

STEWARDS REPORT

Wellington Race Club WELLINGTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 7th June 2018

Weather: Overcast.
Track: Good (3).
Rail: True.
Penetrometer: 3.88.

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

Supplementary report:

Coonamble – Saturday 2nd June 2018

Race 6: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1100m:

Trainer Mr. C. Crockett advised *Crim* had undergone a thorough veterinary examination subsequent to its performance in the abovementioned event. He advised *Crim* had pulled up well and showed no clinical signs of lameness or soreness. He added he advised connections that *Crim* may be better suited racing at Non-TAB venues and/or leave his stable. Trainer Mr. C. Crockett provided a veterinary certificate of fitness for *Crim*.

Bathurst – Sunday 3rd June 2018

Race 4: Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Stable representative Mr. J. Bruce reported that *Achieved* had pulled up well and the stable would continue with its preparation.

Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Press Review – buffeted near the 1300m between *Big George* and *Snappy Diamond*.

Big George – attempted to buck in the early stages. Trainer Mr. B. Dixon was advised a warning would be recorded against *Big George*.

Buddabadah – commenced to hang out from the 500m and continued to hang out rounding the home turn and hung out badly in the straight; Stable representative Ms. R. McRae was advised *Buddabadah* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Destiny is Written – crowded on jumping; raced wide throughout.

Exquisite Halo – slow to begin.

Nanpop – late arriving on course due to transport difficulties; underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

Sass'n'twinkle – steadied after improving onto the heels of *Brave Maddie* near the 300m.

Roi Fashion – crowded on jumping; hung out across the heels of *Nanpop* near the 1100m and was steadied.

Race 2: Open Handicap 1400m:

Galaxy Warrior – laid in under pressure in the early part of the straight; a post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to be lame in the off fore leg (3/5). Trainer Mrs. G. Williams advised *Galaxy Warrior* would undergo a thorough veterinary examination, including an x-ray

examination on Friday 8th June 2018 to determine the extent of the injury and the most appropriate course of treatment. The inquiry was adjourned pending receipt of this examination.

Alliterate – overraced in the early stages; laid in near the 100m; when questioned, rider R. Bensley stated his mount pulled hard in the early stages and was quickly under pressure near the 600m where it found the line disappointingly; a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slow recovery rate.

Escebee – near the 50m, improved onto the heels of *Alliterate* and was steadied.

No Escape – raced wide throughout; laid in near the 100m.

Star of Legs – late withdrawal at 1.38pm when the gelding refused to load into the barriers. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Star of Legs* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.38pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Galaxy Warrior* less 2 cents win and 3 cents place;

Second: *Try 'n' Run a Muck* less 3 cents place; and

Third: *No Escape* less 5 cents place.

Stable representative Mr. T. Grills was advised *Star of Legs* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Top Magic – K. Dunbar replaced M. Hackett (injured at trackwork 7th June 2018); slow to begin.

Dapperized – crowded on jumping.

Race 3: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:

Harry New Shoes – reared slightly on jumping and was consequently slow to begin; raced wide from the 800m.

Rawson Crossing – slow to begin; overraced in the early stages and when caught wide, was allowed to stride forward and sat outside the leader *Café Terrace* in the middle stages.

Hammoon Dancer – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Tennessee Pasha – change of tactics: to be ridden quieter – settled mid field; overraced in the early stages; shifted out near the 150m to continue into clear running.

Trajectory – non-claiming App. Ms. M. Weir replaced M. Hackett (injured at trackwork 7th June 2018); slow to begin.

Race 4: Benchmark 65 Handicap 900m:

Mixed Blossom – slow to begin; held up from the 100m until near the 50m after improving onto the heels of *Molasses* and as a consequence was unable to be tested until over the very final stages.

Snippety Sip – bumped near the 200m by *I Am You Are*.

Run Sally Run – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Mr Swift – raced wide throughout.

Gillie Mooch – raced wide throughout.

Race 5: Maiden Plate 900m:

Mochine Gun – slow to begin (3L).

Opera Dude – raced wide throughout.

Dance Ripper – galloped on near the 150m and became unbalanced; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Sovereign Default – App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac, rider of *Opera Dude*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) in that near the 150m, she did permit her mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Sovereign Default*, which was checked when taken out across the heels of *Dance Ripper*. App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 16th June 2018 and to expire on Monday 18th June 2018, on which day she may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration App. Ms. K. Bell-Pitomac's very good record in relation to careless riding breaches.

Starrick – disappointed for a run on straightening to the inside of *Byzantium* and was steadied and became held up until inside the final 200m where it was shifted out abruptly to obtain clear running.

Rainbows Game – a post-race veterinary examination revealed *Rainbows Game* to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr. R. Robb was advised of the provisions of AR53A.

Race 6: 3YO Maiden Plate 1100m:

Cantor's Cut – slow to begin.

Izzy Good – raced wide throughout.

Rock Hustler – slow to begin.

Exquisite Dreamer – checked near the 150m to avoid the fallen rider.

Future Road – steadied near the 150m and was shifted out to continue into clear running when disappointed for a run to the inside of *Jetgirl*, which shifted in when clear to do so.

I'm Not Sharing – raced wide throughout.

Jetgirl – held up approaching the home turn and in the early part of the straight; on straightening, was disappointed for a run between *Absolutely Perfect* and *Red Marauder*, was then shifted in to the inside of *Absolutely Perfect* (J. Rogers) into a narrow run; *Jetgirl* was then bumped on the near shoulder by the hindquarter of *Absolutely Perfect*, which shifted in slightly, resulting in *Jetgirl* becoming badly unbalanced and shifting out abruptly, dislodging rider M. Cahill. M. Cahill sustained an injury to his right hand and was cleared to fulfil his remaining engagements; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Race 7: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1100m:

It's Business Time – raced wide throughout; near the 700m, was hampered and taken wider by *Eyesaw*, which hung out.

Seduction – steadied near the 700m when *Eyesaw* hung out; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Demonize – raced wide throughout.

Eyesaw – hung out badly from the 700m and rounding the home turn proved difficult to ride; Trainer Mr. D. Hyde was advised *Eyesaw* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Jawsome – slow to begin; held up for clear running between the 150m and 100m.

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):

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| Race 3: | <i>D. Pitomac</i> | <i>7 times prior to 100m.</i> |
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Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken

General:

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil. |
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Race 5: App. K. Bell-Pitomac – suspended 16/6/18 - 18/6/18, on which day she may ride. |
| Bleeders: | Race 5: <i>Rainbows Game</i> (Trainer R. Robb) – both nostrils first time. |
| Certificates: | Race 2: <i>Galaxy Warrior</i> (Trainer G. Williams) – lame off fore leg. |
| Warnings: | Race 1: <i>Big George</i> (Trainer B. Dixon) – attempted to buck. |
| Trials: | Race 1: <i>Buddabadah</i> (Trainer A. McRae) – hung out. Race 2: <i>Star of Legs</i> (Trainer S. Grills) – refused to load. Race 7: <i>Eyesaw</i> (Trainer D. Hyde) – hung out. |
| Change of tactics: | Race 3: <i>Tennessee Pasha</i> – to be ridden quieter, settled midfield. |
| Falls/Injuries: | Race 6: M. Cahill – minor injury to right hand. |
| Gear Changes: | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Race 2: <i>Galaxy Warrior</i> (Trainer G. Williams) – lame off fore leg. |