

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**DARWIN TURF CLUB**  
**SATURDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**Weather:** Fine      **Track:** Good      **Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, A Napier, L Jackson, S Copelin (Deputy), Z Gooden (Deputy), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)  
**Veterinary:** Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic  
**Number of Races:** 6  
**Number of Runners:** **38**  
**Stakes Paid:** \$82,500

**Race 1: Benchmark Handicap 1300m**

**General:** Prior to the race Stewards interviewed trainer C Pollard in relation to the riding instructions he intended to give each jockey bearing in mind his stable had 3 runners in the event. All runners were ridden accordingly.

**ORION (NZ)** (F Bergstrand) – Commenced to resent the kickback after being crossed by another runner passing the 1100m.

**GOLD BUNDLE** (M Tyndall) – Knuckled at the start. Returned with a laceration to the near hind hoof.

**ENGINE FIFTY FIVE** (R Oakford) – When questioned regarding today's performance rider advised that whilst the gelding was stepping up in class it had not been suited when pressured for the lead. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**SET FOR A BUNDLE** (K Brooks) – Raced wide throughout. Lay inwards under pressure between the 150m and the 50m.

**DASH ABOUT** (B Huppatz) – Lay outwards through the middle stages.

**Race 2 – 0 - 64 Handicap 1200m**

**MERVEILLE** (C Spry) – Commenced awkwardly.

**EXERT** (V Arnott) – Dipped from heels at the start.

**WOOGIE** (B Davis) – Cantankerous behind the barriers and after its rider was dislodged the mare underwent a veterinary check and was cleared to compete. Proved difficult to load, delaying the start. Trainer G Clarke was advised that a warning would be placed on the mare's loading manner.

**ANOTHER MAN'S GAIN** (J Mamat) – Veered outwards at the start.

**I'M A SOLDIER** (M Tyndall) – Raced wide throughout.

**General:** Visiting TRSA apprentice jockey Jai Mamat appeared before Stewards in the company of trainer D Leech in relation to his riding of ANOTHER MAN'S GAIN over the concluding stages of the event. He was subsequently found guilty of a charge under AR137(b) for failing to ride the gelding out to the end of the race, in particular the final 2 strides. Apprentice J Mamat was fined the sum of \$250. In arriving at this penalty Stewards were mindful of his relative inexperience and that this was his first ride at the track. Stewards also took into account that in their opinion, whilst finishing second (beaten a long head) his actions had not cost his mount the opportunity to win the race.

Apprentice J Mamat was reprimanded for negligence in failing to weigh in immediately following the race.

**Race 3 – Maiden Plate 1100m**

**CASINO JAKE** (J Mamat) – Slow into stride. Rider reported his mount was off the bit in running and lay outwards under pressure in the straight.

**Race 4 – 0 – 70 Handicap 1000m**

**HE'S COMMANDING** (F Bergstrand) – Commenced awkwardly getting its head in the air.

**GROUP HUG** (R Oakford) – Lunged forward and contacted the gates at the start.

**ZOCALOS** (J Mamat) – Commenced awkwardly and made contact with the inside barrier petition and as a result got its head in the air and unbalanced its rider.

**BRIMARVI CUGAT** (M Tyndall) – Dwelt at the start and lost several lengths.

General: Prior to declaring correct weight, Stewards viewed the patrol films of the start and interviewed all riders and the Starter following concerns expressed that there may have been a false start. It was established that GROUP HUG had lunged forward and sprung the gates on its barrier simultaneously as the start was being effected. Jockey R Oakford immediately took hold of his mount and once satisfied that the false start signal had not been activated he commenced to ride his mount along. Stewards were therefore satisfied, in the circumstances, that no unfair advantage had been gained by GROUP HUG and furthermore that no other runner had been disadvantaged and correct weight was semaphored.

**Race 5 – Benchmark 54 Handicap Division 1 - 1600m**

**MRS ZELTFIRE (NZ)** (J Mamat) – Steadied passing the 1300m.

**OLD STORMY** (K Brooks) – Raced wide for the majority of the event.

**Race 6 – Benchmark 54 Handicap Division 2 - 1600m**

General: Prior to the race Stewards interviewed trainer P Cole in relation to the riding instructions he intended to give each jockey bearing in mind his stable had 3 runners in the event. All runners were ridden accordingly.

**DANCE THE BEAT** (V Arnott) – Raced wide for the majority of the event.

**MIRKA (NZ)** (F Bergstrand) – Had a tendency to lay inwards under pressure in the straight.

**Summary**

Post race samples were taken from all winners. Pre race samples were taken from GOLD BUNDLE, ENGINE FIFTY FIVE, ANOTHER MAN'S GAIN, I'M A SOLDIER, MRS ZELTFIRE, ARRAYANES, WAVING, HEY CHARLIE, DANCE THE BEAT & THING OF NOTHING

**Reprimands/Warnings**

Race 2 – Apprentice J Mamat was reprimanded for failing to weigh in – AR144

Race 2 – WOOGIE - warning for loading manners

**Suspensions**

Nil

**Embargoes**

Nil

**Fines**

Race 1 – Trainer C Pollard \$100 for presenting DASH ABOUT with incorrect gear – AR140

Race 2 – Apprentice J Mamat \$250 for failing to ride his mount out to the end of the race – AR137(b)

D Hensler

NT Chairman of Stewards

