

STEWARDS' REPORT

Darwin Turf Club
Saturday 24th October 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True Position

Stewards: D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, L Jackson, Z Gooden (Deputy), S Copeland (Deputy) A Napier (Clerk of Scales) J Lattenstein (Judge), L Ross (Betting Supervisor)
Veterinary: Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic
Number of Races: 4
Number of Runners: 30
Stakes Paid: \$49 600

Race 1: 0 – 64 Handicap 1200 metres

PALACE SPIN (V Arnott) – Steadied to avoid heels near 1000m. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that after receiving interference in the early stages she had ridden vigorously to lead and as her mount had then raced keenly the gelding was unable to finish the race off as anticipated. Connections advised that the gelding will now be sent for a spell.

LUNCH MATES (R Vigar) – Raced wide throughout.

DUST 'N' DIAMONDS (B Kennedy) – Lay outwards under pressure when tested with the whip over the final 100m.

HAMISH BOY (R Rhodes) – Commenced awkwardly.

General: On inquiry it was established that after beginning only fairly **PALACE SPIN** (V Arnott) was ridden along in the early stages and had to be steadied from the heels of **DUST 'N' DIAMONDS** (B Kennedy) which had shifted inwards near the 1000m. After considering the evidence, Stewards were of the opinion that jockey B Kennedy was initially clear when he commenced to shift his mount inwards but as PALACE SPIN had improved quickly to his inside he was not fully clear at the time of the interference. He was subsequently reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a).

Race 2: 0 -70 Handicap 1100 metres

ZOCALOS (B Kennedy) – Raced without cover in running.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1300 metres

CHOICE DISCOVERY (R Rhodes) – Returned having bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr P Cole was advised of the embargo placed on the gelding under AR53A as a first time bleeder.

COOPERESS (B Kennedy) – Crowded at the start.

ATLANTIS (F Bergstrand) – Shifted ground outwards when under pressure over the concluding stages.

BLACKEN RED (B Huppatz) – Raced wide throughout.

BONSTAR EXPRESS (W Davis) – Held up rounding the home turn and was angled inwards to secure clear running near the 250m.

DARK CLOUD (R Vigar) – Trainer Ms T Halter sought and was granted permission to race the mare without a tongue tie as she had noticed in the raceday stalls that it had sustained a laceration to the tongue. The mare subsequently underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to compete. This information was disseminated on course. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that after being ridden forward his mount had dropped the bit passing the 700m and consequently lost momentum through the middle stages.

PRIMARY ELEMENT (B Davis) – Trainer Mr S Clarke advised that he will consult with connections in regards to the mare having a let up.

SOFT KITTY (K Cross) – Impeded behind the heels of another runner leaving the 700m and was consequently steadied near the 500m. Carried outwards and impeded over the concluding stages.

General: Jockey B Davis (PRIMARY ELEMENT) was found guilty of a charge under AR137(b) for failing to ride his mount out over the final 50m of the event. Jockey B Davis was fined the sum of \$400.

Apprentice F Bergstrand (ATLANTIS) acknowledged a breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii) in that she used her whip in the forehand manner on 7 consecutive and 8 additional occasions than permitted prior to the 100m. Apprentice F Bergstrand was fined the sum of \$500.

Jockeys W Davis (BONSTAR EXPRESS) acknowledged a breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii) in that he used her whip in the forehand manner on 3 additional and consecutive occasions than permitted prior to the 100m. Jockey W Davis was fined the sum of \$300.

Race 4: 0 - 58 Handicap 1600 metres

DANCE THE BEAT (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

THE TALKER (B Kennedy) – Compounded from the 600m. Returned having bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr D Waters was advised of the embargo placed on the gelding under AR53A as a first time bleeder.

General: Apprentice F Bergstrand (ARROGANT) acknowledged a breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii) in that she used her whip in the forehand manner on 3 consecutive and 5 additional occasions than permitted prior to the 100m. Apprentice F Bergstrand was fined the sum of \$200. After considering apprentice F Bergstrand's very good previous record in relation to the whip rules, Stewards ordered that the \$200 penalty from this race be served concurrently with \$500 penalty imposed for the same rule breach in the previous race.

Summary

Swab samples were taken from all winners

Pre race samples were taken from BRIDGEY FLYER, FULLY HECTIC BRO, THE TALKER & EFRON.

Fines

Race 3 – Jockey W Davis fined \$300 for a whip breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii).

Race 3 – Jockey B Davis fined \$400 for a breach of AR137(b)

Race 3&4 – Apprentice F Bergstrand fined \$500 in total for whip breaches of AR137A(5)(a)(i)&(ii)

Reprimands

Race 1 – Jockey B Kennedy reprimanded for careless riding

D Hensler
Chairman of Stewards