

Stewards Report
Muswellbrook Race Club
Skellatar Park RACECOURSE
Friday 6th July 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5)

Rail: +3m 1280m – 1000m, +6m 1000m – 300m then cutaway

Stewards: J T Penfold (Chairman), D L Carr, D E Greer & Miss C K McIntosh

Race 1: 3YO Maiden Plate 1000m

Betty Forward – Hung out rounding the home turn, then raced greenly in the home straight.

Pretentious Man – Slow to begin.

Island Gem – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be 1/5 lame in the near fore leg. A veterinary certificate of fitness is required prior to the filly racing again.

Foxy Queen – Began awkwardly.

Yzerman – Began awkwardly.

Oyster – Rider S Guymer pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b), in that he failed to ride his mount out to the finish line, S Guymer's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on *Wednesday 11/7/18* and to expire on *Monday 16/7/18*, on which day he may ride, when assessing penalty, stewards took into consideration S Guymer's relative good record in relation to this rule, however *OYSTER* was beaten a nose for third place.

Race 2: 2YO Maiden Handicap 1000m

Dukes County – Commenced to hang out rounding the home turn despite the efforts of the rider. Trainer Mr J Bannister was advised that a warning was placed on the record of *Dukes County* and he must engage a senior rider at its next race start.

Pervenche – Hung out rounding the home turn. Stable representative Ms S Alexander was advised that *Pervenche* must barrier trial prior to racing again.

Looksea – Hung out rounding the home turn.

Norske Code – A warning was placed on record for hanging out rounding the home turn.

Calcitro – The gelding, which was beaten 32 lengths, must perform competitively in an official barrier trial prior to racing again.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1280m

Delago Express – Bounded on jumping.

She Just Said It – Hung out rounding the first turn, then again rounding the home turn.

Race 4: Benchmark 55 1750m

Dorreego – Was found to be 2/5 lame in the off-hind leg and was subsequently a late scratching at 2:01pm. Trainer R Ollerton was asked to furnish a veterinary certificate of fitness for the gelding prior to it racing again.

Chuck'N'Paul – Had to be steadied when crowded by *Just Two Vees* approaching the first turn. Q Yong (*Just Two Vees*) was reprimanded in this incident. Could not be fully tested over the concluding stages when racing in restricted room.

Race 5: Class 2 and above Benchmark 55 1000m

Sithali – Slow to begin.

Thornbro – Slow to begin.

Race 6: F&M Benchmark 65 1280m

The Brown One – A post-race veterinary examination revealed nil abnormalities.

Good Intent – Slow to begin.

Race 7: Class 1 1280m

Arrossire – Over raced due to the slow tempo in the early stages.

Dharamsala – Over raced due to the slow tempo in the early stages.

Not A Princess – Over raced due to the slow tempo in the early stages.

Ravitude – Over raced due to the slow tempo in the early stages.

Road to Heaven – Laid out under pressure in the home straight.

Race 8: Class 1 1000m

Ayeteem – Rider T Wolfgram lodged an objection prior to the declaration of correct weight, placed 4th against *Starrick* (G Ryan) placed 2nd, alleging interference over the final 200m. It was of the view that rider T Wolfgram establishes a run to the inside of *Starrick* where he was able to fully test his mount until the 100m where *Ayeteem* was crowded by *Starrick* which shifted in marginally at that point, but also it was determined that there was a shift from the inside runners at that point, the stewards couldn't be comfortably

satisfied that the shift from *Starrick* was the main reason for *Ayeteem* being steadied and therefore dismissed the objection.

Murdle Court – Slow to begin.

Yeoman – Crowded over the final stages.

Red Axe – Trainer Mr C Morgan was fined \$100 for the late declaration of Apprentice Ms W Peel. Crowded passing the 150m.

Big Legged Woman – Shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages, G Buckley was reprimanded and asked to stop and straighten his mounts when shifting ground.

Big Reg – Slow to begin, then pulled hard in the middle stages.

Gidgee Guy – A post-race veterinary examination revealed nil abnormalities.

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners.

8 female riders were sampled at the meeting, the samples will be forwarded to the Australian Forensic Racing Laboratory for the testing for substances banned under AR81B.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 1:	Josh Adams – 6 strikes
Race 2:	Lexi McPherson – 7 strikes Greg Ryan – 7 strikes

Summary:

Fines:	Race 8: C Morgan (LR35) - \$100
Reprimands:	Race 4: Q Yong (AR137a) Race 8: G Buckley (AR137a)
Suspensions:	Race 1: S Guymer (AR137b) 11/7/18 – 16/7/18 (resumes)
Warnings:	Race 2: Dukes County – Hung out Norske Code – Hung out
Trials:	Race 2: Pervenche – Hung out Race 2: Calcitro – Uncompetitive
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 1: Island Gem – 1/5 lame near fore. Race 4: Dorreego – 2/5 lame off-hind

Fall/Injury:	Nil
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