

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Acton Track

Friday 9 June 2017

Weather: Overcast

Track: Synthetic

Rail: True

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. G. Polglase, T. Vassallo (Stewards), M. Donoghue (Starter) P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), R. Fordham (Betting), J. Wright (Swab), L. Milton (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), R. Walshe (Veterinarian).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Canberra (Acton) Friday 26 May 2017

RACE 4: THOMAS CUP MAIDEN HANDICAP

1280M

The Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the tactics adopted on the mare in the abovementioned race. On Friday 26 May 2017 evidence was taken from both rider M. A. Cahill and trainer Mr R. Stubbs. When questioned, rider M. A. Cahill stated the instructions issued to him by trainer Mr R. Stubbs, were for the mare, which was having its first start with its new stable and drawn a wide barrier, ridden quieter today as the owner was of the view that the mare had been ridden a little too close at its previous start. He added that when trapped wide early he was obliged to ease back further to obtain a position closer to the rail. He added that passing the 600m he initially became held up on the heels of *Well Overdue* but as he was reluctant to shift out to improve as he was of the view that he would have to cover excessive ground rounding the home turn he therefore remained racing on the back of *Well Overdue* and opted to instead search for inside runs. He added that after the 600 metres after initially being briefly held up he shifted to the inside of *Well Overdue* and after following *Morning Music* his mount then became held up for some distance on the heels of that runner approaching the home turn however passing the 400 metres he was able to shift to the outside of *Morning Music* to obtain clear running where the mare then ran on strongly under pressure in the straight. Trainer Mr R. Stubbs confirmed the instructions and expressed satisfaction with the ride. A subsequent assessment on the wagering activity on the event did not reveal any integrity concerns. In considering the evidence, Stewards noted that whilst **Dizzy Days** had been held up for some distance approaching the home turn, by being able to subsequently gain an inside run passing the 400m, they were satisfied that the mare had not been disadvantaged compared to the option of improving to the outside of *Paramount Pat* which was positioned to the outside of *Well Overdue* from the 600m where it would have been required to cover significant ground. However, M A Cahill was told that in the view of the Stewards, his initial decision passing the 600 metres to continue to remain racing behind *Well Overdue* and *Morning Music* when there was not initially a run available and also bearing in mind that both runners were not fancied runners was, in the view of Stewards a lower percentage option and in similar circumstances, despite having to make his run wider, he should have taken that option.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Trainer Mr J. Ible was fined the sum of \$100 under LR82 (3) for being found to have an unregistered stable hand in his employ on the morning of 11 May 2017.

RACE 1: MERCEDES-BENZ CANBERRA BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP

1900M

Due to the malfunctioning of the judges' official photo finish linx system, the judges were not able to use this aid to assist with the placing of runners in this event, but rather relied upon a video replay of the event.

Alfden—When questioned regarding his riding of the gelding, rider App. P. Scorse stated that his instructions were to have his mount racing where comfortable. He added that after obtaining a position in the early stages back in the field, passing the 1500 metres when the speed slowed his mount commenced to pull hard and as a consequence he allowed his mount to stride forward in the middle stages. When questioned as to why passing the 1200 metres and when caught three wide without cover to the outside of *Gresham Station* he did not allow his mount to continue to stride forward to cross to the lead and thereby obtain a position closer to the rail, App. P. Scorse stated that with knowledge of the gelding's previous racing history he believed to have done so would not have been in the gelding's interests as it is the view that the gelding performs best ridden further back. Co-trainer Mr P. Jones confirmed the instructions and expressed satisfaction with App. Scorse's ride in the middle stages in respect to not going to the lead insofar as it is his opinion that the gelding can lose focus by finding the front too soon.

Bill 'N' Eve—Hung out for some distance passing the 1500 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have suffered a bleeding attack. As this was the first such occasion, trainer Mr J. Marzol was advised that under the provisions of AR53A (4) the gelding would incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing.

Storm On—Change of tactics: to be ridden more forward; slow to begin and settled back.

Essence Prevail—Commenced to overrace passing the winning post on the first occasion. After the 1500 metres had to be checked from the heels of *Bill 'N' Eve* and shifted out and continued to pull hard throughout the middle stages.

Illyrian—Slow to begin. Was held up for clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Gresham Station—A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities.

Planet Earth—After the 1500 metres was hampered and taken wider by *Essence Prevail*, which shifted out after being awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Bill 'N' Eve*.

1st STORM ON 2nd ALFDEN 3rd ESSENCE PREVAIL 4th ILLYRIAN

RACE 2: CASINO CANBERRA CLASS 1 HANDICAP (SCALED +0.5KG)

1080M

Balletusa—Raced wide throughout.

Bare Foot Babe and Notre Reve—After being loaded into its barrier stall, **Bare Foot Babe** kicked out repeatedly at the back gates and then got its near hind leg caught on the running board for some length of time. The mare was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 12.37 p.m. when also found to have sustained mild lacerations to its hind legs in the incident. Rider R. Bensley subsequently reported that also in the incident he had squeezed his left foot, however he declined the offer of an examination from the club's ambulance officers. **Notre Reve** was also a late withdrawal at 12.40 p.m. after refusing to be loaded. Stewards ordered that all investments on **Bare Foot Babe** and **Notre Reve** be refunded in full and further that all bets with bookmakers placed prior to 12.37 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Our Finvarra** 21¢ win, 28¢ place
2nd **Star Aspiration** 18¢ place

And further that all successful bets with bookmakers placed between 12.37 p.m. and 12.40 p.m. be paid subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Our Finvarra** 9¢ win, 14¢ place
2nd **Star Aspiration** 8¢ place

Trainer Mr J. Bateman was advised that **Notre Reve** would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to racing again. After viewing a replay of the incident and when it was apparent that Revenue, which was stalled alongside **Bare Foot Babe** had initially been a little fractious contributing to **Bare Foot Babe** kicking out at the rear gates, Stewards elected to issue only a warning against the behaviour of the mare, rather than to take direct action.

Le Dejeuner—Held up rounding the home turn and until the 200 metres and then held up for the remainder of the event.

1st OUR FINVARRA 2nd STAR ASPIRATION 3rd BALLETTUSA 4th REVENUE

RACE 3: GOLD BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP **1280M**

Overdane—Near the 200 metres shifted in and brushed the running rail.

Not A Hint—Trainer Mr J. Marzol was reprimanded under AR140A (1) for presenting the gelding in the mounting enclosure with its nose roll fitted incorrectly around the gelding's offside rein.

Imperious—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider App. N. Haywood stated that in his view his mount did not race comfortably on the synthetic surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Jayko—Trainer Mr C. Hensler advised that he would instruct his rider not to use the whip during the event as it was his view that the gelding resents its use. Public announcements were made.

1st ATLANTIC SENTINEL 2nd LOSTASOCK 3rd DRAMATICO 4th JAYKO

RACE 4: JOHN MCGRATH AUTO GROUP MAIDEN HANDICAP **1080M**

Force Awakens—Was obliged to race wide throughout. Laid out in the straight.

Duck The Bill—When questioned, R. Bensley stated that his mount was slow to begin, did not travel at any stage in the event and as a consequence lost touch with the field. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr M. Gee was advised that the filly, which raced uncompetitively, would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to racing again. Mr Gee advised that the filly would now be spelled.

Claradale Lass—Raced wide throughout.

Peloponnese—Shifted out at the start and made contact with *Usain Brockstar*.

Usain Brockstar—Shifted in on jumping and made contact with *Peloponnese*. Near the 1000 metres was contacted on the hindquarter by *Claradale Lass*, which shifted in and as a consequence became unbalanced. Rider J. Penza accidentally dropped his whip near the 200 metres.

I Am Kalani—Raced keenly in the early and middle stages and near the 700 metres had to be eased when crowded by *Silver Cloud Three*, which shifted in momentarily.

Tiger Stryke—Slow to begin.

1st RUGENBRAU 2nd PRINCE JACKO 3rd PELOPONNESE 4th I AM KALANI

RACE 5: AFFINITY CONSTRUCTIONS AUSTRALIA MAIDEN HANDICAP **1280M**

Jindaberra—After the 900 metres had to be restrained when crowded for room between *Snippets Essential*, which shifted in slightly, and *The Boulevard*, which shifted out slightly after being corrected by its rider when the gelding had been inclined to lay in.

Jerra Storm—After the 900 metres when racing keenly had to be steadied when awkwardly positioned on the heels of *The Boulevard*, which laid in despite the efforts of its rider.

The Costa Dreams—Slow to begin.

1st LET IT ROLL 2nd JINDABERRA 3rd LIQUID DINNA 4th STREET PRINCE

RACE 6: JOHN MCGRATH KIA MAIDEN PLATE

1750M

Limelight—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider R. Bensley stated that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages, however passing the 900 metres, after being crossed by *La Vitesse Rush*, his mount was immediately off the bridle and did not respond to his riding in the straight and was somewhat disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

London Time—Held up for clear running rounding the home turn and on straightening had some difficulty attempting a narrow run between *My Foolish Notion* and *La Vitesse Rush*.

Marry Me Molly—A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have suffered a bleeding attack. As this was the first such occasion trainer Mr F. Cleary was advised that the mare would incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under AR53A (4).

Moonlight Duchess—Leaving the straight on the first occasion had to be checked when crowded by *Garn Star* (S. Miller), which shifted in but then was restricted from relieving that pressure due to the positioning of *Cortina Blue*, which improved to be racing forward and to his outside. In all the circumstances S. Miller was reprimanded under AR137 (a).

My Foolish Notion—Passing the 250 metres, when weakening had to be steadied when crowded for room by *London Time* (M. Travers) which shifted in when not quite clear to improve to the inside of the heels of *La Vitesse Rush*. M. Travers was advised to exercise more care.

1st DIZZY DAYS 2nd CORTINA BLUE 3rd GO ONE MORE 4th LONDON TIME

RACE 7: TABCORP BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP

1080M

Lord Denman—Was obliged to race four wide without cover throughout.

Jorgeus—Near the 150 metres was eased from the heels of *Unyielding* (B. Ward), which shifted out when not quite clear. B. Ward was advised to exercise more care.

Hercegovka—Taken in shortly after the start by *Lord Denman*, which shifted in.

Kanerupt—Crowded on jumping between *Therese* and *Hotel Moskva*, both of which shifted ground.

1st KANERUPT 2nd UNYIELDING 3rd TO A DEGREE 4th LORD DENMAN

RACE 8: CANPRINT COMMUNICATIONS BM 53 HANDICAP (SCALED -0.5KG)

1206M

Tougherthantherest—After the 900 metres had to be eased from the heels of *So Blessed* (R. Bensley), which shifted in when not quite clear. R. Bensley was advised to exercise more care.

Chuckles—Began awkwardly.

Manicc—When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider App. B. Panya stated that her mount travelled reasonably in the early and middle stages, however on straightening did not stretch out and in her view was not comfortable on the synthetic racing surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities.

Vie Sera—Raced keenly in the middle stages of the event and for some distance after the 900 metres had to be restrained from the heels of *Tougherthantherest*.

1st TOUGHERTHANTHEREST 2nd CANNY PALANCE 3rd CHUCKLES 4th MONTE AINSLIE

SWAB SAMPLES:

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

Race 1: Bill 'N' Eve, Planet Earth

Race 2: Notre Reve, Bare Foot Babe

Race 3: Imperious, Lostasock

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Race 2: Bare Foot Babe —fractious in barriers.
Fines:	Supplementary report: Mr J. Ible fined \$100 (LR82 (3)).
Reprimands:	Race 3: Mr J. Marzol reprimanded (AR140A (1)). Race 7: S. Miller reprimanded (AR137 (a)).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 1: Bill 'N' Eve —mandatory three-month ban (AR53A (4)). Race 6: Marry Me Molly —mandatory three-month ban (AR53A (4)).
Trials:	Race 2: Notre Reve —to barrier trial—barrier manners. Race 4: Duck The Bill —to barrier trial—raced uncompetitively.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 2: R. Bensley (Bare Foot Babe) left foot.
Protests:	Nil.
Late withdrawals:	Race 2: Bare Foot Babe at 12.37 p.m. Race 2: Notre Reve at 12.40 p.m.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 6: Moonlight Duchess —navy and white corded cap. Race 6: My Foolish Notion —green cap.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.