

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 9 September 2016

Weather: Overcast and then rain later in the afternoon.

Track: Heavy (9)

Rail: Out 8 metres

Penetrometer: 6.15

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), B. Gray, T. Vassallo (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), R. Fordham (Betting), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), A. Malo (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: CANPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 2000M

Holyroodhouse—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M. Travers stated that his mount travelled in a favourable position on the back of favourite *Skillz That Killz* passing the 600 metres, however when placed under pressure from this point failed to quicken, hung out rounding the home turn and in the straight and in his view was not comfortable on today's heavy track conditions. Co-trainer Mr P. Jones stated that he was in agreement with the sentiments of his rider and advised that he would present the gelding only on firmer surfaces in future. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Oscar Time—Rider N. Souquet was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137A (5) (a) (ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100 metres, one more than is permitted under the rule.

Skillz That Killz—Prior to the declaration of correct weight and when no objection was received from the connections of the mare against second placegetter *Jackalope* concerning interference during the straight, Stewards viewed the official patrol films to consider whether an objection should be lodged. After viewing the videos, whilst it was evident that passing the 300 metres *Jackalope* had shifted out and brushed **Skillz That Killz** and near the 200 metres continued to shift out and again made contact with the mare, bearing in mind the margin of a half length between the respective runners and when Stewards were satisfied that the degree of interference had not affected the outcome of the race, correct weight was declared on the judges' placings. At a subsequent inquiry S. Miller (*Jackalope*) was advised to exercise more care and was told that in similar circumstances he should correct his mount from shifting ground.

1st MIDNIGHT OBSESSION 2nd JACKALOPE 3rd SKILLZ THAT KILLZ 4th OSCAR TIME

RACE 2: XXXX GOLD BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP 1400M

Court Victory—Began awkwardly. Rider App. H. Grace was reprimanded under AR137A (5) (a) (ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100 metres, one more than is permitted under the rule.

1st ZARITZIE 2nd FLUCTUATIONS 3rd MR FOX 4th COURT VICTORY

RACE 3: ILLUMINATING SOLUTIONS BENCHMARK 70 HANDICAP 1600M

No racing incidents.

1st GOLAN POWER 2nd BLUE CARLOU 3rd ILLYRIAN 4th MAI TAI LADY

RACE 4: BREMA GROUP MAIDEN PLATE 1300M

Le Sacre Blur—Co-trainer Mr P. Jones was fined the sum of \$50 under AR53C for failing to notify that this runner was in fact a gelding.

The Big Bomber—Was crowded on jumping between *Le Sacre Blur* and *Gravitate* and in the incident made contact with *Gravitate*. Pulled hard during the early and middle stages.

Gravitate—On jumping was bumped by *Fortunately* and as a consequence shifted in and made contact with *The Big Bomber*.

Fortunately—Near the 1100 metres had to be eased from the heels of *Cool In Black* (R. Bensley), which shifted in when not quite clear. R. Bensley was advised to exercise more care.

1st COOL IN BLACK 2nd FORTUNATELY 3rd GRAVITATE 4th THE BIG BOMBER

RACE 5: TAB.COM.AU BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1200M

No Luck Needed—App. B. Ryan was fined the sum of \$300 under AR137A (5) (a) (ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100 metres, one more than is permitted under the rule.

Cumberland Range—After the 50 metres came together with *No Luck Needed* due to both runners shifting ground. Rider J. Kissick was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137A (5) (a) (ii) for using his whip on six occasions prior to the 100 metres, one more than is permitted under the rule.

Sheezsingle—When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider M. Travers stated that his mount never travelled at any stage of today's event, changed strides on several occasions during the race and, in his view, was not comfortable on today's heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

Honor The Moment—Blundered passing the 800 metres.

1st NO LUCK NEEDED 2nd CUMBERLAND RANGE 3rd HONOR THE MOMENT 4th MANATASSEE

RACE 6: JOHN MCGRATH AUTO GROUP MAIDEN PLATE 1000M

Classic Conquest—Correct weight was delayed at the request of the connections of the mare to enable them the opportunity of viewing a replay of an incident passing the 850 metres to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection against the winner, *God's Heaven*. After viewing the replay and when those grounds did not exist, correct weight was declared on the judges' placings.

Madame Missy—Whilst parading in the mounting enclosure the mare threw its head up striking its rider B. Ward in the jaw. B. Ward was examined by the club's medical officers and cleared to fulfil his riding engagements. Trainer Mr D. Williams was told that a warning would be recorded against the pre-race behaviour of the mare. Passing the 850 metres had to be checked. N. Souquet (*Janis*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137 (a) in that passing the 850 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Fitnah*, which was carried in onto *Malachi Crunch*, which was taken in onto *Classic Conquest*, which had to be checked and which was taken in onto **Madame Missy**, which was also checked. N Souquet's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 18 September 2016, and to expire on Tuesday 27 September 2016, on which day he may ride.

Janis—Rider N. Souquet pleaded guilty to a charge under AR145 of having returned to scale in excess of half a kilogram above his mount's allotted weight. N Souquet's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence at the expiration of a careless riding suspension imposed in this race and therefore to commence on Tuesday 27 September 2016 and to expire on Sunday 2 October 2016, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration the margin of only a half head between his mount and *My Foolish Notion*, which was placed third.

Friskee One—Passing the 800 metres had to be steadied when crowded for room to the inside of *Old Maribo*, which had been taken in by *Madame Missy* when that runner was checked.

Henry's Pride—After the 800 metres, when crowded for room to the inside of *Friskee One*, got its head up and lost additional ground.

Classic Conquest—Passing the 850 metres had to be checked.

Malachi Crunch—Near the 800 metres was carried in by *Fitnah*.

Fitnah—Near the 800 metres was taken in by *Janis*.

No More Drinks—Trainer Mr G. Vella was interviewed in relation to the mare, which was having its first start for his stable, being presented in the mounting enclosure without a Cornell head collar, which was part of the mare's declared racing gear. On Mr Vella's assurance that he had notified the removal of that gear to the Trainers' Service Centre on Wednesday 7 September 2016 and on his evidence that the mare had worked up well in the lead up to today's race without that gear Stewards permitted the mare to race without that collar. Public announcements to this effect were made. Following the event the Trainers' Service Centre subsequently advised that their voice recording system had experienced technicalities at the time that Mr Vella was alleged to have notified of the gear change and therefore Stewards accepted Mr Vella's evidence in relation to the removal of the Cornell head collar. Was a little slow to begin and crowded shortly after by *Madame Missy*. After the 800 metres had to be checked from the heels of *Madame Missy*, which had received interference.

1st GOD'S HEAVEN 2nd CLASSIC CONQUEST 3rd MY FOOLISH NOTION 4th JANIS

RACE 7: SEEARS WORKWEAR BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1000M

Dyrham Park—Could not be fully tested over the concluding stages when positioned in narrow running between *Siandra* (App. Ms C. MacFarlane) which shifted out slightly, and the outside running rail. App. MacFarlane was advised to exercise more care.

Inchcape Rock—Slow to begin.

1st FOX TALES 2nd SIANDRA 3rd DYRHAM PARK 4th MAN OF PEACE

RACE 8: MELBOURNE CUP BOOKINGS CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1200M

D'Beak—Passing the 250 metres had to be directed to the inside of *Too Quick For You* to continue into clear running.

Uncle Gerry—Whilst it was evident that App. Ms C. MacFarlane had used her whip on several occasions when her mount was out of contention, Stewards accepted her explanation that she did not realise that she was not in contention for a placing due to her lack of visibility due to debris coming back off the rain-affected track.

1st SUPREME LAD 2nd TOO QUICK FOR YOU 3rd FRENZE HALL 4th D'BEAK

BARRIER TRIAL:

The following trainers were each fined the sum of \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the thoroughbred identity card for their respective runners:

Trainer Mr N. Olive (**Let It Roll**)
Trainer Mr G. Vella (**Seduction**)
Trainer Mr L. Pepper (**Casino Star**)

SWAB SAMPLES:

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

Race 1: Midnight Obsession, Skillz That Killz

Race 2: Go Get 'Em, Mr Fox

Race 3: Mai Tai Lady, Illyrian

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Race 6: Madame Missy —pre-race manners.
Fines:	Race 1: N. Souquet fined \$200 (AR137A (5) (a) (ii)). Race 4: Mr P. Jones fined \$50 (AR53C). Race 5: App. B. Ryan fined \$300 (AR137A (5) (a) (ii)).

	Race 5: J. Kissick fined \$200 (AR137A (5) (a) (ii)). Barrier Trial: Trainer Mr L. Pepper fined \$50 (AR59A) Barrier Trial: Trainer Mr G. Vella fined \$50 (AR59A) Barrier Trial: Trainer Mr N. Olive fined \$50 (AR59A)
Reprimands:	Race 2: App. H. Grace reprimanded (AR137A (5) (a) (ii)).
Suspensions:	Race 6: Rider N. Souquet suspended from Sunday 18 September 2016 until Tuesday 27 September 2016 (AR137 (a)). Race 6: Rider N. Souquet suspended from Tuesday 27 September 2016 until Sunday 2 October 2016 (AR145).
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 6: B. Ward—struck in the jaw.
Protests:	Nil.
Late withdrawals:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.