

STEWARDS REPORT -HARNESS

Club:	King Island Racing Club
Date:	Saturday 16 th December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	Ross Neal (Chair); Gavin Griffin (Panel); Ebony Morice-Smith (Panel)
Officials:	King Island Voluntary Ambulance Service – Medical providers; Dr J Cleland – Veterinarian; Chris Barnett (Club Steward)

Race 1 – JBS AUSTRALIA PACE (1,735 METRES)

BLOSSOM DELIGHT – broke at the start, taking considerable time to settle- excluded from standing start draws, retired from the race near the 800 metres when out of contention – post race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormality

JULEPE SANZ – tangled briefly at the start however recovered quickly; held up for clear racing room in the early part of the final straight.

CHASIN FRANKIE – broke at the start and settled well back - excluded from standing start draws.

OUR IDEAL FELLA – Broke at start - excluded from standing start draws.

CAMBRO FLASH – compounded passing the 700 metres and shortly after was retired from the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have suffered an atrial fibrillation and to have bled from both nostrils. CAMBRO FLASH is now subject to the mandatory 3-month stand-down from racing under AHRR 101 (3)(a), after which veterinary clearances particular to the bleeding attack and atrial fibrillation are required. CAMBRO FLASH must then trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race.

Race 2 – MONTY AND FIELDS STAKES (1,735 METRES)

ERMINNIE QUICE – broke at the start and settled back - excluded from standing start draws.

BABYFACE QUINCE - broke at the start and settled back - excluded from standing start draws.

BALDASARRE – checked at the start – inconvenienced 1,400 metres.

NAPATTACK SAM – broke after 200 metres and settled at the back – warned racing manners.

Following the conclusion of the event, the driver of the 5th placed NICK A GRIN (Adrian Collins) lodged a protest against the 2nd placed IMHOOKED (Shane Keelar) alleging interference when IMHOOKED re-joined the field after racing inside marker pegs near the 1,400 metres.

After questioning drivers and review vision of the incident, it was established that when making the turn near the 1,400 metres, IMHOOKED, which was trailing the race leader STONEY THE SPY (Dylan Ford), attempted to improve to the inside of STONEY THE SPY when that runner was racing approximately one off the marker cones. Shortly after commencing this manoeuvre IMHOOKED was forced inward and over marker cones for a short distance when STONEY THE SPY shifted ground inward. STONEY THE SPY was then driven forward to regain the lead, with IMHOOKED regaining the trailing position. Inconvenienced in this incident were BALDASARRE and NICK A GRIN which both had to steady.

Given the contribution to this incident of STONEY THE SPY the protest was dismissed.

Driver Dylan Ford admitted an associated breach of AHRR 168 (1)(a) in that he permitted his drive to shift inward and dictate the running of IMHOOKED compelling that runner to race inside marker pegs. Mr Ford was fined \$200.00

Driver Shane Keeler was cautioned regarding the tactic of attempting to improve into runs which had not fully developed.

Driver Ms Tianne Rusten was cautioned and advised to modify her whip action when driving out over the concluding stages.

Race 3 – TASRACING STAKES (2,079 METRES)

FIGHTING FIRE was a late scratching at 12:15pm after a veterinary examination of the gelding after arriving on-course revealed lameness in off-side fore hoof. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance was required prior to FIGHTING FIRE racing next.

A false start was declared when the barriers became entangled in the legs of PAWNBROKERS LAD.

MARGARET'S CLAN – was slow to move of the mark.

JIMI SANZ – slow into stride from 20 metre handicap.

NIL DESPERANDUM – broke for several strides near 1,800 metres – warning issued; pulled hard throughout; hung in and contacted marker pegs near the 1,400 metres,

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R2 - D Ford [(AHRR 168 ())] Careless driving 1,400 metres – Fined \$200.00
Reprimands:	Nil
Stand-downs/required to trial:	Cambro Flash – Stood-down 3 months. Fighting Fire – Veterinary clearance required.
Barrier Information:	Blossom Delight – Out of draw standing starts. Chasin Frankie – Out of draw standing starts Our Ideal Fella - Out of draw standing starts Erminnie Quince – Out of draw standing starts Babyface Quince - Out of draw standing starts
Pre-race Swabs	Nil
Post-race Swabs:	Cambro Flash; Stoney The Spy.
Adjourned Inquiries:	Nil