

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Racing Orange TOWAC PARK RACECOURSE, ORANGE

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Weather: Overcast/Showers (race four/five).  
Track: Good (3).  
Rail: True.  
Penetrometer: 4.30.

**STEWARDS:** T.W. Smith (Chairman), S.P. Fitzgerald & I.H. Grimes

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#### **Race 1: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1600m:**

**Nightspun** – crowded on jumping between *Cuban Lass* and *Ambitious Prince*.

**El Dorado Mine** – slow to begin.

**Subway Surfer** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; slow to begin; steadied near the 400m when *Old Dorado Mine* (N. Callow) shifted out to improve. N. Callow was advised to exercise more care.

**Ambitious Prince** – when questioned, rider G. Ryan stated his mount failed to travel throughout the event and felt very flat within itself. He added his mount was afforded a comfortable run however when the pace of the event quickened from the 500m, it failed to improve. He added in his opinion *Ambitious Prince* may perform better when produced fresh; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer Mr B Baker reported subsequent to the race the gelding had pulled up fine and he would now speak with the owners to determine its future in his stable.

**Dynamic Dora** – overraced in the early stages.

#### **Race 2: Maiden Plate 1600m:**

**Deny** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

**Dynevor Downs** – ran out shortly after the start; held up approaching the home turn; held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and near the 200m was steadied when disappointed for a run between *Our Smoothie* and *Easy Mover*, which shifted in; then was held up for some distance thereafter until near the 100m.

**Just Gets'em** – slow to begin; raced wide throughout.

**Manhattan Drive** – held up for clear running in the straight between the 200m and 150m when disappointed for a run between *Deny* and *Easy Mover*, was then obliged to shift out to continue into clear running.

**Tumbleweed** – blundered on jumping, shifted in and bumped *Mad Pirate*; raced wide throughout.

**Easy Mover** – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

**Exquisite Halo** – crowded shortly after the start when *Deny* ran out when overracing.

#### **Race 3: Benchmark 64 Handicap 1280m:**

**Willy White Socks** – slow to begin.

**Sugar Dance** – slow to begin; raced keenly in the middle stages and near the 700m, shifted out and hampered *Cheeky Bella*.

**Dyfield** – laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Sea Lady** – slow to begin.

**Mabrouk** – steadied near the 150m after improving onto the heels of *Oh What a Thief*.

**Viscount Lad** – raced wide throughout; App. J. Gibbons, rider of *Repentant*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) in that near the 400m, he did permit his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Viscount Lad*, which was checked and lost its rightful running. App. J. Gibbon's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and to expire Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards were cognisant of the fact App. J. Gibbons had not previously incurred a careless riding suspension in his career.

**Cheeky Bella** – began awkwardly; raced wide throughout.

**Race 4: Maiden Handicap 1300m:**

**Winterconi** – a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

**Ausbred Beauty** – a warning was recorded against *Ausbred Beauty*, which proved difficult to load.

**Invincible Queen** – a stirrup leather buckle on App. A. Skerritt's saddle unbuckled during the preliminary, resulting in the horse taking charge of its rider behind the barriers and contacting the running rail and dislodging App. A. Skerritt. App. A. Skerritt was uninjured and *Invincible Queen* was passed fit to race by the veterinarian; raced wide throughout.

**Bashirah** – a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

**Rose Spectacular** – raced wide throughout.

**Gotta Run** – slow to begin (4L); dipped near the 150m; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality; Trainer Ms. A. Grives was advised a warning would be recorded against *Gotta Run* for being slow to begin.

Following the running of this race, the track was downgraded to a Good (4) at 4pm.

**Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:**

**Privily** – when questioned, rider C. Lever stated his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages in the lead and looked a favourable chance with the soft run it was afforded. He added once placed under pressure in the straight, it offered little in the way of improvement and was very disappointing; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. When questioned Trainer Mr J Austin stated that he was very disappointed with the run and it was now his intention to spell the gelding

**Bow River** – slow to begin; overraced in the early stages; held up approaching the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Shadow Flight** – laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Chuck'n'paul** – raced wide throughout.

**Not a Sound** – when questioned, rider M. Cahill stated his mount was afforded a very comfortable run and improved into the race however when placed under pressure in the straight, failed to let down as anticipated; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer Mr R Worthington stated that he was unable to explain the disappointing performance and it would now be his intention to freshen the filly before racing again.

**Dark Force** – began awkwardly.

**Better Strike** – steadied near the 200m when endeavouring to improve into a run between *Edge of Madness* and *Privily*.

**Espresso Martini** – slow to begin.

**Race 6: Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Narrow Neck Nelson** – raced wide throughout.

**Saibye** – hampered near the 200m when *Vaguely Related* shifted in slightly; when questioned, rider N. Callow stated his mount began only fairly and was obliged to chase throughout the entirety of the event. He added *Saibye* would now be better suited stepping up in distance; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer Mr G Portelli was unable to offer any excuse for the disappointing performance and it would now be his intention to add blinkers to the gear of the gelding.

**Westlink** – raced wide throughout.

**In Our Sights** – slow to begin.

**Jessie Prevails** – a warning was recorded for being fractious in the barriers.

**Joanne's Dream** – slow to begin; when questioned, rider G. Buckley stated his mount felt uncomfortable in its action throughout; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer Ms G Williams advised that the filly had pulled up well subsequent to the race but it was the intention of the stable to retire the filly.

**Race 7: Class 2 Handicap 1000m:**

**Charlie Chap** – blundered badly near the 400m after contacting the hindquarter of *Rising King* and became badly unbalanced; a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

**A Good Yank** – a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

**Dollar Thief** – bumped with *I Am Special* in the early part of the straight.

**Bow Tie Benny** – improved onto the heels of *Charlie Chap* near the 400m and was checked.

**Rising King** – a post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormality.

**Armedanddangerous** – buffeted on jumping between *Quite Frankly* and *A Good Yank*.

**General:**

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

**SUMMARY**

<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 3: App J Gibbons – (AR137a) – 6/3/18 – 13/3/18
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 4: <b>Gotta Run</b> – slow to begin. Race 6: <b>Jessie Prevails</b> – fractious in barriers
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of tactics:</b>	Nil
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil