

STEWARDS REPORT

City of Dubbo Turf Club DUBBO RACECOURSE

Saturday 7th July 2018

Weather: Overcast/Showery.
Track: Good (3); downgraded to a Good (4) at 3pm.
Rail: +3m 900m to 400m where cutaway applies; +1m remainder.
Penetrometer: 3.5.

STEWARDS: T.W. Smith (Chairman) & S.P. Fitzgerald.

Supplementary report:

Wellington - Sunday 14th January 2018

Race 2: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1400m:

Stewards today continued their inquiries into Ms. E. Webster-Hawes handling of Ave in the above-mentioned event. The below extract was published in the Stewards report from the Wellington Race Club meeting held on Sunday 14th January 2018:

Ave – hampered shortly after the start when Image First shifted out; when questioned, rider Ms. E. Webster-Hawes stated she was instructed to have her mount settle where comfortable, which she had anticipated being mid field. She added Ave had been slow to begin and failed to muster early speed when it won at its most recent race start at Bathurst on Saturday 23rd December 2017 and today it began somewhat better than expected but only fairly in her opinion. She added when it became apparent in the early stages a number of horses racing to her inside endeavoured to take up forward positions, she elected to shift back to the rail and take a trailing position on the back of Redirect, which she was of the opinion was one of the favoured runners in the race. She added she was of the opinion that runners can often obtain inside runs at Wellington on straightening as runners can often show a proclivity to hang out on the tight turning track. She added after obtaining a position on the back of Redirect throughout the middle stages and near the 600m, her mount slipped for no apparent reason. She added approaching the home turn near the 400m, her mount was full of running and she became held up on the heels of Redirect and in her opinion, there was no safe option for her mount to shift out to improve at this stage of the race without causing interference to other runners. Shortly after, she stated she endeavoured to follow Milk 'n' Brandy into clear running however she improved onto the heels of Sister Joy and was checked and she was unable to shift out as she was racing too close to the heels of Sister Joy. She further added Celtic Diamond was racing to her immediate outside and she was of the opinion she could not have shifted that runner out as that manoeuvre was not safe. When questioned as to why she remained racing on the heels of Sister Joy when there a run had opened to the inside of that runner and to the outside of Redirect, Ms. E. Webster-Hawes stated at all times from the 300m leading up to the 150m, she remained racing on the heels of Sister Joy and she was obliged to check her mount to avoid the heels of that runner. She added she was reluctant to shift inwards at that stage as she was of the opinion she may have clipped the heels of Sister Joy and her primary concern at that stage was safety. She added once she was able to restrain away from the heels of Sister Joy and improved into clear running, Ave's momentum had been severely hindered and the race was effectively over and she did not unduly test her mount over the final stages when in her opinion she was not in contention for the placings; Co-trainer Mr. A. Ryan the stable's main concern today was the mare's failure to jump cleanly at its two most recent starts. He added despite that fact, the stable was of the opinion Ave would be a winning chance in today's event and supported the mare accordingly. Mr. A. Ryan confirmed the nature of the instructions given to rider E. Webster-Hawes and added that the only other concern other than the mare's reluctance to jump cleanly was that Ave is a big, awkward striding horse that may not handle the tight turning Wellington track. Co-trainer Mr. A. Ryan

stated Ave had worked very well leading into the event and had pulled up well after the race in all circumstances; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. After consideration of the available evidence, Stewards adjourned the inquiry to examine all aspects of the ride, Ave's prior racing history and wagering activity on the event.

After consideration of a detailed report into the wagering of the event, which included the interviewing of some wagering account holders whom were active on this event, Stewards were satisfied there were no integrity concerns relating to the wagering in this event. Stewards further made the following determinations in relation to the event and Ms. E. Webster-Hawes handling of Ave:

- Ave was expected to settle in a position worse than midfield and Ms. E. Webster-Hawes had been instructed to have her mount settle where comfortable by Co-Trainer Mr. A. Ryan.
- After beginning fairly, Ave was quickly beaten for speed by other runners and it took out a position on the back of *Redirect*, which started the \$6 second favourite in the event.
- At all times leading out to the home turn, Ave was not clear of runners to its outside, being *Naoko* and *Image First*, and consequently was unable shift ground outwards without causing interference to either of those runners;
- As a result, Ave was held up approaching the home turn when there was no clear or safe running to improve into;
- On straightening, there was a very narrow run to improve into between, which then widened and allowed Ave to improve forward however Ave was not in a position to shift outwards as it was racing in close proximity to the heels of both *Sister Joy* and *Milk 'n' Brandy*. As a consequence, Ave was unable to be shifted out as it was not sufficiently clear of the hind legs of those runners to do so without causing interference to itself or *Sister Joy* and *Milk 'n' Brandy*;
- Ave then became held up on the heels of *Sister Joy* until near the 100m and there was no clear run to improve into between *Redirect*, *Sister Joy* and *Milk 'n' Brandy* up until this point.

Based on all the evidence, Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that in these circumstances Ms. E. Webster-Hawes actions were blameworthy however they were critical of her actions in not endeavouring to shift to the outside of the heels of *Milk 'n' Brandy* in the early part of the straight in an endeavour to manoeuvre *Celtic Diamond* outwards to gain clear running, especially considering her mounts standing as \$1.90 favourite for the event.

Wellington – Saturday 7th April 2018

Race 6: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1700m:

Stewards today continued their inquiries into the reasons for *Daliapour's Beauty* (Ms. A. Denby) and *Barefoot Showgirl* (A. Banks) falling in this event. After viewing the official patrol footage and taking evidence from riders Ms. A. Denby, A. Banks and Ms. E. Webster-Hawes (*Frank'n'bul*) it was established that approaching the home turn, *Barefoot Showgirl* attempted to improve into a narrow run to the inside of *Frank'n'bul*, which laid in very negligible. *Barefoot Showgirl* then hung out and clipped the heels of *Frank'n'bul*, blundered, fell and dislodged rider A Banks. *Daliapour's Beauty*, which was following, fell after colliding with the fallen *Barefoot Showgirl*, and dislodged rider Ms. A. Denby. Based on the evidence and the available patrol footage, Stewards were unable to be comfortably satisfied the incident was caused by carelessness on behalf of any rider and was attributable to the racing manners of *Frank'n'bul* and *Barefoot Showgirl* and the matter was concluded.

Mudgee – Sunday 1st July 2018

Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Trainer Ms. D. Seib provided a detailed veterinary report by Dr. L. Ferguson into the extent of the injury sustained by *Nic City* during the above-mentioned event. *Nic City* was found to have sustained a large avulsion fracture to the cannon bone in the right fore leg. The report advised

with sufficient box rest and treatment, the injury may heal satisfactorily. Trainer Ms. D. Seib advised *Nic City* would now be retired from racing and would undergo any necessary veterinary treatment to assist with the healing of the injury.

Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1110m:

Skullharderson – raced very ungenerously in the early stages; ran out near the 200m; a post-race veterinary examination revealed an elevated respiratory rate. Trainer Mr. C. Lundholm undertook to provide a veterinary clearance along with the results of an endoscopic examination prior to *Skullharderson* racing again.

California Fox – raced wide throughout.

Gagetown – near the 200m, laid in near the heels of *Babylon Express* and was steadied; rider App. Ms. M Weir stated her mount failed to muster early speed and never travelled at any stage of the event. She added *Gagetown* has performed well in a recent barrier trial where she rode the gelding and today's performance was extremely disappointing based on that trial run; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Morotai – J. Rogers replaced B. Cray (injured); ran out over the final stages and hampered *Worldly Pleasure*.

Blinkin Flyin – slow to begin; raced greenly in the early stages.

Dragons Mistake – raced wide throughout.

I'm Not Sharing – near the 600m, was checked and lost ground after hanging out and being bumped on the shoulder by *Morotai*, which laid in despite the efforts of its rider; hung out approaching and rounding the home turn and under pressure in the straight, proving difficult to ride; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr. D. Hyde was advised a warning would be recorded against *I'm Not Sharing* for hanging out.

Thorn Lass – raced wide throughout.

Race 2: Maiden Plate 1310m:

Destiny Ambush – raced wide throughout.

Josie's Last Stand – raced wide throughout.

Knight's Honour – overraced in the early stages.

Starlight Treaty – slow to begin.

The Iceman – slow to begin; raced wide throughout.

Nothingbutadreamer – L. Henry replaced B. Cray (injured); over the final stages, hung out close to the heels of *Knight's Honour* and was steadied.

She's a Joka – raced wide throughout.

Race 3: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1410m:

Umgeni – buffeted near the 150m between *Regalia* and *Tips and Beers*, which was bumped on the hindquarter and unbalanced.

Consented – beaten 21.38 lengths; Trainer Mr. M. Lunn advised *Consented* would next start at Carinda (Non-TAB venue).

Tips and Beers – raced wide throughout.

Lily's Little Girl – G. Ryan replaced B. Cray (injured).

Race 4: Class 3 Handicap 1610m:

Lamma Hilton – J. Hull replaced B. Cray (injured); laid in near the 100m and again near the winning post.

Killer Miller – raced wide throughout.

Drawn to You – laid in near the 100m and over the final stages over the event.

Handful of Aces – overraced in the early and middle stages; a post-race veterinary examination revealed mild soreness in the right hind leg.

Suman the Yak – slow to begin.

Pretty Pine – slow to begin.

Didyahearme – raced wide throughout.

Lien – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr. P. Stanley advised he would now only start *Lien* at Non-TAB and Picnic venues.

Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1010m:

Algeroba – raced wide throughout.

The Gun – slow to begin.

Bold Lady – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities; Trainer Mr. C. Lundholm advised *Bold Lady* would now be spelled.

Check the Ticket – rider A. Banks reported his mount travelled fairly throughout the early and middle stages however when asked to improve in the straight, it weakened very quickly and was very disappointing; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have coughed; Trainer Mr. C. Lundholm undertook to provide a veterinary clearance along with the results of an endoscopic examination prior to *Check the Ticket* racing again.

Panuara – shifted out on jumping and bumped *Fussdinado*.

Fussdinado – had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight; over the final stages was shifted out to improve when *Ennazus* shifted out.

Manicc – Ms. L. Henry replaced B. Cray (injured).

Ennazus – shifted out shortly after the start and hampered *Panuara* and *Fussdinado*.

Decades – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start; raced wide throughout.

Race 6: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1010m:

Snippety Sip – late withdrawal at 4.46pm after breaking through the front of its allotted barrier stall and galloping a considerable distance riderless.

Run Sally Run – late withdrawal at 4.46pm after breaking through the front of its allotted barrier stall and galloping a considerable distance riderless.

Eyesaw – was fractious in the barriers and became cast. Late withdrawal at 4.46pm. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Eyesaw*, *Snippety Sip* and *Run Sally Run* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 4.46pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Operose* less 72 cents win and 59 cents place;

Second: *Zoutenant* less 59 cents place; and

Third: *Folkstone* less 57 cents place.

Trainer Mr. G. Lunn was advised *Eyesaw* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Operose – a post-race veterinary examination revealed *Operose* to have bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr. C. Weeding was advised of the provisions of AR53A.

Felicette – slow to begin.

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 2: | <i>Ms. L. Henry</i> | <i>7 times prior to 100m.</i> |
| Race 2: | <i>K. Dunbar</i> | <i>7 times prior to 100m.</i> |
| Race 2: | <i>A. Cavallo</i> | <i>6 times prior to 100m.</i> |
| Race 3: | <i>K. Dunbar</i> | <i>8 times prior to 100m.</i> |
| Race 4: | <i>J. Hull</i> | <i>6 times prior to 100m.</i> |

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

General:

Stewards conducted a number of One Clear Day checks on Friday 6th July 2018 of horses engaged to race today that were stabled at Dubbo racecourse. No breaches of the rules were detected.

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

Race 1: *Rare Eclipse*.

| SUMMARY | |
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| Fines: | Nil. |
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Race 6: <i>Operose</i> (Trainer C. Weeding) – bled both nostrils first time. |
| Certificates: | Race 1: <i>Skullharderson</i> (Trainer C. Lundholm) – endoscopic examination Race 5: <i>Check the Ticket</i> (Trainer C. Lundholm) – endoscopic examination |
| Warnings: | Race 1: <i>I'm Not Sharing</i> (Trainer D. Hyde) – hung out. |
| Trials: | Race 6: <i>Eyesaw</i> (Trainer G. Lunn) – fractious in barriers. |
| Change of tactics: | Nil. |
| Falls/Injuries: | Nil. |
| Gear Changes: | Nil. |
| Follow up: | Nil. |