

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Tweed River Jockey Club MURWILLUMBAH RACECOURSE

Sunday 7 January 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4), Good (3) retrospective of Race 7
Rail: True

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

RACE 1: 3YO Maiden Plate 1010m

Colpo Di Tamburo – Near the 150m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

Crispy's Luck – Blundered shortly after the start. Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 400m.

Fleurist – Hampered approaching the 900m.

Hi My Girl – Unable to be fully tested approaching the home turn when held up on heels. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted in the event, jockey L. Rolls stated that he was advised that his mount does not have much early speed and from the wide barrier he was instructed not to pressure the filly and risk having it be caught wide. L. Rolls stated his mount began fairly and it was apparent early that runners to its inside were going to compete for the lead so he elected to ease back to obtain cover at the rear of the field.

Hollydeen – Laid out under pressure down the straight.

Look Out Boy – Blundered on jumping.

Mother To Race Her – Laid out under pressure over the final 150m.

Nature Train – Slow to begin.

Red All Day – Laid out rounding the home turn and over the final 100m.

Skylaazem – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Star Stryker – Slow to begin. Hampered approaching the 900m.

RACE 2: 4YO+ Maiden Handicap 1010m

Aultbea – Hampered near the 400m. Carried wide rounding the home turn. Jockey P. Hammersley reported that he wanted to lead the event however his saddle slipped back on jumping and consequently his mount raced greenly in the early stages and lost ground. P. Hammersley stated that he was at a minor

disadvantage for the remainder of the event due to his saddles position. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Betajet – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Crooked Gent – Slow to begin.

Fame Threandseven – Laid out rounding the home turn. Ran out abruptly passing the 200m.

Holus Bolus – Began awkwardly. Rounding the first turn raced greenly and blundered. Continued to race greenly near the 700m. Trainer Ms D. Murphy was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the gelding. Jockey Ms A. Badger will be interviewed regarding her whip use down the straight at a date to be fixed.

Quisical Times – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Run Jack Run – Began awkwardly.

Silver Fox – Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. Carried wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 3: Maiden Handicap 1200m

Benjamin – Bumped heavily approaching the 1100m. Eased when awkwardly placed on heels near the 600m.

Dragon's Esprit – Bumped and unbalanced on jumping. Eased and shifted out abruptly after improving onto heels near the 600m.

Military Express – Bumped on jumping. Bumped on a number of occasions over the final 100m.

Miss Amanda – Began awkwardly. Bumped on a number of occasions over the final 100m.

Osmond – Bumped approaching the 1100m. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Princess Elle – Bumped on jumping. Shifted in under pressure over the final 100m.

River of Love – Carried very wide passing the 600m.

Wall of Silence – Began awkwardly and hampered shortly after.

Wallander – A pre race veterinary examination of the gelding which backed out the hind gates when loaded in the barriers passed it fit to compete. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted and his handling of the gelding throughout the event jockey J. Lloyd stated that at its only start the gelding led

the event, raced keenly in the middle stages and was unable to sustain a finishing effort. J. Lloyd stated that today he was instructed to race in a forward position however obtain cover in an effort to have the gelding settle throughout the middle stages and finish the race off. J. Lloyd stated that he was able to obtain a position behind the leaders however his mount still travelled keenly in the early and middle stages. J. Lloyd stated that passing the 600m his mount improved onto the heels of *Military Express* and he was obliged to steady it and shift into a three wide position outside its heels. When questioned as to why he did not improve into the race from this position J. Lloyd stated that at this time *Osmond* improved around his mount four wide going forward. J. Lloyd stated, appreciating his instructions and how his mount finished the race off last start he did not want to improve with runners four abreast from the 600m. J. Lloyd advised he elected to allow *Osmond* to improve around his mount with the intention of tracking it into the straight. J. Lloyd stated that while *Osmond* improved around his mount it laid back in behind *Military Express*, which shifted out, however he was only momentarily held up on that runners heels before he was able to improve with it from the 400m. J. Lloyd stated that rounding the home turn he eased outside the heels of *Military Express* to improve forward however was obliged to check his mount after it laid in away from *Dragon's Esprit* and became awkwardly placed on the heels of *Military Express*. J. Lloyd stated at the entrance to the straight his mount had clear running and he placed it under full pressure however it responded only fairly, was inclined to race greenly and was disappointing in its run to the line. When questioned regarding the vigour shown over the final 100m J. Lloyd stated that passing the 100m his mount laid in and whilst riding it along he attempted to hold it on a straight course. J. Lloyd stated near the 50m he desisted from riding his mount along for a stride when awkwardly placed inside the heels of *Osmond*. When questioned, trainer Mr M. Dunn was not critical of J. Lloyd's actions between the 600m and 400m appreciating the instructions he had been given. M. Dunn added in his opinion the gelding was in a position to win at the entrance to the straight and he was very disappointed with its failure to sprint. M. Dunn stated the geldings first two starts have not lived up to the promise it has shown in its work and official trials and it would be spelled immediately. Jockey J. Lloyd pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) in that he did fail to ride his mount out for the final stride of the event. J. Lloyd's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 14 January 2018 and to expire on Sunday 21 January 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty stewards appreciated that **Wallander** had been beaten 0.01L from 3rd place and J. Lloyds actions had compromised the geldings chance of finishing it that position.

Wear the Fox Hat – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

RACE 4: Benchmark 70 Handicap 1010m

Always Sacred – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have symptoms of mild heat stress.

Art's Got a Gun – Slow to begin. Carried out between the 200m and 100m.

Bancroft – Laid out rounding the home turn. Laid out under pressure between the 200m and 100m.

Shoreline – Carried wide rounding the home turn.

Turbo Bundy – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Upstart – Began awkwardly.

Viceman – Began awkwardly.

RACE 5: Class 1 Plate 2020m

Flynn Effect – Approaching the 400m was steadied and shifted out abruptly after improving onto heels. Bumped rounding the home turn.

Much Deeper – Eased when tightened for room passing the 1800m. Passing the 500m was eased after improving onto the heels of a weakening runner.

Stella's Chance – Steadied when tightened for room passing the 1800m. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey Ms J. Worley stated that her mount was obliged to race three wide without cover throughout the event. Ms J. Worley added that her mount is only a small horse and was required to carry 59kg. Ms Worley stated she was of the opinion these three factors told on the gelding over the latter stages of the event. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Tempa Mental – Raced wide from the 600m.

Wraith of Odin – Raced wide from the 600m. Hampered approaching the 400m and 200m.

Ziegelbauer – Began awkwardly.

RACE 6: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1530m

Call the Captain – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding apprentice A. Spinks stated that his mount typically leads it events and led in the early stages today. A. Spinks added that approaching the 1000m he elected to take a sit off *Scrap Copper* which had continued to pressure his mount for the lead. A. Spinks stated that his mount dropped the bit in the middle stages and was under pressure to maintain its position. A. Spinks stated that his mount failed to sprint in the straight, was disappointing in its run to the line and in his opinion lost interest in competing when crossed by *Scrap Copper*. When questioned, trainer Mr L. Munro stated that gelding had worked very well leading into the event and he was confident of its chances. L. Munro added that the gelding cannot sit and sprint and races best when able to lead its races and work into a sprint. L. Munro stated that in his opinion approaching the 1000m the gelding would have been better served holding the lead so as to allow it to race in a manner to which it is best suited. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be mildly lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr L. Munro was

advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

Carrs Creek Kid – Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

Champagne Rock – Approaching the 400m was steadied after improving onto heels.

Emveepee – As R. Plumb failed to arrive on course stewards permitted L. Rolls to replace him as the rider of the gelding. R. Plumb will be interviewed at a later date regarding his failure to fulfil a riding engagement. Rounding the home turn was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

Gouldian – Slow to begin. Carried out over the final 50m.

Major Luck – Jockey J. Lloyd was assessed by the clubs ambulance officers and found to be feeling the effects of wasting in the hot weather. Consequently stewards permitted B. Appo to replace him as the rider of the gelding. J. Lloyd was allowed to consume fluids, was reassessed by the clubs ambulance officers and passed fit to fulfil his remaining riding engagements.

Montrer Dame – Slow to begin.

Nelumbo – Slow to begin.

Otto From Hamburg – Rounding the first turn was steadied after laying out across heels. Refused to settle, throwing its head on a number of occasions, between the 1200m and 800m.

Scrap Copper – Bumped on jumping.

Spirit of Husson – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early stages. Steadied from heels rounding the first turn. Jockey A. Allen was fined \$300 for returning to scale at 57.5kg, in excess of 1/2kg over his mounts declared weight of 56.5kg (AR145).

RACE 7: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1530m

Legs Unbarred – Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

Malmoosa – Approaching and passing the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. Approaching the 100m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

Phast Lad – Jockey M. Bennett pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) in that he did fail to ride his mount out for the final stride and a half of the event. M. Bennett's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 8 January 2018 and to expire on Monday 22 January 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty stewards appreciated that **Phast Lad** was beaten 0.1L from 2nd place and M. Bennett's actions had compromised the

geldings chance of finishing it that position. Further, this is M. Bennett's second offence under AR137(b) within 12 months.

Ramatuelle – Inclined to overrace between the 1200m and 1000m.

Skytastic – Slow to begin.

Spanish Hurricane – Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 800m. Inclined to hang out between the 800m and 500m.

Star Rock – Inclined to pull rounding the first turn and was steadied after improving onto heels. Shifted out under pressure down the straight.

Steal a Diamond – Began very awkwardly.

RACE 8: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1200m

Dux Nutz – Bumped on jumping. Hampered approaching the 1100m.

Empress Zhao (NZ) – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Fear Factor – Slow to begin and eased when tightened for room shortly after. Passing the 1100m was steadied after improving onto heels. Carried very wide rounding the home turn. J. Lloyd reported that his mount felt reluctant to stretch out throughout the event. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Our First One – Slow to begin and eased when tightened between runners shortly after. Rounding the first turn was steadied when tightened for room whilst inclined to hang out.

Pandora's Tale – Trainer Ms R. Smith was fined \$100 for failing to declare B. Appo as the rider of the mare by the prescribed time (LR35). Unable to improve between the 500m and 400m when held up on heels. Steadied after improving onto heels near the 450m.

Paroo River – Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. Inclined to lay in down the straight.

RACE 9: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1200m

Beyond Brave – Trainer Mr D. Bougoure was fined \$100 for failing to declare B. Looker as the rider of the gelding by the prescribed time (LR35). Near the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

Geileis – Approaching the first turn was steadied from the heels of *Love Battles* which shifted in when insufficiently clear. Apprentice Ms M. Nakao (*Love Battles*) was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Lauderdale – Raced wide over the final 600m.

Name and Shame – Slow to begin.

Sunset Hills – Raced very wide in the early and middle stages.

Vimzig – Approaching the home turn was checked after improving onto the heels of a weakening runner.

Win Tuff – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey P. Hammersley stated he rode his mount along with vigour early to establish a forward position however his mount was unable to muster sufficient early speed and was caught wide. P. Hammersley stated his mount commenced to weaken noticeably from the 700m and he did not place it under pressure in the straight due to how quickly it have given ground. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr B. Hill was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

WHIP OFFENCES: Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii).

Race	Rider (Horse)
1	M. Shimodaira (Star Stryker) – 2 additional
3	J. Lloyd (Wallander) – consecutive strides R. Fradd (Princess Elle) – consecutive strides
5	P. Hammersley (Danger In Devon (NZ)) – 1 additional
6	R. Fradd (Otto From Hamburg) – consecutive strides
9	J. Lloyd (Lauderdale) – 3 additional Apprentice M. Cox (Ibelieveinmiracles) – consecutive strides

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

SWABS: Swab samples were taken from all winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 6: A. Allen - \$300 (AR145) Race 8: R. Smith - \$100 (LR35) Race 9: D. Bougoure - \$100 (LR35)
Reprimands:	Race 9: M. Nakao (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Race 3: J. Lloyd 14/1/2018 – 21/1/2018 (AR137(b)) Race 7: M. Bennett 8/1/2018 – 22/1/2018 (AR137(b))
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 6: Call the Captain – mildly lame near fore
Warnings:	Race 2: Holus Bolus – raced greenly
Trials:	Race 9: Win Tuff – poor performance
Change of Tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Follow-up:	Race 2: A. Badger – whip use Race 6: R. Plumb – failed to fulfil riding engagement