

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Twomey (Chairman), D Hensler, R Merritt, R Hamilton, L Jackson, A Napier, J Hamilton (Clerk of Scales), J Lattenstien (A/Judge)
Deputy Stewards: C Manley
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 33
Stakes Paid: \$63,450

General: Mr G Clarke, trainer of **HEART OF AYLA** which performed below expectations on the 16th August, 2014 reported that the mare had some leg swelling on return to the stables and although no lameness was evident he had given the mare a week off but has now recovered and he will continue with its preparation.

Race 1: Thanks Group 1 Racing & Events 0 – 64 Handicap 1200 metres

BIG ISLAND (S Hillebrand) – Raced wide throughout.

HAMISH BOY (R Williams) – Bumped at 1000m.

ERBAWI (B Davis) – Bumped at 1000m. Raced under pressure from the 400m and yielded ground in the straight. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, rider advised that in his opinion the mare did not appreciate the softer condition of the track. Trainer Mr G Clarke could offer no explanation for the performance and concurred with his riders comments. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities and a swab sample was taken from the mare.

PROPHECY (M Tyndall) – Inclined to lay out rounding the turn. Trainer Mr J Peacock reported that in his opinion the removal of the cross over noseband had contributed to the geldings improved performance.

Race 2: Tattsbet 0 – 58 Handicap 1200 metres

STAY TIL DAWN (B Davis) – Commenced awkwardly.

SILENT GEE (S Hillebrand) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance, rider advised that despite his efforts the gelding was unable to lead as it had when winning at its previous start and therefore had failed to run on as anticipated. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities

AZRAEL (D Bates) – Crowded shortly after the start.

HOLLYWOOD HUSSLER (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start. Inclined to hang out for majority of the race.

MIME (R Williams) – Bumped at the start.

Race 3: National Jockeys Trust Maiden Plate 1300 metres

DEVIL'S TALE (K Gladwin) – Bounded at the start losing some ground.

OLD STORMY (A Brown) – Subsequent to the event the veterinary surgeon reported the gelding had sustained a laceration to its near hind heel.

TOP OF THE WORLD (R Williams) – Bumped at the start. Hung outwards rounding the turn.

DUCISSA (C Lloyd) – Commenced awkwardly.

ORO BELLO (R Oakford) – Bumped at the start. Lay inwards in the straight.

General:

On inquiry apprentice A Brown (OLD STORMY) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) for failing to make sufficient effort to prevent her mount shifting ground inwards at the 700m resulting in KHAZNEH (B Davis) being tightened for room and restrained. Apprentice A Brown's license to ride in races was suspended for a period of 1 (DTC) race meeting to expire midnight 13th September. In consideration of this penalty, Stewards took into account Ms Brown's very good overall record and the low degree of carelessness.

Race 4: Lucrf Super Benchmark 77 Handicap 1100 metres

PETMAN (K Gladwin) – Bumped at 500m.

JACOPO (R Oakford) – Raced wide throughout.

WHITE SAMBUCA (C Lloyd) – Commenced awkwardly, losing some ground.

FIRE Drake (A Brown) – Bumped at 500m.

Race 5: National Jockeys Celebration Day Handicap 1600 metres

CLASS BEATS (A Brown) – Bumped at the start.

REARRY (K Gladwin) – Raced under pressure rounding the turn.

WESTEND SMASH (B Davis) – Bumped at the start losing some ground. Raced wide throughout.

DECLINED (S Hillebrand) – Overaced in the early and middle stages and as a result faulted off the heels of another runner at the 1400m and was steadied when racing in restricted room between runners leaving the 1250m and again at the 1000m.

PIPER STREET (R Williams) – Raced under pressure rounding the turn.

Summary fines:

Nil

General:

Post race swab samples were taken from all winners and ERBAWI.

For Lee Twomey