

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 5th July 2018

Weather: Overcast/Showers.
Track: Soft (5).
Rail: +3m Winning Post – 1600m, +3m 1200m – Winning Post.

STEWARDS: N.M. Daniels (Chairman), M.A. Holloway, F.C. Worrad
& W.M. Friend.

Race 1: 2YO Maiden Plate 1006m:

Casual Witness – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly jockey B. Looker stated that he was instructed to obtain a forward position on his mount however with a fast early tempo he was unable to cross the runners to his inside and was caught three wide without cover throughout the early and middle stages. B. Looker stated that his mount travelled fairly throughout this period however when the field commenced to improve near the 500m his mount was only able to improve with them to the home turn before commencing to weaken down the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Just Sizzling – Raced wide throughout. Hung out rounding the home turn.

Mittere – Near 800m had to be eased off heels when attempting to obtain cover. Trainer Mr D. Bougoure was advised that a warning would be placed on the colt for being difficult to load.

Mystic Brook – Near 600m had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Whymelo* and *Mittere*, which shifted in slightly at the point of the turn.

Neanderthal – Raced wide throughout. Inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

Rosy Elsie – Momentarily held up rounding the home turn.

Whymelo – Bounded on jumping. Momentarily held up rounding the home turn. Near 200m had to be shifted out across heels to obtain clear running.

Race 2: Maiden Plate 1610m:

Acraman – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after the gelding was late to arrive on course; passed fit to start. Trainer Mr. S. Osland explanation of his late arrival was accepted.

Final Honour – Raced wide throughout.

Lover Legs – Rider J. Orman will be interviewed regarding his use of the whip prior to 100m.

Myriads – Underwent pre-race veterinary examination after the filly was late to arrive on course; passed fit to start.

Onset – Slow to begin. Shortly after the winning post had to be checked off the heels of *Famed (NZ)* which was carried in by *Lover Legs* (J. Orman) which shifted in slightly. J. Orman was severely reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Queachy (GB) – Near 1200m had to be steadied away from heels of *Western Order*.

Secret Lago – Overraced in the middle stages. Near the 600m was steadied after improving onto heels. Unable to improve approaching the home turn when held up on heels. Near 300m had to be steadied off heels to obtain clear running.

Steven – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider Ms. T. Harrison stated that it was intention to settle in a midfield position but her mount was slow to begin and failed to muster speed in the early stages and settled at the rear of the field. T. Harrison added that despite being in a position contrary to her intention that **Steven** travelled comfortably in the early and middle stages and approaching the 600m she elected to improve on the gelding which worked into the event well. T. Harrison added that upon straightening when she placed her mount under pressure that the gelding failed to show a similar turn of foot of its previous start and only went to the line moderately. T. Harrison further added that in her opinion that the gelding would benefit from the removal of ear muffs. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Stable foreman Mr. T. McIntosh advised that Steven had recovered well in the subsequent day and it would now be the stables intention to remove the ear muffs of the gelding's official race-day gear and continue with its planned preparation.

Taikun Prince – Eased shortly after jumping when crowded between runners. Near 1200m had to be steadied after improving onto heels.

Western Order – Raced erratically when attempted to be restrained in the early stages. Laid in under pressure over final 200m.

Race 3: Class 2 Handicap 1410m:

Arugula – Began awkwardly.

Denver – Raced wide throughout.

Midweek Hussler – Slow to begin. Overraced in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider R. Spokes stated that his mount began to hang out from the 800m and he was unable to fully test his mount at any stage thereafter. R. Spokes added that in his opinion the gelding may benefit from the addition of a bubble cheeker to its official race-day gear. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying symptoms of sucking wind behind. Trainer Mr. T. Fletcher advised that **Midweek Hussler** would now be spelled. Trainer Mr. T. Fletcher was advised that **Midweek Hussler** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to the gelding racing again.

Moringa's Odyssey – Overraced in the early stages.

Phabeni – Bumped heavily on jumping.

Saint Denis – Crowded shortly after jumping. Overraced in the early stages. Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Surf Coast – Crowded on jumping.

Race 4: John Carlton Cup 1206m:

Blackboard Special – Inclined to lay in at the entrance of the straight. Rider A. Chau will be interviewed regarding his riding over the concluding stages.

King Lear – Crowded shortly after jumping. Inclined to lay in under pressure between the 200m to 100m.

Landmarks – Momentarily eased near 200m when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Blackboard Special*, which was inclined to lay out.

Mystic Moon – A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1206m:

Helfuchi – Laid out under pressure in the early part of the straight.

Leica Celebre – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr. G. Howells was advised that **Leica Celebre**, which bled for the 1st time would now incur the embargoes under AR53A.

Lethal Dream – Held up rounding the home turn.

Looks Like Elvis – Laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight.

Mecum – Slow to begin.

Mount Heidi – Raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages. Near 600m hung out across the heels of *Grey Piranha* and had to be steadied. Near 300m shifted out away from the heels to continue into clear running.

Real Kaos – Began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Simply Striking – Raced wide throughout.

Race 6: Class 3 Handicap 1106m:

Dominant Crown – Raced wide throughout.

Grogans Anvil – Trainer Mr. D. Bougoure was fined \$100 (LR35) for the late declaration of B. Looker as the rider of the gelding. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Harnova – Near 600m had to be eased after improving onto heels.

Jets Cracker – Overraced in the early stages.

Mooringa's Tootsie – Late withdrawal at 12.06pm on veterinary advice.

Stoddart – Near 300m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Jets Cracker* which shifted abruptly away from *Almas*.

Taken On Chance – Began awkwardly.

Race 7: Grafton Cup Prelude 2215m:

Chillin With Dylan – Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Collaboration (GB) – On return to scale, trainer Ms. J. Hardy reported that the geldings tongue tie broke in the event and it had become lodged in the back of the geldings' mouth.

Dazzle Us Again – Raced keenly outside the leader in the middle stages.

Fuerza – Raced wide throughout. Held up rounding the home turn.

Husonique – Held up over the final 100m and was unable to be tested.

Jack Strikes Back – Near 1400m had to be eased off heels.

Latino Lover – Began awkwardly.

Mr Spin – Near 1700m had to be steadied after improving onto heels.

Stella's Chance – Raced wide in the early stages.

Straight Home – Began awkwardly. Held up and unable to improve when rounding the home turn.

Winkler – Hung out rounding the home turn.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137(5)(a)(ii)

Race 3	S. Traacey (Best of Pluck)	7 strikes
Race 5	J. Orman (Looks Like Elvis)	6 strikes

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

GENERAL:

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners &

Race 2: *Final Honour*.

Race 3: *Saint Denis*.

Race 7: *Fuerza, His Kyllachy (2), Chillin With Dylan, Jack Strikes Back, Art Attack, Straight Home*.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 6: D. Bougoure - \$100 - LR35 – late rider declaration
Reprimands:	Race 2: J. Orman – AR137(a) – careless riding
Suspensions:	
Bleeders:	Race 5: Leica Celebre – both nostrils 1 st time
Certificates:	
Warnings:	Race 1: Mittere – difficult to load
Trials:	Race 3: Midweek Hussler – hung out
T'bred ID Card:	
Change of tactics:	
Falls/Injuries:	
Gear Changes:	
Follow up:	Race 2: J. Orman – use of whip Race 4: A. Chau – riding over concluding stages