

STEWARDS' REPORT

DARWIN TURF CLUB
SATURDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, A Napier, L Jackson, S Copelin (Deputy), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 5
Number of Runners: 42
Stakes Paid: \$70,000

Race 1: Benchmark NT 71 – 1100m

NEAT FEAT (B Davis) – Lay outwards rounding the home turn.

GIRLS AWAY (S Ridler) – Raced wide throughout. Lay inwards when tested with the whip in the straight.

I WROTE THE BOOK (F Bergstrand) – Slow into stride.

Race 2 - Benchmark 54 Handicap 1100m

THE SOOTHSAYER (K Brooks) – Raced wide throughout.

DUBLIN LAD (B Huppatz) – Raced wide throughout.

COME FOLLOW ME (R Vigar) – Reacted to the kickback by racing greenly in the early and middle stages.

EXPORT QUALITY (W Davis) – Commenced to race fiercely from the 1000m and failed to settle despite the efforts of its rider and as a result was restrained leaving 900m and ultimately checked from heels losing ground near the 800m. Returned with a self inflicted laceration behind the off knee. Trainer P Cole was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manner.

Race 3 - Trobis Maiden Plate (Set Weights) 1200m

MAKOWSKY (NZ) (W Davis) – Reared and then bounded at the start losing ground.

MIGHTY TAX (K Gladwin) – Brushed with another runner at the start. Lay outwards passing the 700m and was eased from heels losing momentum.

THE FIFTH ELEMENT (R Oakford) – Raced wide throughout.

CASINO JAKE (S Ridler) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

Race 4 – 0-64 Handicap 1300m

At the request of SKY Channel the start time of this event was changed to 5.14pm.

ENGINE FIFTY FIVE (R Oakford) – Raced wide throughout.

BRIDGEY FLYER (R Vigar) – Raced wide from the 500m.

HEY CHARLIE (B Davis) – Contacted the running rail and became unbalanced near the 700m.

Race 5 – 0-70 Handicap 1600m

PENDLES (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

GRAB FOR POWER (B Davis) – Knuckled at the start. Steadied from heels near the 450m.

FLYING TORMENTA (R Vigar) – Raced wide from the 500m.

ALDOLPHIN (K Brooks) – Steadied from heels when under pressure near the 450m.

BELDAN (S Ridler) – Bumped at the start. Bumped at the 1400m.

HEZASMARTYPANTS (K Gladwin) - Bumped at the 1400m.

MITFORD GIRL (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start.

General – On inquiry it was established that passing the 450m PENDLES (V Arnott), when being ridden along shifted in when not clear causing ADOLPHIN (K Brooks) to be steadied when under pressure. Jockey V Arnott was cautioned and reminded of her obligation to be fully clear when shifting ground.

At a further inquiry it was established that near the 450m BELDAN (S Ridler) shifted in quickly resulting in GRAB FOR POWER (B Davis) having to be steadied. Stewards were satisfied that whilst BELDAN did shift ground quickly, jockey S Ridler did make an immediate effort to relieve the pressure and therefore no further action was taken.

Summary

Swab samples were taken from all winners. Pre race samples were taken from MITFORD GIRL, FLING TORMENTA, GRAB FOR POWER, PENDLES, MAVERICKS, VILLE DE BERNE, ENGINE FIFTY FIVE, CASINO JAKE & LEGAL VEINE

Reprimands/Warnings

Race 2 – Jockey V Arnott was reprimanded for using her whip consecutively and on 2 extra occasions than permitted prior to the 100m – AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii)

Race 4 – Trainer C Pollard was reprimanded for negligence in failing to notify a plating change for DASH ABOUT – AR175(k)

Suspensions

Nil

Embargoes

Race 2 – EXPORT QUALITY warning for racing manners

D Hensler

NT Chairman of Stewards