

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Wednesday 7th November 2018

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

STEWARDS: N.M. Daniels (Chairman), M.A. Holloway & J.T. Penfold.

Supplementary:

Ballina 5th November 2018: Race 5 - Benchmark 55 Handicap 2650m

Tough One – Rider R. Maloney was fined \$300 (AR137A(5)(a)(ii)) for using his whip on ten occasions prior to the 100m.

General: Due to the predicted inclement weather, stewards invoked level 2 of the Racing NSW Racing In Hot Weather Policy.

Race 1: CG&E Maiden Plate 1100m:

Budmeister – Raced wide in the early stages. Near 600m had to be eased after laying in across heels.

Grated Coconut – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide throughout. Laid in under pressure over final 200m and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

Just Radish - Hampered shortly after jumping. Blundered near 400m.

Mylastgeegee – Steadied when crowded on jumping.

Sebago – Rounding the home turn had to be steadied after improving onto heels. Held up in the straight and near the 200m had to shift out across heels to obtain clear running.

Shinar – Bumped on jumping.

Race 2: F&M Maiden Plate 1100m:

Bella Dama – Bounded on jumping. Near 800m carried wider and raced wide thereafter. Near 200m had to be steadied off the heels of Eurogem (B. Looker), which shifted in when insufficiently clear. B. Looker was reprimanded under AR137(a). A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to have lost its off hind plate in the running.

Eurogem – Overraced in the early stages.

Gratuitous – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Near 800m had to be checked after improving onto heels. Rounding the home turn had to be steadied after improving onto heels and held up in the early part of the straight.

Just One Minute – Near 1000m had to be checked off the heels of *Can't Catch Her* which shifted in abruptly.

Solar Storm – On entrance to the straight had to be momentarily steadied when disappointed for a run.

Zouki – When questioned regarding the filly leading the event, rider M. Paget stated that in previous start the filly had either been slow to begin or hampered on jumping.

M. Paget added that he had no clear instructions for today's event but after the filly began well from the good barrier he urged his mount along in the early stages and was able to find the lead comfortably and dictate the tempo of the race. Stewards accepted M. Paget explanation.

Race 3: Class 1 Plate 2200m:

Azarose (NZ) – Inclined to hang in after rounding the first turn. When returning to scale **Azarose (NZ)** dislodged its rider R. Maloney. R. Maloney was assessed by the ambulance officers on course and was clear to fulfil his remaining engagements.

Delacroix – Near 600m improved onto heels and bumped with *Bring Euro*. Approaching the 400m improved into a position between *King of Monaco* and *Bring Euro* resulting in **Delacroix** clipping the heels of *Bring Euro* and becoming badly unbalanced. In assessing the incident stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that any riders action was careless, and the incident was majorly due to **Delacroix's** racing manners.

He Zoffan Gone – Slow to begin.

Vision And Prayer – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying mild heat stress.

Race 4: F&M Benchmark 58 Handicap 1600m:

Clipaholic – Raced wide in the early stages.

Love Time – Slow to begin.

Mackellar – Overraced in the early stages.

Our Gracious Dane – Inclined to lay in down the straight.

Wonderful Thing – Had difficulty obtaining clear running until the 100m.

Youngstown – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 5: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1400m:

Caro Cavallo – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M. McGuren stated that after his mount began well he found a position handy to the speed where the gelding travelled comfortably in the early and middle stages. M. McGuren added that approaching the 600m he was obliged to place his mount under pressure, but the gelding failed to respond to his urgings and went to the line only moderately and felt somewhat flat over the concluding stages. M. McGuren further added that in his opinion the gelding did not appreciate the quick backup. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Mr. J. Shelton advised stewards that **Caro Cavallo** would now be spelled.

Cool Prince – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after jumping.

Curley Mac – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Light Motion – Began awkwardly.

Magic Beneteau – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M. Weir stated that in her opinion the gelding failed to run out the strong 1400m of today's distance and did not handle the firmness of the track. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding to be displaying mild heat stress.

Nothingforthepress – Pulled rounding the home turn.

Race 6: Maiden Handicap 1700m:

Ezy Squezy – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which was beaten 29.01L failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Ms. V. McLellan was advised that a warning would be recorded against the mare for being uncompetitive.

Granville Island – Unable to improve rounding the home turn.

I Am Perfect – Overraced in the early stages.

Sweet William – Slow to begin.

Tawhaki – Laid in on entrance in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr. G. Hoy was advised that **Tawhaki** would require a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an ECG prior to the mare barrier trialling to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

Terrorfilo – Slow to begin (3L). Shortly after jumping had to be checked off the heels of *Sweet William*. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider M. McGuren stated that it was his intention to position his mount in a forward position but after the mare was slow to begin he elected to settle in a position rearward in the field. M. McGuren added given the strong early tempo he did not urge his mount in the middle stages and elected to let the mare to continue travelling comfortably on its own accord. M. McGuren added that he placed his mount under pressure rounding the home turn but the mare only went to the line moderately and that the poor beginning was very detrimental to the mares performance. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Totten – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying symptoms of the thumps.

Race 7: Jacaranda Cup Benchmark 82 Handicap 1100m:

Landmarks – Bumped on jumping. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M. Paget stated that after receiving a bump in the early stages his mount failed to muster sufficient speed to settle in a handy position. M. Paget added that **Landmarks** is better suited over further ground where he can lead the event and set the tempo and it was his opinion that the mare's last start performance over the same distance was due to having all of the favours in the run. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

More Patasi – Slow to begin. Near 100m had to be steadied off the heels of *La Dolce Vita* (J. Murphy) which shifted out. J. Murphy was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

Sylvie – Bumped heavily on jumping.

Race 8: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1200m:

Camillo (NZ) – Late scratching at 3.58pm, by order of the stewards after the trainer Mr. A. Ryan made application for **Camillo (NZ)** to be scratched due to the heat and the gelding previous health conditions. Given the stewards had invoked a level 2 heat policy Mr. A. Ryan's request was granted.

Golden Valley – Slow to begin.

Hashtag Hero – Late scratching at 6.28pm, by order of the stewards after gelding laid in on the partition and became cast on two separate occasions. Stewards ordered that all monies wagered on **Hashtag Hero** be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 6.28pm be subject to the following deductions.

1st – *Crooked Gent* less 9 cents win and less 11 cents place;
 2nd – *Iliia* less 11 cents place.

Trainer Mr. T. Commerford was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

My Boy Louie – Stewards permitted rider M. Palmer to ride the gelding 1 kilogram over its allocated weight.

No Qualm – Held up in the early part of the straight.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137(5)(a)(ii)

Race 1	R. Maloney (Heritage Sash)	6 strikes
Race 2	P. Graham (Just One Minute)	6 strikes
Race 4	M. Palmer (Youngstown)	7 strikes
Race 8	M. Palmer (My Boy Louie)	6 strikes

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

GENERAL:

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners and Race 2: *Brazen Belle*.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Supplementary: R. Maloney - \$300 AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – use of whip
Reprimands:	Race 2: B. Looker – AR137(a) – careless riding
Suspensions:	
Bleeders:	
Certificates:	Race 6: Tawhaki – cardiac arrhythmia
Warnings:	Race 6: Ezy Squeezy – uncompetitive
Trials:	Race 6: Tawhaki – cardiac arrhythmia Race 8: Hashtag Hero – barrier manners
T’bred ID Card:	
Change of tactics:	
Falls/Injuries:	Race 3: R. Maloney – no apparent injury
Gear Changes:	
Follow up:	