

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**Moruya Jockey Club**  
**MORUYA RACECOURSE**

**Tuesday 7th August 2018**

Weather: Fine.

Track: Good (4), upgraded to Good (3) following race 1 at 12:58pm.

Rail: Out 3m from 1000m to 350m where cutaway applies.

**STEWARDS:** J D Walshe (Chairman), C G Polglase & J Turner

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**RACE 1: East Coast Radio Maiden Handicap 930m**

**Tiny Terror** – Slow to begin.

**Dux On The Pond** – Slow to begin and crowded shortly after by Major Rush which shifted in.

**Corcovado Hill** – Raced wide throughout.

**The Pilbara** – Pulled hard in the middle stages.

Following the race the track was upgraded to a Good (3) at 12:58pm, to be made retrospective for the purposes of the results to include this race.

**RACE 2: Rixons Bus Service Maiden Plate 1210m**

**Velocissima** - Slow to begin and bumped soon after by Unbridled Princess which shifted out. Rider S Guymer reported on return to scale that soon after the start his mount felt awkward in its action but after being ridden along to tack onto the back of the field passing the 1000m it then travelled well until the straight where it hung in, and for those reasons he formed the view that the mare may be lame. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in its near-foreleg (grade 3/5). Trainer Mr G Backhouse was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

**Blind Love** – Turned its head to the side within its stall as the start was effected and lost ground. Co-trainer Mr R Price was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which hung in throughout and proved difficult to ride. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Who Da Witness** – Passing the 1000m when racing ungenerously was crowded for room between Blind Love which laid in slightly and All Bear which shifted out and away from Murrage which hung out. In the incident Who Da Witness clipped the heels of Blind Love, blundered badly and lost ground. Rider

Ms K Nisbet stated her mount raced greenly throughout the event and did not respond to her riding in the straight. Trainer Mr M Dale was fined the sum of \$100 under AR117(3) for the removal of the mare from the tie-up stall area within 30 minutes of it having raced. Upon return to the course, a veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**Revitup Rednut** – When questioned, rider N Heywood stated that it was not his intention to lead however when his mount began particularly well it took up the lead without being pressured to do so.

**Murrage** – Passing the 800m hung out and had to be steadied from the heels of Blind Love which simultaneously hung in.

**RACE 3: River Restaurant Maiden Handicap 1435m**

**Just A Spat** – After co-trainer Mr P Jones reported that the mare contacted its head within the swabbing box, the mare was examined by the Club's veterinary officer and found to have blood present in its left nostril. The mare was subsequently withdrawn at 1:34pm. At a subsequent inquiry Mr Jones was told that under the provisions of AR53A(7) the mare would be required to complete a satisfactory gallop of 1000m in the presence of a Steward prior to being permitted to race again.

**Beersheba Lass** – Slow to begin. Was not tested close to the line due to being tightened by Arlington Magic which was positioned to its outside.

**Sail to Glory** – Slow to begin.

**Arlington Magic** – Stewards considered an objection lodged by J Grisedale rider of the mare which was placed third against runner-up Call The Clock alleging interference over the final 200m. On the evidence Stewards were satisfied that Arlington Magic had never established a run to the inside of Call The Clock leading up to the 150m at which point Arlington Magic was eased and shifted out when disappointed for a run between Iz Aroyal and Call The Clock which laid in and soon after had to be re-directed in when held up behind Call The Clock which shifted out. In those circumstances, and despite Arlington Magic being taken in marginally over the concluding stages by Call the Clock which shifted in, the protest was dismissed and correct weight declared on the Judge's placings.

**Call the Clock** – Laid in in the straight and had to be corrected by its rider.

**Mr Beasley** – When questioned, rider S Pollard stated that as the gelding had a tendency to be slow to begin, he was instructed to attempt to ensure it began well, but anticipated taking up a mid-field position. He added after beginning particularly well, he made some effort soon after the start to cross Sail To Glory which drew to his inside. He further added that after the 1200m when Iz Aroyal which was unfancied in betting showed intent to cross him he then improved to ensure that he was not crossed by that runner and therefore his mount raced much further forward than was anticipated.

**RACE 4: Winning Edge Presentations Class 2 Handicap 1435m**

**Interventions** – Slow to begin.

**Prying** – Slow to begin and shortly after was steadied from the heels of Silver Comet which laid in.

**Pass Of Gold** – Slow to begin and tightened soon after by Prying which was taken in.

**Lovespeed Girl** – Raced wide throughout.

**Whisky’N’Diamonds** – On return to scale rider Ms K Nisbet reported that her mount pulled hard in the early and middle stages and was therefore left without a finishing effort.

**Stitched Up** – Passing the 1250m had to be eased when taken in and became awkwardly placed close to the heels of Running Broke.

**RACE 5: Jeff Penza Premier Jockey Benchmark 58 Handicap 1660m**

**Orchestral Lass** – Co-trainer Mr A Cummings was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of S Guymer as the rider of the mare.

**Stroke Of Eight** – On route to the start, rider J Penza expressed concern regarding his mount’s action. The mare was examined by the Club’s veterinary officer and when found to be lame in its near-foreleg was a late withdrawal at 3:14pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Stroke Of Eight be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 3:14pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1<sup>st</sup>: Receipt: 2c win and 7c place*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Napoli: 2c place*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Belle Tornure: 5c place*

Stable representative Mr M Ames was told that a veterinary clearance would be required before Stroke Of Eight would be permitted to race again.

**Serging Rush** – Slow to begin.

**Chatober** – raced wide throughout.

**Receipt** – A little slow to begin. Laid out over the final 150m.

**Napoli** – Laid out over the final 200m. When questioned, rider N Heywood stated that passing the 1500m his mount was contacted by Chatober which shifted out which resulted in his mount racing commencing to race keenly. He added as a consequence and as he was wide, he allowed his mount to stride forward to eventually settle closer to the rail to the outside of the leader Whispered Prayer.

**RACE 6: Matthew Dale Premier Trainer Handicap 1210m**

**Rock On Zariz** – Crowded on jumping by Kormaddie which hung in despite the efforts of its rider.

**Disturbance** – Bumped on jumping by Janis which began awkwardly and shifted out.

**She's Got Bling** – Slow to begin (2L).

**The Inflamer** – Raced wide throughout.

**RACE 7: AMH Auto Group Class 3 Handicap 1020m**

**Lord Boulevard** – Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. Passing the 100m shifted in slightly as Eve's Miss simultaneously shifted out and was eased when awkwardly placed to the outside of that runners heels.

**Little Off the Top** – Trainer Mr J Stewart was told that the gelding, which missed the start (5L), would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

**Eve's Miss** – Prior to correct weight, when no objection was lodged by the connections of Eve's Miss which was placed 4<sup>th</sup> against Joan Constance, which was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, after reviewing a replay of the race, Deputy Chief Steward Mr C Polglase lodged an objection on behalf of the connections of Eve's Miss and in the public interest concerning interference near the 200m. Mr Polglase then stepped down from the panel and did not take any part in the adjudication of the protest. On the evidence, it was established that near the 200m Joan Constance shifted out when not clear of Eve's Miss resulting in the rider of that mare, app B Griffiths being restricted in the use of his whip in his right hand and further causing Eve's Miss to be taken out and inconvenienced. Bearing in mind the margin of only a nose between the respective runners and the manner in which Eve's Miss had finished off its race, as the Stewards were satisfied that had the interference not occurred, that Eve's Miss would have finished ahead of Joan Constance, they upheld the objection and amended the placings to read 1<sup>st</sup>: Leami Astray; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Malachi Crunch; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Eve's Miss and 4<sup>th</sup> Joan Constance. App B Griffiths (Eve's Miss) was later spoken to and advised that he must be more alert to opportunities where grounds for an objection exist, and in the least to request to view a replay of the race prior to correct weight to assist him with making such decisions.

**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.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>N Souquet (Constitutional)</b>	8 strikes prior to the 100m
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**Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:**

**Race 1:** Delphox, Dux On The Pond

**Race 2:** Murrage, Vice Vice Baby

**Race 3:** Just A Spat, Arlington Magic

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 2:</b> Trainer Mr M Dale ( <b>Who Da Witness</b> ) AR117(3) – \$100 – Removal of the mare within 30 minutes of its race. <b>Race 5:</b> Co-trainer Mr A Cummings ( <b>Orchestral Lass</b> ) LR35 – \$100 – Late rider.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	<b>Race 3: Just A Spat</b> – Blood present left nostril – Must gallop 1000m presence of a Steward.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 2: Blind Love</b> – Hung in.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 7: Little Off The Top</b> – Missed start (5L).
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 2: Velocissima</b> – Lamé near-foreleg (grade 3/5). <b>Race 5: Stroke Of Eight</b> – Lamé near-foreleg (grade 3/5).
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 1: The Pilbara</b> – Black, orange sash.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.