ligament. Trainer Ms K Petrick was advised the mare would require a Certificate of Soundness and must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

SOLDIER'S SECRET (J Todd) – Lay outwards under pressure from the 200m.

Race 2: 0 – 58 Handicap 1100 metres

SAND OF THE HOUR (P Denton) – Crowded for room and steadied passing the 700m.

FULL MARKS (K Gladwin) – Raced wide from the 600m.

OFFAIRO (P Shiers) – Crowded and impeded when under pressure near the 125m.

RESTRAINT (C Spry) – Raced wide throughout.

REDOUTE'S EMPIRE (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly.

BAUMKUCHEN (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

EXBORNE AVENUE (J Beriman) – Lay outwards getting its head in the air passing the 700m.

General: On inquiry Jockey V Arnott (BAUMKUCHEN) was cautioned for allowing her mount to shift inwards under pressure passing the 125m resulting in OFFAIRO (P Shiers) becoming crowded and impeded when under pressure.

Race 3: 0 – 70 Handicap 1200 metres

GROUP HUG (P Shiers) – Compounded in the straight. Rider reported his mount was under pressure from on straightening and as a result failed to run on in the straight. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

GLOW TORCH (H Bowman) – Veered outwards and inconvenienced another runner at the start.

UMFAZI (K Cross) – Slow into stride.

BELLE EZ (B Stockdale) – Carried outwards on jumping. Held tight leaving the 650m and was restrained at the 550m.

ZOCALOS (S Ridler) – Commenced awkwardly. Raced wide from the 600m.

General: On inquiry Jockey P Shiers (GROUP HUG) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) for permitting his mount to shift inwards leaving the 650m resulting in **BELLE EZ** (B Stockdale) being tightened for room having to be restrained at the 550m. Jockey Shiers was suspended for riding in races for one NT meeting. The suspension commences from midnight 3 August 2015 and expires after midnight 8 August 2015.

Race 4: 0 – 62 Handicap 1200 metres

TODABAR (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

DASH ABOUT (A Mallyon) – Raced ungenerously through the middle stages.

Race 5: Benchmark 72 Handicap 1200m

GOLD BUNDLE (H Bowman) – Bumped at the start.

INFINITE ENERGY (P Shiers) – Bumped at the start. Raced wide throughout.

MANGO MOJITO (A Mallyon) – Eased out of the race from the 800m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained an injury to its near fore suspensory ligament. Trainer Mr J McLean was advised the mare would require a Veterinary Certificate of Soundness and would be required to trial prior to racing again.

AMBROSIA (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly.

Race 6: Lightning Plate 1000m

VALID (P Shiers) – Bumped at the start. Raced wide throughout.

HAND IN GLOVE (Jarrod Todd) – Slow into stride.

NEAT FEAT (B Davis) – Bumped at the start.

Race 7: Special Conditions Handicap 1600m

SATURDAY SORCERER (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly. Raced wide rounding the first turn.

SET FOR A BUNDLE (M Tyndall) – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have returned with cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr M Carson was advised the gelding must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

BEL SIR (B Stockdale) – Crowded and bumped at the start.

FIRST COURSE (J Todd) – Commenced to compound from the 600m. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

STRAIGHT JACKET (J Beriman) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped. Commenced to compound prior to straightening. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Race 8: 0 – 66 Handicap 1900m

BLACK FUSION (S Ridler) – Bumped and crowded at the start. Raced keenly in the early stages.

HILLBILLY RICH (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout.

NEW EMPIRE (R Vigar) – Slow into stride. Had difficulty securing clear running between the 250m and 150m.

HEREFORD (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

HEZASMARTYPANTS (J Todd) – Raced wide from the 600m.

Race 9: Darwin Cup 2000m

All acceptors for this race underwent a veterinary examination on Friday 31th August 2015 and were subjected to out of competition testing. FLYING TORMENTA and GRIS CARO were both found to be lame in the off fore. After undergoing a further examination on Sunday 2nd August 2015 GRIS CARO was cleared to race but FLYING TORMENTA was withdrawn by order of the Stewards acting on veterinary advice.

On Sunday afternoon Trainer Mr D Leech informed Stewards that WHISTLE STOP had developed a rash which had become infected resulting in the gelding's forelegs becoming swollen. Consequently Stewards approved the withdrawal of WHISTLE STOP acting on veterinary advice at 5.00pm on Sunday 2nd August 2015.

GRIS CARO (A Mallyon) – Compounded from the 600m.

PAYTEEVEE (P Denton) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr R Laming was advised the gelding would now suffer the disabilities of AR 53A.

THE RUFFIAN (C Spry) – Steadied from the heels of a tiring runner near the 550m.

PRETTY BLONDE (J Potter) – Raced wide from the 1000m.

POST D'FRANCE (S Baster) – Mis-strode from heels when racing keenly passing the winning post on the first occasion.

ROYAL REQUEST (R Vigar) – Raced wide throughout.

STORM APPROACH (B Davis) – Crowded and unbalanced for a short distance near the 300m.

General: On inquiry it was established that rounding the home turn LIGHTINTHENIGHT (H Bowman) changed stride and brushed KAYNO (F Bergstrand) which then shifted inwards marginally causing STORM APPROACH (B Davis) be crowded and unbalanced. Stewards were satisfied that no rider had ridden carelessly in this incident and as such no further action was taken.

General:

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners and ROYAL REQUEST (R9), PRETTY BLONDE (R9)

Pre race samples were taken from AMBROSIA, TODABAR, DANCING POETESS, GROUP HUG and all runners in race 9.

All riders engaged at today's meeting were subjected to breath test analysis for the presence of alcohol.

Summary fines

Race 1: Trainer Mr N Dyer was fined \$200 for his late notification of riders – NT 129

Race 3: Trainer Mr G Clarke was fined \$100 for presenting GLOW TORCH without its approved gear – AR 140

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Race 4: Apprentice Mr S M Brown was fined \$200 for shaking hands with connections prior to weighing in (previous warning) – AR 144

Race 6: Jockey Ms J Cameron was fined \$300 for using her whip in a forehand manner on three consecutive occasions prior to the 100m – AR 137A(5)(a)(i)

Race 7: Trainer Mr S Wilde was fined \$100 for his late notification of rider – NT 129

Race 9: Jockey Mr H Bowman was fined \$300 for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post – AR 137(c)

Suspensions

Race 1: Jockey P Shiers (GROUP HUG) was suspended from riding in races for 1 NT meeting for careless riding – AR 137(a)

D Hensler