

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 22 January 2016

Weather: Overcast

Track: Soft (7). Heavy (8) at 2.30 p.m. Heavy (10) at 3.10 p.m.

Rail: Out 8 metres

Penetrometer: 5.13

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), T. J. Davidson, B. J. Gray (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), M. Donoghue (Assistant Starter) R. Fordham (Betting), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) S. Polak (Veterinarian).

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## **GENERAL:**

Stewards today continued an inquiry into the conduct of licensed stablehand Mr Brian Freebody during the Queanbeyan race meeting held on Saturday 9 January 2016. Evidence today was heard from Mr Freebody's employer, licensed trainer Mr J. Cleary and further evidence was obtained from Mr Freebody and licensed trainer Mr F. Cleary who was in charge of Mr J. Cleary's runners during the abovementioned race meeting. Mr Freebody pleaded guilty to a charge under AR175 (q) in that being the person attendant upon **Chaquinta**, which was engaged in Race 5 Walsh Hotel Maiden Plate at Queanbeyan Racecourse on Saturday 9 January 2016 he did misconduct himself in that whilst intoxicated he did lead toward the mounting enclosure **Chaquinta** prior to that mare competing in the abovementioned race. Mr Freebody's stablehand's licence was suspended for a period to be backdated to Wednesday 13 January 2016, the day on which his employment was terminated by Mr J. Cleary and to expire on 13 July 2016, on which day he may resume his stablehand duties. Mr Freebody was advised that under AR196 (4) Stewards would suspend the operation of the final two months of that period of suspension on evidence that he completes a satisfactory period of alcohol counselling.

## **RACE 1: ADELAIDE MAGIC MILLIONS YEARLING SALE 2YO HANDICAP 1000M**

**Flash Fibian**—When questioned, rider R. Bensley stated that he had been advised by the stable representative that the gelding had a tendency to be slowly away and he was told to attempt to make it begin and to keep his mount travelling. He added that despite his endeavours his mount was slow to begin, was obliged to race wide throughout but nevertheless was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

**Can't Find Snippy**—Over the concluding stages was taken in and inconvenienced by *Fox Tales* (B. Ward) which shifted in under pressure. B. Ward was advised to exercise more care.

1<sup>st</sup> FOX TALES 2<sup>nd</sup> CAN'T FIND SNIPPY 3<sup>rd</sup> NO WHEN TO HOLD EM 4<sup>th</sup> SLY GRIN

## **RACE 2: BLACK OPAL BOOKINGS OPEN CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1000M**

**Katy's Revenge**—Bounded on jumping.

**Hosier Lane**—Slow to begin.

1<sup>st</sup> LOT THREE FOUR ONE 2<sup>nd</sup> MANATASSEE 3<sup>rd</sup> STILL MISSING 4<sup>th</sup> FORBIDDEN KISSES

## **RACE 3: CIVIL CONSTRUCTION HIRE CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1400M**

**Margarita Rush**—Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. Laid in in the straight.

**Polyphemus**—Raced wide throughout.

**Jolly Good**—As S. Pollard was found to be overweight, Stewards permitted P. King to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. S. Pollard was subsequently fined the sum of \$100. Slow to begin.

**Scarlet Wings**—Near the 1100 metres had to be steadied from the heels of *Kingmandu* (B. Ward), which shifted in when not quite clear. Rider App. N. Burrells (**Scarlet Wings**) was advised however that in similar circumstances and particularly when it was apparent that her mount had not showed the necessary speed to hold *Kingmandu* out she should have desisted from attempting to hold that position far sooner than she had.

Following the running of this race the track was downgraded to a heavy (8) at 2.30 p.m. to be made retrospective to include this event.

**1<sup>st</sup> MARGARITA RUSH 2<sup>nd</sup> POLYPHEMUS 3<sup>rd</sup> LOTHARD 4<sup>th</sup> KINGMANDU**

**RACE 4: BOOK THE DECK MARQUEE FOR OPAL MAIDEN PLATE 1200M**

**More Spur**—Passing the 300 metres the gelding was bumped by *D'beak*, which laid in after attempting a narrow run between the gelding and *A Good Yank*, which laid in.

**A Good Yank**—Laid in in the straight. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding which was on debut, rider J. Penza stated that although his mount won its most recent trial on heavy conditions at Rosehill on 4 January 2016, in his view his mount was not comfortable on today's heavy (10) track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

**Elatus**—Slow to begin.

**Frothed**—Slow to begin. When questioned rider P. King reported that due to a severe lack of visibility in the middle stages he continually restrained his mount as he was aware that he was racing close to the heels of *Corrupt Magpie* and *Jackalope* and as a consequence his mount was disadvantaged and lost significant ground.

**El Estafadora**—Slow to begin.

After the running of this race the track was downgraded to a heavy (10) at 3.10 p.m. to be made retrospective to include this event.

Following the running of this event and upon return to scale riders expressed concern to the Chief Steward regarding the lack of visibility during this race. Stewards then interviewed senior riders that rode in the race and after conducting those interviews, viewing footage of the race and after accessing Bureau of Meteorology information regarding the forecast for further rainfall, they postponed the remainder of the race meeting due to lack of visibility and safety concerns.

**1<sup>st</sup> KINSHACHI 2<sup>nd</sup> ELATUS 3<sup>rd</sup> D'BEAK 4<sup>th</sup> FASHION MODEL**

**SWAB SAMPLES:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

SUMMARY	
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> S. Pollard fined \$100 (AR120 (b)).
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Queanbeyan 9 January 2016:</b> Mr B. Freebody suspended from 13/1/2016 until 13/7/2016 (AR175 (q)),
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil.

<b>Late withdrawals:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Nil.
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil.
<b>Disqualifications:</b>	Nil.