

STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST 2016

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

Stewards: D Westover (Chairman), D Hensler, M Hurley, B Watling
Officials: N Westover, N Boyle
Clerk of the Scales: A Korman
Judge/Asst Judge: C Flattum, L Horsfall
Number of runners: 43
Stakes paid: \$ 67,500

Race 1 Contact 1300 Cummins Handicap 1200 metres

NEVER POINTLESS (D Pisani) – (\$7.50) Withdrawn at the barriers at 2.25pm on veterinary advice after getting both front legs over the front of the barriers. Trainer Mrs Lefoe was advised that prior to that gelding again starting in a trial or race, a veterinary certificate of soundness satisfactory to the Stewards must be produced.

REGATTA DAY (C Spry) – (\$51) Withdrawn at the barriers at 2.26pm on veterinary advice after being kicked by another runner in this above incident.

Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on NEVER POINTLESS and REGATTA DAY prior to 2.25pm be refunded. All successful wagers made with bookmakers were subject to the following deductions:

BEL'S LAD 13c win 12c place

MR GOOD LOOKING 13c place

BEST A MAN CAN GET 13c place

As a result of these two withdrawals, this race commenced several minutes late.

BEST A MAN CAN GET (K Brooks) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

AUSSIE BOB (B Davis) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

VIA MAZZINI (K Gladwin) – Knuckled on jumping.

CANDLESTICKS (M Tyndall) – Mistrode at the 650m and began to yield ground.

Race 2: National Road Transport Hall of Fame Handicap 1000 metres

Prior to this race, Stewards interviewed trainer W Savage in regards to the riding instructions he intended to give each rider bearing in mind he had 3 runners.

PURRFECT PARAGON (K Gladwin) – Yielded ground from about the 800m before running home well over final 200m. When questioned rider reported that the gelding resented the kickback in the early stages of the event.

SUPER BRYAN (L Crow) – Commenced awkwardly.
ROYAL CHOICE (F Bergstrand) – Commenced awkwardly bumping with another runner and momentarily tightened between runners shortly after jumping.
CELESTIAL ME (B Huppatz) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.
I AM GROUSE (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly and inclined to get its head up whilst racing fiercely in the early to middle stages of the event.
THEATREMAN (K Brooks) – Raced wide throughout.
JUST TOO HARD (B Davis) – Commenced awkwardly.

Race 3: Cummins Truck Engines Handicap 1000 metres

MISS BIANSHÉE (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and raced wide throughout.
PASSING PARADE (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly and raced wide throughout.
PENNY FACE (D Pisani) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.
WILD RUN (B Davis) – Commenced awkwardly bumping with another runner and inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.
BLAME IT ON RIO (K Brooks) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.
SUNSHINE EXCEL (W Kerford) – Bumped with another runner on jumping. Steadied off heels at the 700m and angled outwards to obtain clear running.
SHE'S NICE (F Bergstrand) – Steadied along the rails at the 650m and mistrode.
HARADIS EAGLE (B Huppatz) – Raced wide throughout.

Race 4: The Valvoline Handicap 1600 metres

STRATIGRAPHY (W Kerford) – Bumped with another runner on jumping and again near the 1250m.
SHADOW DUNES (B Huppatz) – Shifted in whilst being ridden forward just passing the 800m.
BIANCONI'S SON (M Tyndall) – Tightened for room passing the 800m having to be checked and blundered from heels almost dislodging its rider.
PERESSINI (P Denton) – Bumped with another runner at the 1250m whilst racing along the rails and had to be steadied.
LE COMMANDO (B Davis) – Bumped with another runner on jumping. Taken in by another runner just passing the 800m.

General: On inquiry B Huppatz pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) of careless riding with the specifics being that near the 800m he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not clear resulting in LE COMMANDO being taken in onto BIANCONI'S SON which was checked and blundered from heels almost dislodging its rider. B Huppatz had his licence to ride in races suspended to commence midnight 27th August and to expire midnight the 10th September (3 NT meetings). B Huppatz was further advised of his right of appeal.

Race 5: The Cummins Cup 1400 metres

REMBRANDT (L Crow) – Slow into stride bumping with another runner.
KING'S PARDON (B Davis) – Commenced awkwardly bumping with another runner.
RHYTHM OF CUBA (B Huppatz) – Blundered from heels near the 600m.
LADY PHROMILY (D Pisani) – Shifted in near the 600m.

General: On inquiry jockey D Pisani was found guilty of a charge under AR137(a) for careless riding with the specifics being that near the 600m he allowed his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear causing RHYTHM OF CUBA to be tightened for room and as a result blundered from heels. D Pisani had his licence to ride in races suspended to commence midnight the 26th August and to expire midnight 4th September (2 NT meetings). D Pisani was further advised of his right of appeal.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners.

Pre-race sample taken from PRESSINI, KING'S PARDON, LE COMMANDANT

Fines

Apprentice jockey K Brooks \$200 for failing to take 2 rides at her MRW NT91(c).

Race 3 Trainer G Connor \$100 for presenting WILD RUN without its approved gear (AR140A)

Race 5 Trainer V Oldfield \$100 presenting KING'S PARDON without its approved gear (AR140A).

Suspensions

Race 4 Jockey B Huppatz suspended for 3 NT meetings for careless riding

Race 5 Jockey D Pisani suspended for 2 NT meetings for careless riding

Embargoes

Race 1 BONSAI BOY - warning (hanging out)

Race 1 NEVER POINTLESS – vet clearance

D Westover

Alice Springs Chief Steward

