

STEWARDS REPORT -THOROUGHBRED

Club:	King Island Racing Club
Date:	Saturday 28 th January 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Penetrometer:	Not taken
Rail Position:	True
Stewards Panel:	Ross Neal (Chair); Roger Brown and Carolyn Ellson.
Officials:	King Island Voluntary Ambulance Service (Medical Providers); Dr J Cleeland (Veterinary Surgeon);

Race 1 – MONTY/FIELDS SHEARERS MAIDEN (1,400 METRES)

SHEEZA BEWDY – fractious behind the barriers and proved difficult to load – warning placed; made the final turn awkwardly and lost ground.

LENY’S READY – began awkwardly and settled back.

NEVER ASTERN – inclined to over-race through the early and middle stages.

Race 2 – NEWMANS HOME FURNISHINGS OPEN TROPHY SCALED (1,400 METRES)

SKWOSH – slow to begin.

Rider Thomas Doyle reported that AFRIDI which finished third may be feeling the effects of recent racing.

Race 3 – SOUTHERN AIRLINES GALLOPING PLATE CLASS B HANDICAP (2,600 METRES)

MR ZIGMUND – checked after 400 metres and lost ground.

Stewards inquired into an incident near the 2,200 metres where MR ZIGMUND was checked when racing inside MISS BONDI. After questioning riders Randy Tan (MR ZIGMUND) and Apprentice Brooke Hanham (MISS BONDI), and reviewing vision of the incident, it was determined that MISS BONDI had shifted ground inward when being steadied off heels when the tempo of the race was eased by the race leaders, as a consequence of the tempo reduction MR ZIGMUND improved onto the heels of MISS BONDI and had to check. Given this incident was primarily tempo related the Stewards determined no further action was required.

Stewards questioned rider Jamie Gibbons (FRITES) regarding his tactics through the early stages where the mare raced three-wide for a distance. In explanation Mr Gibbons stated that his instructions were to let the FRITES run freely as this best suited her racing style. Mr Gibbons added that after being caught wide early he elected to move forward gradually, given the distance of the race, and that he eventually arrived outside the leader near the 1,200 metres. FRITES gave ground over the latter stages and finished well back. Mr Gibbons concluded by stating that, in his opinion, the mare was feeling the effects of recent racing. Mr Gibbon's explanation was noted.

Race 4 – MACKENZIE/CLARKE MEMORIAL CLASS B HANDICAP (1,600 METRES)

SNIPER STRIKE – turned its head in the barriers immediately prior to release and was slow away (5L)

BROTHER BOOMER – over-raced through the early stages.

MAYROL PRIVILGES – raced wide rounding the first turn.

PANDA'S NOSEY BOOT – had to steady near the 700 metres when awkwardly placed between BROTHER BOOMER and ALPINE SKATER.

DISCLEVABOY – hung out throughout the final straight.

Race 5 – BRUCE AND BETTY CLARKE MEMORIAL CLASS B HANDICAP (1,200 METRES)

AXELBATCHFOLEY – was a late scratching at 8:14am after a veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be suffering from a recurring soreness issue. Trainer r Jim Taylor was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to AXELBATCHFOLEY next racing.

PAXA PUNCH – got back from a wide draw; raced in restricted room in the early part of the final straight.

AVIDA – raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Protests:	Nil
Stand-downs/required to trial:	Nil
Horse Actions:	R5 - AXELBATCHFOLEY – veterinary clearance required.
Pre-race Swabs:	Nil
Post-race Swabs:	MR ZIGMUND.
Adjourned Inquiries:	Nil

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