

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 8th December 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Overcast

Rail: True Position

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

Deputy Steward: Mrs C Manley

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 32

Stakes Paid: \$58,300

Race 1 – 0 – 70 HCP - 1200 metres:

HERCULEAN which presented with low grade colic on Friday afternoon was scratched from this event on veterinary advice.

When racing down the back straight MOUSAL attempted to hang out.

1st POWLETT 2nd GREY THUNDER 3rd KIRIKIRISH

Race 2 – CLASS B HCP - 1200 metres:

When the gates opened YUNG WARRIOR jumped outwards.

On jumping away LUKE'S COURAGE was slow to muster speed.

LIGHT SAX raced ungenerously when attempting to round the turn.

1st YUNG WARRIOR 2nd RARING TO GO GO 3rd PRIDE OF OLIVIA

Race 3 – BENCHMARK 78 HCP - 1100 metres:

Rounding the latter part of the turn FAR HORIZONS was tightened by PHANTOM VERDE on its outside, who in turn was receiving pressure from PICK OF THE LOT.

1st BELCINO 2nd REFLEX 3rd PICK OF THE LOT

Race 4 – 0 - 58 HCP – 1100 metres:

On jumping away, BOMBER and NOT FOR PROFIT came together.

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected BOMBER which performed below expectations and reported she could find no apparent abnormalities.

Mrs J Huish trainer of CENTENESSY was fined the sum of \$100 for failing to declare a rider for that mare by the prescribed time (NT 129).

Shortly after entering the straight HUSSARD (M Tyndall) which rounded the corner ungenerously, shifted in abruptly under pressure. BOMBER (B Huppertz) and BALLADONIA (C Angel), which were both attempting to take runs between HUSSARD and CENTENESSY, were hampered as a result of HUSSARD shifting in abruptly and CENTENESSY hanging out slightly. As a result BOMBER clipped heels with CENTENESSY and BALLADONIA was forced to change course to the outside of HUSSARD.

Stewards advised Ms M Tyndall rider of HUSSARD that in similar circumstances she would be expected to put her whip down and straighten her mount quicker.

1st HANGAR SEVEN 2nd NIGHT OPTION 3rd EKRUM

Race 5 – 0 - 64 HCP – 1600 metres:

When the gates opened THE TINKER dwelt and lost considerable ground as a consequence.

Stewards questioned P Crich rider of THE TINKER, in regard to that gelding getting well back for the majority of the race. P Crich stated the gelding had a poor start and was slow to get going. He further stated that he had used the whip down the gelding's shoulder when racing down the back straight and the gelding had shown no response. He then proceeded to pull the whip at approx the 600 metres in the backhand manner at which point the gelding began to make ground. P Crich also added the fast early speed of the race did not suit the gelding's preferred racing pattern. Stewards accepted P Crich's explanation.

1st SKY TRAVELLER 2nd ALMAC 3rd MANNING

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from Sky Traveller, Almac and The Tinker.

Summary:

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Race 4 J Huish (\$100)
Reprimands:	Nil
Forfeit Riding Fee:	Nil
Embargoes:	Nil