

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### DARWIN TURF CLUB MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good

**Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Hensler (Chairman), D Westover, L Twomey, R Hamilton, R Merritt, J Hamilton (Clerk of Scales), J Lattenstien (Assistant Judge), L Jackson, A Napier  
**Deputy Stewards:** C Manley  
**Veterinary:** Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic  
**Number of Races:** 9  
**Number of Runners:** 112  
**Stakes Paid:** \$445,000

**General:** On race morning Stewards conducted inspections of all runners engaged in the Darwin Cup when it was revealed that CONSTANT FORCE had received veterinary treatment for an injury to the near fore leg following a floating mishap on Tuesday 29 July, 2014. At the direction of the Stewards the gelding underwent a veterinary examination at the stables and was passed fit to start. On course announcements were made to this effect. Trainer Mr S Wilde pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 140(a)(ii)(b) for failing to notify the Stewards of this occurrence and the subsequent treatment and was fined the sum of \$500.

Stewards carried out stable inspections and monitored the movement of runners engaged in the Darwin Cup prior to them being transported to the racecourse and no breaches of the rules were detected.

All riders at the race meeting were subject to breath analysis testing for the detection of alcohol. Jockey Paul Shiers recorded a reading in excess of 0.02 and was stood down from his engagements. Stewards approved the following replacements:

Race 1 – VALID (J Todd) Race 3 – STAY TIL DAWN (B Huppatz) Race 5 – CRACKED (B Davis)

Race 6 – CORSTONS BEAU (K Gladwin) Race 7 GRAND BRITANIA (R Oakford)

Race 9 LIGHTINTHENITE (B Davis)

#### **Race 1: Palmerston Sports Club 0 – 66 Handicap 1000 metres**

**SEA GEM** - B Huppatz (\$26) was declared a late withdrawal at 12.12pm when the mare refused to be loaded into the barriers. The following deductions were applicable to successful bets placed prior to the withdrawal.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Win	5c		
Place	3c	6c	10c

Trainer Mr W Savage was advised that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**VALID** (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly and raced wide throughout.

**TWIN SPIRES** (P Denton) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**BIG ISLAND** (B Davis) – Bumped at the start.

**UMFAZI** (C Lloyd) – Lay outwards through the middle stages.

**KATSUKA** (F Bergstrand) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

**Race 2: Fulton Hogan Special Conditions Handicap 1600 metres**

**LETHAL ARROW** (K Gladwin) – Raced wide for the majority of the event.

**BEL SIR** (J Todd) – Steadied and lost ground at the 1400m. Steadied at the 750m and held up for clear running between the 600m and the 450m.

**SAKHERO** (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

**DESIGN FOR LIFE** (A Mallyon) – Steadied from heels at the 1400m.

**AIR STRIKER** (A Brown) – Crowded at the start and lay inwards in the early stages.

**WESTERING HOME** (D Yendall) – Lay inwards passing the 750m.

**General:** On inquiry it was established that AIR STRIKER (A Brown) lay inwards in the early stages and despite the efforts its rider, shifted ground near the 1400m resulting in IGLES STAR (F Bergstrand) being carried inwards onto BEL SIR (J Todd) which was steadied. DESIGN FOR LIFE (A Mallyon) which was following also had to be steadied from heels in this incident.

At a further inquiry it was established that passing the 750m WESTERING HOME (D Yendall) lay inwards resulting in BEL SIR being crowded for room.

**Race 3: Skycity Darwin 0 – 62 Handicap 1200 metres**

**TEAMSTER** (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly.

**STAY TILL DAWN** (B Huppatz) – Commenced awkwardly losing ground.

**ZOCALOS** (K Gladwin) – Connections advised that the rider would be instructed to have the gelding ridden in a more rearward position than at its previous starts and oncourse announcements were made to this effect. Commenced awkwardly and raced wide in running.

**HURACAN** (J Cameron) – Bounded at the start losing ground. Commenced to over race leaving the 850m and was steadied from heels when the pace eased near the 700m

**GUN RULE** (D Tourneur) – Steadied outwards passing the 650m to improve.

**General:** On inquiry it was established that after attaining the lead TEAMSTER (P Denton) eased his mount resulting in HURACAN (J Cameron) which was following and over racing having to be steadied. Jockey P Denton was advised to show more care in similar circumstances.

**Race 4: TIO 'Party Safe' 0 - 66 Handicap 1900 metres**

**DEFLECTION** (P Denton) – Faltered in its action over the concluding stages. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have fractured its near fore sesamoid.

**IDATRICE** (K Connor) – Bounded at the start. Raced wide from the 500m.

**KIRKHAM** (F Bergstrand) – Fractious prior to the start.

**CLASS BEATS** (D Tourneur) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**WHISTLE STOP** (K Gladwin) – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**HAULAGE** (K Cross) – Raced wide throughout.

**LEGAL ROCK** (R Williams) – Returned having bled from the near side nostril. Trainer Ms J Williams was advised of her responsibilities under AR 53A(7).

**Race 5: Caltex TROBIS 0 - 58 1100 metres**

**FACE TO BREEZE** (J Cameron) – Bumped at the start. Impeded and taken inwards across heels near the 100m.

**KING DEJOUR** (V Arnott) – Commenced awkwardly.

**TREATY** (K Connor) – Bumped at the start.

**BRUSH OFF** (D Yendall) – Connections advised that the rider would be instructed to have the gelding ridden in a more rearward position than at its previous starts and oncourse announcements were made to this effect.

**CRACKED** (P Shiers) – Raced wide throughout.

**BATTLE READY** (W Davis) – Dwelt at the start.

**COOLBIE** (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout.

**General:** Jockey B Huppatz (STRIKE ALERT) was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using his whip in the forehand manner on a consecutive occasion prior to the 100m.

**Race 6: Wolf Blass 'Montgomerie' Lightning Plate 1100 metres**

**ALITTLEVOLCANIC** (B Davis) – Lunged forward and broke through the barriers prior to the start and after being quickly restrained underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to compete. Bumped at the start.

**CORSTONS BEAU** (K Gladwin) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**FIREDRAKE** (D Yendall) – Bumped at the start.

**General:** Following this race jockey B Davis advised that he had struck his foot in the barriers in the incident involving ALITTLEVOLCANIC and after being examined by the Paramedics was declared unfit to fulfil his remaining engagements. Jockey B Davis was advised he must present a medical clearance prior to riding again.

Stewards approved the following replacements:

Race 7 GRAND BRITANNIA (R Oakford) Race 9 LIGHTINTHELITE (R Oakford)

**Race 7: Schweppes Handicap 1200 metres**

**GRAND BRITANNIA** (R Oakford) – Slow to begin and then crowded shortly after.

**POWLETT** (A Mallyon) – Raced wide throughout.

**HAND IN GLOVE** (K Cross) – Blundered badly at the start and dislodged its rider.

**RA IKANE** (V Arnott) – Bounded at the start.

**General:** Following this race apprentice K Cross was examined by the Paramedics and cleared to continue riding.

**Race 8: Sportingbet BM73 Stakes 1300 metres**

**ADYNATA** (K Gladwin) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**BISHOPS CASTLE** (D Yendall) – Raced wide throughout.

**ADMIRAL'S ORDER** (P Marks) – Lay outwards in running.

**ORNITHOLOGIST** (P Denton) – Cast its near hind plate in running.

**ATLAS RISING** (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

**DASH ABOUT** (F Bergstrand) – Commenced to resent the kickback and lay outwards after being crossed by another runner and as a result had to be steadied at the 950m and was then checked by its rider near the 900m. Trainer Mr C Pollard will consider adding pacifiers to the geldings gear in future.

**Race 9: Carlton Mid Darwin Cup 2000 metres**

**CONSTANT FORCE** (D Yendall) – Bumped and unbalanced near the 225m.

**DIFFERING FORTUNES** (K Connor) – Crowded and steadied near the 600m.

**SMARTY MAC** (A Mallyon) – Bumped at the 225m.

**GRAVITATIONAL** (D Tourneur) – Lay inwards passing the 600m.

**THE BIG STEEL** (A Brown) – Raced wide throughout.

**General:** On inquiry it was established that passing the 600m GRAVITATIONAL (D Tourneur) when laying inwards shifted ground causing DIFFERING FORTUNES (K Connor) to be crowded and steadied.

At a further inquiry it was established that leaving the 250m SMARTY MAC (A Mallyon) when attempting to obtain a clear run shifted out and away from THE RUFFIAN (K Gladwin) resulting in CONSTANT FORCE (D Yendall) being bumped and unbalanced. Jockey A Mallyon was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

General: Jockey Paul Shiers was found guilty of a breach of AR81A(1)(a) with the specifics being that after arriving on course he delivered two breath samples for the detection of alcohol and the recorded levels of 0.047 and 0.035 were in excess of the 0.02 level permissible under the provisions of AR81B. Stewards adjourned the inquiry to consider the matter of penalty.

On Wednesday 6 August, 2014 the inquiry resumed and Mr Shiers made submissions on penalty. Stewards took into account the following factors

- Seriousness of the charge
- Impact on connections and the betting public after he was stood down from riding
- Negative impact the incident had on the Industry at a feature carnival
- Previous record in relation to this rule
- Genuine remorse and apology for his actions
- Professional manner in which he conducted himself through the proceedings
- Personal circumstances

Jockey Paul Shiers was subsequently suspended from riding in races for a period of (2) months and fined the sum of \$1000. The penalty was backdated to commence from 4 August and he will be able to resume riding after 4 October, 2014. Mr Shiers was advised of his right of appeal.

**Summary fines:**

Race 1 – Jockey Paul Shiers \$1000 for failing a breath test AR81A(1)(b)

Race 3 – Trainer D Leech \$100 for presenting ZOCALOS with incorrect gear AR140A

Race 9 – Trainer S Wilde \$500 for failing to report a condition for CONSTANT FORCE AR140(a)(ii)(b)

**General:**

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners and PRETTY BLONDE.

Pre race samples were taken from all Cup runners in addition to CONCINI, ADYNATA, WHISTLE STOP, WRITTEN NOTES and BLACK FUSION.

D Hensler

Chairman of Stewards