

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT RACING CLUB
DATE: FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER
STEWARDS: S QUILL (Chairman), D TYSON, B FREE, P MAHER, F BATES, J
AINSCOW, K LAURENCE (Clerk of Scales)
VETERINARY SURGEON: DR J McKENNA
MEDICAL OFFICER: DR KYAW
TRACK: SYNTHETIC
RAIL: TRUE
WEATHER: FINE
PENETROMETER: NA

Comments / Explanations:

Due to a new starting point for the barriers, races 1 and 2 were run over 1009 metres and not 1000 metres as advertised. This is now the new official distance for races from this starting point.

RACE 1 – DEVONPORT CUP AMBASSADOR BENCHMARK 64 HCP– 1009 METRES

Enzian (D.Yendall) – Rider D Yendall stated that the gelding raced one paced and was off the bit from the 600 metres.

Gee Gee Queen Bee (S.Carr) – Near the 150 metres steadied and switched back to the inside of Divi (T Voorham) which shifted out under pressure. T Voorham was advised exercise care when shifting ground.

Divi (T.Voorham) – Lay out under pressure in the home straight.

Gee Gee Pengala (C.Graham) – Rider C Graham stated that on pulling up the gelding had difficulty regaining its breath. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

Lazy Democray (G.Catania) – As the gelding has not raced since 17 June 2017, underwent a veterinary examination after arriving on course and passed suitable to race.

Gee Gee Rich Ruby (A.Darmanin) – Commenced extremely awkward and lost ground.

Dragons Mistake (A Patis) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Rider A Patis stated the gelding lay out throughout.

RACE 2 – BIRDCAGE TAVERN MAIDEN 3-Y-O & UP MDN. SET WEIGHTS– 1009 METRES

Caesar's Quest (A Darmanin) – Slow into stride. Rider A Darmanin stated the gelding was not suited to racing further back after missing the start. Lay in in the home straight and passing the 100 metres lay in and brushed Saint Laura.

Birmondo (R Bishop) – Near the 200 metres was briefly inconvenienced by Gee Gee Liberty which after being held up shifted in slightly.

Gee Gee Liberty (S.Carr) – Approaching the 200 metres when attempting a run where barely sufficient room between Saint Laura and Birmondo was disappointed and briefly held up when Saint Laura lay in under pressure before being straightened.

Royal Flo (D.Yendall) – Rider D Yendall stated that the mare may be better suited over a further distance than today's.

Saint Laura (S.Amano) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Lay in in the home straight. Near the 100 metres brushed by Caesar's Quest.

RACE 3 – GOODSTONE GROUP ACCOMMODATION CLASS 1 HANDICAP– 1150 METRES

Speedy Illusion (T.Voorham) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

Kwai (D.Yendall) – After arriving at the barrier, underwent a veterinary examination which revealed the filly to have a minor laceration on its tongue, however was passed suitable to race. Passing the 800 metres got its head up when racing keenly.

The Rockbank Flash (J Benbow) – Slow into stride.

Merciabelle (S.Carr) – Lay in from the 200 metres. When questioned on the apparent improved performance, Trainer/Rider S Carr explained that in her opinion the mare is suited to the synthetic surface. Miss Carr added that after reviewing the mare's interstate form she was of the view that the mare is also better suited over today's shorter distance.

RACE 4 – SKY RACING GOLDEN MILE– 1650 METRES

Killin Falls (J Innes Jnr) – Held up for clear running between the 600 and 300 metres. Rider J Innes stated he had difficulty in obtaining clear running from the 600 metres and was unable to improve until entering the home straight.

Geeges Baritone (S.Carr) – After being slow to begin was then restrained when tightened for room between Jodi Nicole which had been taken inward by Overplay and Secrets She Has which shifted out.

Secrets She Has (G Catania) – After becoming fractious in its barrier, underwent a veterinary examination and passed suitable to race, which delayed the start slightly. Shifted out on jumping away.

Speedonova (J.Benbow) – Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race. Lay in in the home straight. When questioned rider J Benbow explained that he had been instructed to attempt to ride the mare with cover from the wide barrier, however after being caught very wide leaving the straight on the first occasion he elected to roll forward and attempt to gain cover behind Kanji which was racing three wide, however when that gelding improved to sit outside the leader passing the 1000 metres this left him three wide without cover. J Benbow added the mare travelled well however failed to run on when placed under pressure in the home straight after racing wide throughout.

Underplay (C.Graham) – Bumped with Kanji at the start. Trainer D Miller advised the gelding will now be spelled.

Overplay (D.Ganderton) – Shifted in on jumping away.

Kanji (A.Darmanin) – Bumped with Underplay at the start and shifted out. Raced three wide without cover in the early stages before settling outside the leader passing the 1000 metres.

Jodi Nicole (I.Toker) – Inconvenienced and tightened at the start between Overplay which shifted in and Secrets She Had which shifted out.

Axion (A.Patis) – As the gelding raced at Launceston 5 December 2018 (4th of 9 beaten 1.75 lengths) underwent a veterinary examination after arriving on course and passed suitable to race. After being slow to begin was then checked off the heels of Kanji which shifted out after bumping with Underplay.

RACE 5 – SIMONS DESIGN CENTRE MAIDEN/CLASS 1 CL1. SET WEIGHTS– 1880 METRES

Akbar Jay (R.Bishop) – Slow into stride. Rider R Bishop stated the gelding failed to respond to his riding when placed under pressure.

Boss Cat (J.Innes Jnr) – When questioned regarding the manner in which he rode out over the concluding stages, rider J Innes Jnr explained that over the final stages he was unable to improve his position as Roulette Star was commencing to weaken and roll out slightly and mindful of improving up onto that mare's heels and at the same time Aquietword which was racing to his outside had commenced to shift in slightly. Stewards accepted J Innes's explanation.

Greykap (T.Voorham) – Bumped by Geegees First Lady shortly after the start. Raced three wide without cover in the early stages before obtaining cover passing the 1100 metres.

Geegees First Lady (A.Patis) – Shortly after the start shifted out and bumped with Greykap.

Red Fiore (C.Graham) – Approaching the 600 metres when attempting a neat run to the inside of Boss Cat (J Innes Jnr) had to be restrained when momentarily tightened by that gelding which shifted in marginally before being corrected. J Innes Jnr was severely reprimanded and advised to ensure he is fully clear when permitting his mounts to shift ground. It was noted that the manners of Red Fiore were a contributing factor in this incident. Raced greenly throughout.

White Gazelle (B.Muhcu) – Performed below expectations. Rider B Muhcu could offer no explanation for the disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary failed to reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6 – CUP GUEST “THE PUMPER” BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP – 1350 METRES

Mister Marmalade (J.Benbow) – Lay in in the home straight.

Meteor Strike (D.Ganderton) – Late scratching at 8:43am on veterinary advice. Trainer K Hamilton was advised that a veterinary clearance is required prior to racing again.

Dothraki Princess (C Graham) – Change of tactics. Attempt to be ridden with cover if circumstances permit. After becoming fractious and getting a leg up in its barrier, underwent a veterinary examination and passed suitable to race, which delayed the start slightly. Slow to begin and settled toward the rear.

Jubilance (D.Yendall) – Rider D Yendall explained that he had been given no firm instruction and after being caught wide and racing keenly the mare was placed further forward than he intended.

Fontein Ali (S.Carr) – Slow into stride. Performed below expectations, rider S Carr explained that after being slow away the gelding resented the kick back from the synthetic surface when racing back in the field and was reluctant to stretch out.

RACE 7 – GREAT NORTHERN CRISP MAIDEN 3-Y-O & UP MDN. SET WEIGHTS– 1350 METRES

Blackburn (S.Carr) – Rider S Carr explained that after beginning well and then pulling hard early she was positioned further forward than intended.

Princet van Gogh (NZ) (J.Innes Jnr) – Lay in in the home straight

Serious Jester (A.Darmanin) – Slow into stride. Held up for clear running approaching the 400 metres and had to steady off the heels of Geegees Rock Opera.

Gee Gees Magic Man (D Yendall) – Lay in in the home straight. Passing the 200 metres lay in toward the heels of Geegees Rock Opera and had to be steadied.

Miss Bomber Belle (A Patis) – Lay in in the home straight.

SWAB SAMPLES

Pre-race blood samples: R2 - Holy Sign
R3 – Skip Town Mike, Kwai
R4 – Kool Kash, Speedonova,
R5 – Lady Casey
R6 – Mister Marmalade, Harriman
R7 – Blackburn

Pre-race urine samples: R1 – Divi
R2 – Brimondo
R4 – Geegees Goldengirl, Mr America, Kanji

Post-race samples: R3 – Merciabelle
R4 – Willby Rules
R5 – He's Rushin
R6 – Huontegz

RACEDAY SUMMARY

LATE SCRATCHINGS: R6 – Meteor Strike – Vets advice

REPRIMANDS: R5 – J Innes – Careless riding – AR137(a)

HORSE ACTIONS: R6 – Meteor Strike – Veterinary certificate

CHANGE OF TACTICS: R6 – Dothraki Princess – to be ridden with cover

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RACE 1 – BOOK YOUR XMAS FUNCTION NOW BENCHMARK 58HCP– 1400 METRES

Kryptonian – Trainer M Dalco advised that the gelding will now be retired.