

**Stewards Report
Gunnedah Jockey Club
Riverside RACECOURSE**

Monday 2nd July 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), J Penfold & I Grimes.

Riding Changes:

Race 1: J Oliver replaced C Franklin (ill)

Race 3: B Hodder replaced C Franklin

Race 6: J Oliver replaced C Franklin

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1000m

Ballybrack – slow to begin, then had to be steadied rounding the home turn.

Brave King – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Jack's Creek – slow to begin.

Cool Sea – when questioned, G Ryan explained that his mount over raced during the middle stages, then had to be checked approaching the home turn when it hung out and ran across the heels of Blinkin Cool and felt awkward in its action after this. A post-race veterinary examination revealed that Cool Sea was 2/5 lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr. K Nestor said that Cool Sea would be spelled.

Puppet's Gift – had to be steadied rounding the home turn.

De La Reign – slow to begin, then crowded shortly after the start.

Blinkin Dancing – had to be steadied rounding the home turn.

Race 2: 3YO Maiden Handicap 1250m

Heir Presumptive – began awkwardly and was crowded at the start, then raced in tractably and took charge of its rider in the early stages and ran very wide rounding the 1000m turn. Trainer Mr. S Jones was advised that

prior to racing again Heir Presumptive would be required to perform tractably in an official barrier trial.

Delete – was forced wide rounding the 1000m turn and had to be checked.

Cathedral Lass – was forced wide rounding the 1000m turn.

Future Road – was forced wide rounding the 1000m turn and had to be checked.

Miss Arabica – was forced wide rounding the 1000m turn and had to be checked, then raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Miss Gai – was forced wide rounding the 1000m turn.

Bon Luck – hung out rounding the 1000m turn, then again when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap 1400m

Grubba's Last – was momentarily crowded between runners and had to be checked passing the 1000m.

Choconi – began awkwardly.

Race 4: Open Handicap 1600m

Loud Enough – the rider G Ryan pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A (5) (ii), in that he applied the whip on ten occasions prior to the 100m, which included 6 applications in succession. G Ryan's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 11/7/18 and expire 16/7/18, on which day he may resume. In determining penalty, consideration was given to the significance of the meetings encapsulated in that timeframe, which included the two feature days of the Grafton racing carnival and had that not been the case the penalty would have been more significant in terms of length. Further, G Ryan was questioned in relation to his riding over the concluding stages, regarding Loud Enough finishing in 3rd position and he explained that inside the 100m his mount commenced to lay in when tiring and shifted into the path of Our Sarasto, which obliged him to cease riding and straighten Loud Enough, then after this he again applied the whip, however his mount was unresponsive and still inclined to shift in. It was determined that G Ryan's actions during this time were appropriate and not a determining factor in Collins Street finishing ahead of Loud Enough.

Blinkin Artie – over raced for some distance passing the 1200m, then shifted out abruptly near the 1000m and struck the heels of Exitoso when being checked.

Exitoso – failed to respond to its rider's urgings inside the 600m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding had sustained a laceration to its off-hind leg which was treated on course by the club's veterinary officer.

Race 5: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1600m

Orezira – when questioned, P Graham explained that despite the wide barrier position he had intended to ride his mount in a forward position in accordance with its established pattern, however Orezira only began fairly and could not muster sufficient speed to be forward without being forced to race wide, therefore he elected to find cover behind midfield. He said that after achieving this the gelding over raced during the middle stages and despite obtaining clear running at the entrance to the home straight its finishing effort was moderate. Trainer Mr. C Martin said that he would consult the connections relative to any future program and if Orezira was to continue the preparation its forward racing pattern would not be altered.

Race 6: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1000m

I Am You Are – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. C Morgan said that the gelding would be spelled.

Blinkin Fast – slow to begin.

Bergdorf – Q Yong, the rider of Sapience, in the presence of H&NWRA jockey's association representative L Henry, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that inside the 100m he allowed his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of Bergdorf resulting in Bergdorf being checked and losing its running. Q Yong's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 8/7/18 and expire 13/7/18, on which day he may resume.

Peloso Lass – crowded at the start.

Guilty As Sin – slow to begin.

Race 7: Benchmark 54 Handicap 1400m

Grass Cutter – over raced during the middle stages.

Dream Habit – slow to begin.

Under Pressure – slow to begin.

Flight Risk – was crowded at the start. Trainer Mr. W Martyn will be contacted relative to the mare’s recovery and future racing program.

Lady Lobban – slow to begin, then held up approaching and rounding the home turn and after improving for some distance in the early part of the home straight was continually held up inside the 200m where it was unable to be fully tested.

Tilly’s Waltz – hung out during the early and middle stages.

Race 8: Class 3 Handicap 1300m

B El-issa, the rider of Smokey Eye was reprimanded (AR175p) for failing to comply with a direction of an official in relation to the parade to the start.

First Family – when questioned J Oliver explained that it had been his intention to go forward in the early stages, however his mount began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly resulting in it being behind midfield. He said that after this First Family over raced for a short distance during the middle stages, but finished the race strongly after securing an unimpeded run in the home straight. Trainer Mr. S Osland confirmed that he had intended First Family to race in accordance with its established forward pattern and said that such instructions would always be issued.

J’Star – began very awkwardly with its head up, shifted in abruptly and was slow away (2L).

Smokey Eye – weakened noticeably inside the 300m. Stable representative Mr. D Simmons said that the gelding would be spelled.

Summary of whip use

Race 1: T Wolfgram – Shot At The Reward	6 strikes prior to the 100m
B Griffiths – Goody’s Gal	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2: P Graham – Delete	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3: L Henry – Time In Raasay	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 4: M Weir – Our Sarastro	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 8: B Cray – Alpenglow	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use no action was taken.

Race 2: A Denby – Bon Luck	9 strikes prior to the 100m – fined \$100
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Race 4: G Ryan – Loud Enough	10 strikes prior to the 100m – suspended
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Swabs: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Puppet’s Gift & Time In Raasay.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 2: A Denby - \$100 (AR137A (5) (ii) – whip use
Suspensions	Race 4: G Ryan – (AR137A (5) (ii)) – whip use – 11/7/18 until 16/7/18 (can ride) Race 6: Q Yong – (AR137a) – 8/7/18 until 13/7/18 (can ride)
Reprimands	Race 8: B El-issa – (AR175p) – noncompliant with an official direction
Warnings	Nil
Trials	Race 2: Heir Presumptive – hung out
Cautions	Nil
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Nil
Follow Up	Nil
Change of tactics	Race 3: Time In Raasay – to be ridden more forward – led