

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Wednesday 10 May 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 3m 1000 – 400m where cutaway applies

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. G. Polglase & J. A. Shultz (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), R. Fordham (Betting), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) Dr R Walshe (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: HYGAIN TRU GAIN F & M MAIDEN HANDICAP

1000M

Matrix – Slow to begin and shifted out and bumped Lulu Raez.

Lulu Raez – Bumped on jumping.

Murrmaid – Held up rounding the home turn.

Grey Storm – Held up rounding the home turn. When questioned, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that her mount pulled hard in the early and middle stages and made respiratory noises upon pulling up after the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr J Nisbet advised that the stable would experiment with a tongue-control device prior to the mare's next race start.

Arrondissement – Began awkwardly and lost ground.

County Limerick – Near the 500m laid out and became awkward on the heels of Arrondissement.

RACE 2: HYGAIN PAK-CELL C, G & E MAIDEN HANDICAP

1000M

Victory Tapestry – Slow to begin and shortly after the start was hampered by Let It Roll which shifted out.

Card Tricks – Slow to begin and shortly after was hampered by Mr Holt which shifted out.

Grand Cherokee – Slow to begin. Trainer Mr J Van Duren was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was uncompetitive, having being beaten 23L. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Silver Cloud Three – Raced wide throughout.

Territorial – Raced wide throughout.

Tougherthantherest – Hung out over the final 100m.

Let It Roll – Laid out over the final 100m.

Fox Beat – Reared up in the mounting enclosure, lost its footing and fell over resulting in its rider harmlessly dismounting in the incident. The gelding was subsequently examined by the Club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. Raced greenly throughout.

Gaelic Bolt – Rider app Ms C MacFarlane was spoken to regarding her failure to ride her mount out close to the line and reminded of her obligation to fully test her mount to the end of the race when it was safe to do so.

RACE 3: HYGAIN RELEASE CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1200M

Autumn – Bumped on jumping by Written In Blood which shifted out. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

RACE 4: HYGAIN RACETORQUE BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1000M

Black Platinum – Trainer Mr M Smith was fined the sum of \$50 under AR140B(2) for the late application of blinkers to the gelding's racing gear. On straightening was restrained when tightened for room between Chappie which laid in slightly and Lady Wynette (app J Van Overmeire) which, after attempting a run between Black Platinum and Puntun Sunny (app P Scorse) rounding the home turn where there was doubtful room, was then taken out by Puntun Sunny which shifted out. In all the circumstances app J Van Overmeire was told to be mindful of not taking runs where there was doubtful room to do so and app P Scorse was told to exercise more care and ensure that he his mount is clear of other runners when shifting ground. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M Bell stated that shortly after the start his mount became disunited in its galloping action and continued to race in that manner in the early stages which resulted in the gelding settling a little further back than anticipated. He added that despite his mount receiving interference on straightening, in his view it was nevertheless not travelling well enough to take advantage of the available run and thereafter did not respond to his riding and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Lady Wynette – Rounding the home turn had some difficulty improving into a run where there was initially doubtful room. On straightening was eased inwards across the heels of Puntun Sunny which shifted out.

Chappie – Began awkwardly. Raced wide throughout. Following the race, it was reported that the gelding had suffered a bleeding attack. As this was the first such episode, trainer Ms W Roche was told that the gelding would incur the mandatory three month ban from racing under the provisions of AR53A(4).

Hectic – Was a little slow to begin.

Lord Denman – Was a little slow to begin.

Manatassee – Raced wide throughout.

RACE 5: HYGAIN REGAIN MAIDEN HANDICAP 1400M

Happy Chats – As M Bell was overweight, Stewards permitted R Bensley to be substituted as the rider of the filly. M Bell was subsequently fined the sum of \$100 under AR120(b). Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

Fairlighting – Slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight where it then laid in and continued to do so for the remainder of the race.

Knuckle Rock – Bumped on jumping.

Bordeaux Bandit – Bumped on jumping. Pulled hard in the early and middle stages.

Agitator – Bumped on jumping.

Pink Moscato – Began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped Bordeaux Bandit.

Sly Grin – Held up in the early part of the straight.

Goldmine – Raced wide throughout.

Texas Dancer – Raced wide throughout.

Next Witness – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was beaten 65L revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr L Bryant was interviewed regarding the performance the gelding today and the conditioning of the gelding in the lead up to today's race. After hearing that evidence Stewards chose only to order that the gelding must barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 6: HYGAIN TRACKTORQUE CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE

2000M

Midnight Jumper – Hampered on jumping.

Rock Prodigy – Began awkwardly. Passing the 100m shifted in and made contact with Awake the Stars. Rider B Ward was told that in similar circumstances he must correct his mount from shifting ground. Over the final 50m was contacted by Awake The Stars (T Wolfgram) which shifted out. Rider T Wolfgram was also told that in similar circumstances he must correct his mount from shifting ground.

Awake The Stars – Correct weight was delayed at the request of the connections of the filly to enable them to view a replay of the race to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection against the winner over interference in the straight. After viewing the vision and when satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds, and when Stewards were of a similar view, particularly as Awake The Stars had shifted out Inside the final 50m and made contact with Rock Prodigy, no objection was lodged and correct weight was declared on the Judge's placings.

Seething Drake – Bumped on jumping.

Canford Calling – Bumped on jumping.

Awake The Stars – Was contacted on the hindquarter on jumping and became unbalanced.

Vinnie – Passing the 1500m was eased from the heels of Tubbs Gift when the pace steadied.

RACE 7: HYGAIN MICRSPEED BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP

1400M

Goodlookin'rooster – Slow to begin.

Friskee One – Slow to begin.

Can She Kiss – Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

Chadana – Pulled hard throughout.

Innocent Game – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider Ms J Taylor stated that her mount travelled reasonably well during event but tired over the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Keep Me Posted – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M Travers stated that his mount travelled well in the early stages of the event however passing the 800m was under pressure and then did not respond to his riding in the straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Marzena, County Limerick

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 4: Trainer Mr Matthew Smith (Black Platinum) (AR140B(2)) - \$50 – Late gear change. Race 5: M Bell (Happy Chats) (AR120(b)) - \$100 – Overweight.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 2: Grand Cherokee – Uncompetitive.
Bleeders:	Race 4: Chappie – 1 st episode. Incurs mandatory three months ban from racing.
Trials:	Race 5: Next Witness –Uncompetitive.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 3: Her Name Is Rio – Red cap. Race 6: Canford Calling – Whit cap.