

STEWARDS REPORT

Gilgandra Jockey Club GILGANDRA RACECOURSE

Sunday 7th January 2018

Weather: Fine.
Track: Good (3).
Rail: True.

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

Supplementary report:

Narromine – Monday 18th December 2017

Race 4: Class 2 Handicap 1200m:

Stewards today continued their inquiries into G. Ryan's riding of *Bel Diablo* in the abovementioned event.

Stewards considered a report from Mr. M. Reid, Racing NSW Betting and Compliance Analyst into the wagering of the event, which did not reveal any integrity concerns. That report contained information on betting on and around *Bel Diablo*, as well as any notable activity on the exchange.

Stewards also reviewed *Bel Diablo*'s most recent race starts and the tactics adopted in those events.

After consideration of all factors, Stewards offer the below assessment of G. Ryan's riding of *Bel Diablo*:

- G. Ryan was instructed to ride *Bel Diablo* with cover, just in behind the leaders, in an endeavour to help the gelding run out a strong 1200m.
- At the gelding's start at Orange on Tuesday 5th December 2017, it was ridden hard from a wide barrier to take up a forward position and in G. Ryan's opinion, weakened from the 200m and failed to run out a strong 1280m when ridden hard in the early stages.
- Trainer Mr. D. Smith confirmed the instructions to ride *Bel Diablo* with cover and further stated he had been advised by previous riders of *Bel Diablo* that the gelding can often wait for other horses to improve to its outside when leading in its races.
- G. Ryan stated bearing in mind his instruction to find cover and when *Dragon Bells* showed greater intent to lead, he allowed that runner to cross to the rails and lead.
- At a point near the 800m, *Bel Diablo* was checked when *Dragon Bells* (J. Pracey-Holmes) shifted in when not clear. J. Pracey-Holmes pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137(a)) and had his license to ride in races suspended.
- At a point near the 400m, *Bel Diablo* was again steadied when *Dragon Bells* hung out and away from *Prince of Thebes* and as a result of this interference, *Bel Diablo*'s momentum was impeded at a critical stage of the race.
- Approaching the home turn and on straightening, there was no immediate run open for his mount to improve into, so G. Ryan elected to shift out across the heels of *Caisson Platoon* and *Lucienne* and improve into a run between *Lucienne* and *Sea Lady* where there was clear room to do so, however *Sea Lady* laid in and also *Lucienne* laid out, resulting in *Bel Diablo* being disappointed for that run.

- G. Ryan then elected to shift to the outside of the heels of *Sea Lady* and obtained clear running, however his mount found the line only fairly and took little ground off *Sea Lady* over the final 100m.

Bearing those factors in mind, Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that G. Ryan's actions in the circumstances were unreasonable or impermissible and the matter was concluded.

Race 1: Class 2 Handicap 1800m:

Austin – when questioned, rider M. Cahill stated he was given no specific instruction by Trainer Mr. R. Robb other than to have the horse ridden where comfortable. He added today, bearing in mind the gelding's weight of 59kg, he wanted to give the gelding as comfortable as run as possible. He further added in his opinion *Austin* is not particularly genuine when ridden with cover and did not travel overly comfortable in behind the leaders. He added his intention was to shift out at the 700m to commence improving into the race, however *Mr Mile* was racing to his outside and he was not in a position to improve and in his opinion *Austin* responded only very fairly to his riding thereafter; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Steam Machine – overraced in the early stages.

Strike Zone – slow to begin.

Mr Mile – overraced in the early stages; took charge of its rider Ms. K. Adams after the race and completed a second lap of the course. Ms. K. Adams was treated by the Ambulance officers for some mild dehydration and was stood down for her remaining engagement in race eight.

Nipper's Destiny – steadied near the 200m when *Austin* laid in slightly.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Madison Gardens – A. Cavallo, rider of *Amare*, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that over the final stages, he did permit his mount to shift out when not clear of *Madison Gardens*, which was checked when lost its rightful running. A. Cavallo's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 15th January 2018 and to expire Monday 22nd January 2018 on which day he may ride.

Dukebox George – bumped with *Vai Avanti* on jumping; overraced in the early stages; raced wide throughout.

King Solomon – raced wide throughout.

Patchy Rain – slow to begin; a post-race veterinary examination of the filly which was beaten 85.1L failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Mr. C. Lundholm was advised *Patchy Rain* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Dizzy Spell – bumped with *King Solomon* on jumping; bumped heavily by *Amare* over the final stages.

Luna Fortune – a post-race veterinary examination revealed increased lung sounds and laboured respiration. Trainer Ms. M. Wheeler was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an endoscopic examination would be required prior to *Luna Fortune* racing again.

Recital – raced wide throughout.

Rockatoo – had difficulty obtaining a fully unimpeded run in the early part of the straight.

Vai Avanti – when questioned, rider M. Cahill stated his mount found a position in behind the leaders and near the 700m when *Recital* and *Jukebox George* improved to his outside, his mount became awkward and hung out, resulting in his mount losing ground. He added his mount never travelled comfortably thereafter and after losing ground, weakened and was very disappointing. He added in his opinion *Vai Avanti* would be better suited on a bigger track; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have laboured breathing and increased lung sounds. Trainer Mr R Robb was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an endoscopic examination would be required prior to *Vai Avanti* racing again.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1100m:

Come Into My World – fractious prior to race and dislodged rider A. Banks.

Never Tardy – bucked shortly after the start and dislodged rider G. Ryan. Trainer Mr. S. Gleeson was advised *Never Tardy* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. Rider G. Ryan sustained an injury to his left arm, shoulder and general soreness and was cleared to fulfil his remaining engagements by the oncourse Ambulance officers.

Spy's Shadow – slow to begin and then was crowded shortly after the start when *Grand Peril* was taken in by *Ayeteem*; raced greenly in the early stages and near the 1000m, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Grand Peril*.

Ayeteem – raced wide throughout; overraced in the early and middle stages.

Kezaam – raced wide throughout.

Bells 'n' Bows – Trainer Mr. R. Robb was fined \$50 (LR35) for the late declaration of rider App. C. Gallagher; slow to begin.

Jungle Melody – slow to begin; raced wide throughout.

Cardee Mite – near the 800m, improved onto the heels of *Ayeteem* and was checked; *Jungle Melody*, which was following was checked as a consequence and shifted out, hampered *Tan Tat Tan Trum*.

Tan Tat Tan Trum – raced wide throughout.

Race 4: Town Plate 1100m:

Richard the First – when questioned, rider M. Cahill stated his mount showed little speed in the early stages in a race that was run at a fast tempo and the gelding was obliged to chase for the entirety of the event; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Snippety Sip – when questioned, rider M. Hackett stated *Snippety Sip* was reluctant to stride out on the firm ground and the gelding may have come to the end of his preparation; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Oskastar – raced wide throughout.

Race 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1100m:

Northern Conqueror – hung out near the 800m. Trainer Mr. B. Howe will be interviewed relative to *Northern Conqueror* being removed from the course prior to the prescribed time.

Emo Girl – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Oocumba – J. Pracey-Holmes, rider of Sugar Lane, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 50m, he did permit his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Oocumba*, which taken in onto the heels of *Return Journey*, and was checked and losing its rightful running. J. Pracey-Holmes license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 8th January 2018 and to expire on Monday 15th 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration J. Pracey-Holmes poor record in relation to careless riding breaches and also contribution from *Return Journey*. App. C. Gallagher, rider of *Return Journey*, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 50m, he did permit his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Oocumba*, which was checked and lost its rightful running. App. C. Gallagher's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 14th January 2018 and to expire on Monday 22nd 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration App. C. Gallagher's poor record in relation to careless riding breaches and also contribution from *Sugar Lane*.

Rehanaat – slow to begin and was crowded shortly after the start between *Return Journey* and *Northern Conqueror*; raced wide throughout.

Sugar Lane – hampered near the 500m when *Wide Eyed* laid in; steadied after improving onto the heels of *Oocumba* on straightening; had a difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Roulette Belle – raced wide.

Race 6: Benchmark 61 Handicap 1300m:

Bergdorf – jumped awkwardly.

Double Halo – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Nordic Noir – when questioned, rider A. Cavallo stated his mount knuckled over badly out of the barriers and became badly unbalanced. He added consequently, his mount never travelled throughout the event. He added *Nordic Noir* performs best when ridden close to the speed whereas today it was obliged to chase and never travelled comfortably; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Bel Diablo – change of tactics: to lead from inside barrier; ridden early and crossed by *Prince of Thebes*; settled second and won.

Grand Feeling – jumped awkwardly.

Race 7: Gilgandra Cup 1600m:

Lancelot – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Crockett reported subsequent to the race that the gelding had pulled up with an off fore suspensory ligament issue and would now be retired.

Our Sarastro – near the 1200m, ran out and hampered *Try 'n' Run a Muck*; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Artistic Beauty – change of tactics: ear muffs off, to be ridden more forward; settled midfield.

Zoutenant – pulled hard in the middle stages.

Pippi's Pride – overraced in the early and middle stages; raced wide throughout.

Something Borrowed – slow to begin.

Nissile – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Also a Star – slow to begin (3L).

Race 8: Class 2 Plate 1200m:

Cosmic Reign – steadied near the 1000m when crowded by *Girl Most Likely*, which was taken in by *Eagles Dare* (K. Dunbar). K. Dunbar was advised to exercise more care.

Eyesaw – slow to begin.

Girl Most Likely – Stable representative Ms. F. Watts advised *Girl Most Likely* would now be spelled.

Thunder Cove – Ms. T. Jeffries replaced Ms. K. Adams (ill).

Getting Ready – slow to begin.

Rident Home – late withdrawal at 11.30am acting on veterinary advice.

General:

Stewards invoked Level 2 – Racing in Hot Weather Policy provisions for this meeting, including delayed arrival times, limited parade times, two veterinarians and additional cooling methods. The scheduled starting time for this meeting was brought forward in an endeavour to avoid the extreme afternoon temperatures.

App. Ms. C. Ings was fined \$50 (LR68) for failing to produce a letter in the absence of her master, Trainer Ms. W. Ings.

Overweight Allowances:

Due to the hot conditions, Stewards permitted the following riders to ride their respective mounts a half kilogram overweight:

Race 4: Ms. E. Webster-Hawes (*Sammi Jain* 54kg plus 1/2kg)

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Race 5: Ms. E. Webster-Hawes (*Roulette Belle* 54kg plus 1/2kg)

Race 7: Ms. E. Webster-Hawes (*Also a Star* 54kg plus 1/2kg).

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners:

Race 7: *Lancelot, Our Sarastro Artistic Beauty, Zoutenant, Pippi's Pride, Try 'n' Run a Muck.*

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: App Ms C Ings - \$50 (LR68) Race 3: R Robb – \$50 – LR35(2)
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Race 2: A Cavallo – AR137a – 15/1/18 – 22/1/18 Race 5: App C Gallagher – AR137a – 14/1/18 – 22/1/18 Race 5: J Pracey-Holmes – AR137a – 8/1/18 – 15/1/18
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 2: Luna Fortune – vet cert + scope – increased lung sounds
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: Never Tardy – bucked and dislodged rider.
Change of tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Race 3: G Ryan – Left arm and shoulder soreness, general soreness
Gear Changes:	Nil
Follow up:	Race 5: R Howe – leave course inside the prescribed time

