

STEWARDS REPORT

Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RACECOURSE Monday 4 June 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +6m 1400m to Winning Post, +4m Remainder

STEWARDS: T.J.Davidson (Chairman), J.A.Shultz & D.R.McLean

(8u)

RACE 1: 2yo Handicap 1300m:

The start of this event was delayed by approximately 3 minutes when the club's veterinarian was late arriving on course.

Grand Challenge- Crowded shortly after the start. Was inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight.

Banger- When questioned regarding the performance rider N Souquet stated it was the gelding's first-time racing in a clockwise direction but added it travelled well until the 400m, but when placed under pressure from that point it disappointed in its failure to respond. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Carruthers- Crowded shortly after the start. Bumped near the 600m.

Bling Alert- B Vale was given permission to replace A Sweeney (a) who was delayed due to transport difficulties.

Stratum's Rose- Slow to begin. Bumped near the 600m.

RACE 2: 3yo & Up Maiden Plate 1300m:

Currawong- Slow to begin.

Bluebirds- Shifted out under pressure in the early part of the straight. Raced greenly in the straight.

Elunor Rigby- Slow to begin.

Jailbird Jayjay- Held up in the early part of the straight. Steadied near the 300m when *Plucka Pony* shifted outwards. Disappointed for a run between *Plucka Pony* and *Elunor Rigby* approaching the 200m.

Jounama- When questioned regarding today's apparent improved performance trainer K Weir stated the mare had been racing consistently and performed well over the recent Wagga Cup carnival. He added at **Jounama's** most recent start at Young on the 19th May 2018, the mare endured a tough run after being caught wide throughout and weakened in the straight.

Primadini- Hampered and carried wider near the 200m.

Vellichor- Slow to begin. Carried wider near the 250m. When questioned regarding the performance Apprentice A. Sweeney stated after being slow to begin his mount settled further back than anticipated. He further stated the filly travelled well until straightening, was hampered and carried wider near the 250m but finished the race off well and in his opinion, would be better suited racing over a longer distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3: Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Just Vic Wildo- Slow to begin.

Leftover Diamond- Trainer C Heywood was fined \$50 under AR140B for the late application to apply ear muffs to the gelding. Steadied near the 500m when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Dangan Ressha*.

Monkery- Crowded on jumping.

Uisce Beatha- Which was resuming from a lengthy spell underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was found suitable to race. Hung out badly in the straight and could not be ridden out. When questioned rider B Sweeney advised the gelding hung out badly on straightening adding the bit pulled through the horse's mouth and therefore she was unable to ride it out in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainers representative Mr A. Curtis was advised the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards before being permitted to race again.

Find My Tail- Shifted out noticeably under pressure over the concluding stages.

Dangan Ressha- Crowded on jumping.

Prussian Flyer- Began awkwardly.

RACE 4: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1000m:

Ribands- Rider R. Bensley pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he did use the whip on eleven (11) occasions prior to the 100m. R. Bensley's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 11 June 2018 and to expire on Monday 18 June 2018, on which day he may ride.

Dane Slugger- Hampered near the 700m.

Layo Layo- Lost its action behind near the 700m and shifted out abruptly hampering *Dane Slugger* and *Aunty Elsie*. Rider B. Owen stated he felt the mare had broken down and he then retired his mount from the event. Following a review of the Stewards films and a post-race veterinary examination Stewards found the mare had appeared to have locked its near hind stifle. Trainer D. Rolfe was advised a full veterinary clearance must be submitted prior to the mare barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards before racing again. Mr Rolfe reported subsequent to the event that following discussions with connections a decision had been made to retire **Layo Layo** to stud.

Mr Brown Fox- Bumped near the 600m. Rider B. Sweeney could offer no tangible explanation for today's performance stating her mount travelled extremely well but did not respond when placed under pressure in the straight.

Wolfopeterstreet- Bumped near the 600m.

Suneeze- Slow to begin.

Aunty Elsie- Slow to begin. Hampered near the 700m.

RACE 5: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1800m:

Oh So Unfair- Raced wide throughout.

Scotty Be Gotti- A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to have cardiac arrhythmia. Co-Trainer Ms E. Longmire was advised a full veterinary clearance including the results of a ECG must be submitted prior to the gelding barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards. Ms Longmire advised Stewards the gelding would now be retired.

Tudor Rule- Bumped heavily and became unbalanced passing the 50m. At a subsequent inquiry apprentice A Kajiya in the presence of Apprentice mentor Mr B Clark pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that over the concluding stages he did permit *Catch the Culprit* to shift in whilst being ridden with the whip making heavy contact with *Tudor Rule*. Apprentice Kajiya's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 11 June 2018 and to expire on Saturday 16 June 2018, on which day he may ride.

Big Haz- Steadied approaching the 400m when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Romance Can Costa*.

Romance Can Costa- Raced keenly In the early and middle stages.

Black Fusion- Trainer S Spackman was fined \$50 under AR140B for the late application to remove the concussion plates from the gelding. Slow to begin.

Monsoon Charlie- Raced keenly In the early and middle stages.

RACE 6: Benchmark 70 Handicap 1400m:

I Am Kalani- When questioned regarding the performance apprentice A Kajiya stated the filly was slightly slow to begin and raced keenly throughout. He added when placed under pressure in the straight his mount failed to respond to his riding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be 1/5 lame in the off-hind leg. Trainer Mr N Olive advised the filly will now be sent for a spell. Acting on this advice no further action was taken.

Croix de Vie- Slow to begin.

Hercegovka- Withdrawn by Stewards acting on veterinary advice at 2.30pm after being found to have soreness and swelling to the right eye. Trainer Mr J Van Duren was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness must be submitted prior to the mare racing again.

RACE 7: Class 2 Handicap 1200m:

Cliff- Held up in the early part of the straight.

Foxlike- Made heavy contact with the running rail near the 800m.

Aunty Sue- Raced wide throughout.

Pastiche- Checked near the 250m when crowded between *Sacred Son* (J. Grisedale) which shifted in slightly and *Kaotika* (B. Sweeney), which rolled outwards. This incident was exacerbated when *Kappy Cino* (B. Vale) was attempting to improve into insufficient running. All riders were advised to exercise more care. Following this event rider B. Murphy was examined by the Club's ambulance officers after complaining of soreness to the groin area.

Kappy Cino- Began awkwardly and lost ground. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Checked near the 250m when attempting to improve into insufficient running. Held up and unable to improve between the 250m and 50m.

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permissible strikes with the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii)

Race 1	K Nisbet on Stratums Rose	6 strikes
Race 2	B Sweeney on Bay Lane	7 strikes
Race 3	K Nisbet on Could it be Magic	7 strikes
Race 3	J Hughes(a) on Just Vic Wildo	7 strikes

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Grand Challenge

Race 2: Jounama, Elunor Rigby

Race 3: Find My Tail

Race 4: All Aflutter

Race 5: Tudor Rule

Race 6: Croix De Vie

Race 7: Kopaonik

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: C. Heywood- \$50- Late application to carry earmuffs on Leftover Diamond . AR140B. Race 5: S. Spackman- \$50- Late application to remove concussion plates on Black Fusion . AR140B.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 4: R. Bensley- Suspended 11/6/18- 18/6/18. Use whip 11 times before 100m on Ribands . AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Race 5: A. Kajiya(a)- Suspended 11/6/18- 16/6/18. Careless riding on Catch The Culprit . AR137(a).
Warnings:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 3: Uisce Beatha - To trial. Hung out. Race 4: Layo Layo - To trial. Locked near hind stifle. Race 5: Scotty Be Gotti - To trial. Cardiac Arrhythmia.
Certificates:	Race 4: Layo Layo - Vet clearance. Locked near hind stifle.

	Race 5: Scotty Be Gotti - Vet clearance including ECG. Cardiac Arrhythmia. Race 6: Hercegovka - Vet clearance- Soreness and swelling to right eye.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 7: B. Murphy- Complained of soreness to the groin area following race.
Change of Tactics:	Nil.