

**Stewards Report
Muswellbrook Race Club
Skellatar Park RACECOURSE**

Sunday 4th November 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), D Greer & L Martin (Trainee).

Riding Changes:

Race 8: A Morgan replaced A Chau (explanation accepted)

Race 1: Maiden Plate 900m

Cash Factor – the saddle slipped sideways passing the 700m which placed its rider at a significant disadvantage for the remainder of the race. Hung out approaching and rounding the home turn.

Rooster Cogburn – slow to begin.

Hot Dreamer – slow to begin.

La Loi – hung out during the middle stages and ran very wide rounding the home turn and in the home straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare was lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr. S Gleeson said that La Loi would be spelled. Notwithstanding this advice, Mr. Gleeson was told that prior to racing again La Loi must perform tractably in an official barrier trial.

Tri Tri Again – dislodged the rider behind the start and galloped rider less for some distance before being recaptured and withdrawn at 1.39pm. when correct weight was declared, it was ordered that all bets made on Tri Tri Again be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 1.39pm be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st Slimline – 1 cent Win & 1 cent Place

2nd Destiny's Choice – 1 cent Place

3rd Dynasty Di – 2 cents Place

Dynasty Di – raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Race 2: 3YO Maiden Plate 1000m

Engadine – hung out rounding the home turn.

Freedom's Fire – was crowded between runners passing the 600m and had to be checked, then was bumped heavily near the 500m.

Harkness – slow to begin.

Nomoretawq – raced greenly in the early stages and hung out passing the 600m. A Gibbons, the rider of Bubbles Ball pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that at the entrance to the home straight he allowed his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Nomoretawq**, which was carried wider until it bumped heavily with **Old Harbour** and lost its running. Taking into account all the circumstances including A Gibbons' established good record in relation to incidents of this nature, his license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 11/11/18 and expire 15/11/18, on which day he may resume.

Poulton Le Sands – was crowded at the start, raced greenly in the early stages, had to be steadied passing the 600m and raced erratically when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Bubbles Ball – bumped the running rail passing the 600m, became very unbalanced and lost ground.

Ellofarock – was crowded at the winning post.

Madam Ilithia – hung out in the early stages.

Pleasure Bomb – raced greenly in the early stages, hung in passing the 600m and had to be checked.

Smoodge – had to be checked and shifted out abruptly passing the 600m.

Schooner Or Later – had to be checked when crowded near the 20m.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap 1500m

Trainer Mr. R Ollerton was fined \$100 (LR35), for failing to declare J Adams as the rider of Onemore Prince by the prescribed time.

Gannett Peak – slow to begin, then experienced some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the home straight.

Seburst – trainer Ms. P Bullen was advised that prior to racing again the mare must perform competitively in an official barrier trial.

Race 4: Class 3 Handicap 1500m

Achi Baba – was hampered and carried in by I Am Awesome (L Day) passing the 100m. L Day was reprimanded (AR137a).

I am Awesome – the rider accidentally dropped her whip passing the 100m.

Valknut – slow to begin.

I Can Hear Music – clipped the heels of Flymia Miss in the early stages and blundered.

Flymia Miss – began awkwardly, then over raced for a short distance passing the 1200m.

Biscuit – over raced for some distance passing the 1200m.

Race 5: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1280m

Asudem – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

In Good Health – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Sithali – began awkwardly.

Race 6: Open Handicap 1450m

Petrossian – began awkwardly.

Iona Nicconi – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Uncle Sugar – slow to begin. Was treated on course by the club's veterinary officer for an abrasion to its near hind leg sustained during the race.

Race 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m

Trainer Mr. P Farrell was fined \$100 (LR35), for failing to declare G Ryan as the rider of Starrick by the prescribed time.

Lonfino – suffered a bleeding attack during the race. As this was the second bleeding event, trainer Mrs. K Nicholls was informed that Lonfino is now ineligible to race.

Smooth Truth – trainer Mr. T McIntosh said that he would consult the owners relative to a future racing preparation with the likelihood of the mare being transferred out of his stable.

Enigami – began awkwardly and was slow away.

Summary of whip use

Race 4: G Buckley – Net Effect	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5: G Ryan – Asudem	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6: C Lever – Steamin’	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 7: J Duggan – Enigami	7 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use, no action was taken

Swabs: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Madam Yoko, Drusilla & Lil’ Beauty.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 3: R Ollerton - \$100 (LR35) Race 7: P Farrell - \$100 (LR35)
Suspensions	Race 2: A Gibbons – (AR137a) 11/11/18 until 15/11/18 (can ride)
Reprimands	Race 4: L Day – (AR137a) – careless riding
Warnings	Nil
Trials	Race 1: La Loi – hung out Race 3: Seburst – uncompetitive
Cautions	Nil
Falls and Injury	Race 1: C O’Brien – dislodged during parade – uninjured Race 6: C Lever – dislodged returning to scale - uninjured
Certificates	Nil
Bleeders	Race 7: Lonfino – second event – banned for life
Change Of Tactics	Nil

