

## DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 22nd September 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), L Twomey , R Merritt , D Merritt, Ms J Lattenstein, A Williams

Deputy Steward: C Manley

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 39

Stakes Paid: \$58,300

### Race 1 – MAIDEN PLTE - 1200 metres:

ZIGANA MAGIC which had become fractious in the float en route to the course was examined by the Clubs Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run.

C Spry rider of ZIGANA MAGIC advised the stewards that he would be unable to ride the mare at its declared weight of 57.0 kg. He stated that he was unable to ride below 57.5kg in this race and whilst he had followed his normal routine leading up to today he was unable to reduce his weight as per normal.

As there was no replacement rider available stewards permitted C Spry to fulfil his engagement a 1/5 kg overweight.

C Spry rider of ZIGANA MAGIC was fined \$200 for accepting the ride on that mare for which he was ultimately overweight, AR120(b).

SUHANI knuckled on jumping away.

ZIGANA MAGIC stumbled badly when the gates opened and lost ground.

HAYSTACK scrambled on jumping away and conceded ground.

Shortly after the start ROODEE shifted in and made contact with IGGI DARLING.

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon inspected HAYSTACK which weakened badly over the concluding stages and reported that she could find no apparent abnormalities.

**1<sup>st</sup> LUNCH MATES      2<sup>nd</sup> ROCKING MADICA      3<sup>rd</sup> SUHANI**

### Race 2 – 0 – 64 HCP - 1300 metres:

KIRKHAM knuckled on jumping away.

Near the 450 metres KIRKHAM had to be checked when tightened for room by TRISTA RULER (J Cameron) which shifted in. Ms J Cameron stated that TRISTA RULER rolled in abruptly when only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of length in front of KIRKHAM and she attempted to straighten immediately. Stewards accepted the evidence from Ms Cameron however advised her that she must endeavour to give her fellow riders sufficient room in future.

**1<sup>st</sup> LADUNI      2<sup>nd</sup> TRISTA RULER      3<sup>rd</sup> MEET BARNEY**

**Race 3 – 0 - 58 HCP - 1100 metres:**

On jumping away UPHEBOBS shifted out tightening DECREES and MANTASTIC. Shortly after the start SMOOTH COUPEZ shifted out slightly and hampered EQUANIMITY.

**1<sup>st</sup> MANTASTIC      2<sup>nd</sup> MAGNIFICENT SEVEN      3<sup>rd</sup> LETS FACE IT**

**Race 4 – 0 - 70 HCP – 1200 metres:**

No Report.

**1<sup>st</sup> SAVANNAH PRINCE    2<sup>nd</sup> OUT OF ORBIT      3<sup>rd</sup> RHYTHMIC KING**

**Race 5 – BENCHMARK HCP - 1600 metres:**

Stewards permitted Mr K Jennings rider of HIERARCHY to ride that gelding at 54.5kg when his MRW is 54.0 kg. K Jennings stated that he was struggling with his weight and he made every effort possible to ride 54.0kg but was simply unable to do so.

Stewards took no action however advised K Jennings that if he was to be unable to ride at his MRW again in the near future some action may be taken.

On jumping away HIERARCHY jumped out onto IGGLES STAR.

At the crossing near the 1500 metres LIGHTNING SHOT dipped.

K Jennings rider of HIERARCHY was found guilty of a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(i)(ii). The details being that prior to the 100 metres he used his whip in the forehand manner on that gelding on 9 occasions with 2 being consecutive.

Stewards in assessing penalty took into account submissions from Mr S Clarke on behalf of K Jennings to the effect that he was a relatively inexperienced apprentice and that he would be making a concerted effort at modifying his whip use in future.

Stewards ordered under AR196(2) that K Jennings forfeit his riding fee in respect of this race.

HARD KNIGHT and BACCHUS EAGLE which both had minor swelling in their forelegs were examined by the Clubs Veterinary Surgeon on arrival at the course and passed fit to run.

**1<sup>st</sup> HIERARCHY      2<sup>nd</sup> LIGHTNING SHOT      3<sup>rd</sup> HARD KNIGHT**

*Swab samples were taken from all winners.*

**Summary:**

Suspensions:      Nil  
Fines:              Race 1 C Spry  
                            Race 5 K Jennings  
Reprimands:      Nil  
Embargoes:        Nil