

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 8th February 2018

Weather: Fine.
Track: Soft (5). Upgrade to Good (4) retrospective to Race 1.
Rail: Out 3m W/P – 1600m, Out 3m 1200m-400m. True remainder.

STEWARDS: N.M. Daniels (Chairman), D.R. Smith, T.D. North &
W.M. Friend

General:

Trainer Mr. P. Smith was fined \$200 (AR54) for failing to lodge stable returns for horses in his care.

Trainer Mr. B. Dodson was fined \$200 (AR54) for failing to lodge stable returns for horses in his care.

Race 1: 2YO Handicap 1006m:

Our Sweet Dreams – Slow to begin.

Race 2: Benchmarl 60 Handicap 2210m:

Angela's Beauty – Rider K. Matheson pleaded guilty to a careless riding charge under AR137(a) in that near the 2000m he did permit his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Angela's Beauty which was checked and lost its rightful running. K. Matheson's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on 13th February 2018 and expire on 20th February on which day he may ride.

Exilia Miss – Near 400m momentarily steadied after improving onto the heels of *Yabulu Lad*.

Kilmarnock – When questioned regarding the handling of the gelding, Apprentice Miss. L. Kilner explained that she was instructed to settle at the rear of the field on the heels of the last runner and that the gelding can sustain a sprint from the 600m. When questioned on her vigour in the early stages, App. L. Kilner stated that in the early stage her mount travelled comfortably at the rear of the field and as the tempo quickened passing the 1600m she attempted to improve to be at the heels of *The Skrill* but the gelding failed to respond to her urgings. When questioned regarding her riding over the final 700m in particular the seemingly lack of vigour through the section of the race. App. L. Kilner stated that her mount travelled well on the bit passing the 700m and she elected to let her mount to travel on its own accord and with the opinion that the horse would be better suited to be saved for sprint over the final 400m. Stewards advised App. L. Kilner that in the circumstances it would be expected to see more vigour used leading up to the turn, due to App. L. Kilner inexperience no further action was taken and the ride would be referred to the riders review panel.

Military Honour – Trainer Mr. D. Bowen was advised that **Military Honour**, which was beaten 27.68L would be required to barrier trial to satisfaction of stewards. Trainer Mr. D. Bowen advised stewards that **Military Honour** would now be retired.

The Skrill – Slow to begin (3L).

Yabulu Lad – Underwent pre-race veterinary examination, and was passed fit to start.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap Div 1 1106m:
Kyrie Eleison – Slow to begin.

Legal Loophole – Bounded on jumping and subsequently was slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. When questioned trainer Mr. A. Parramore stated that **Legal Loophole** which was first up today, was having its first start over the short distance which didn't suit the gelding and it would now be his intention to step the gelding up in distance where he will be better suited. Mr. A. Parramore was advised a warning would be recorded against **Legal Loophole**, which was beaten 22.67L for poor performance.

Run Jack Run – Shortly after jumping threw its head in the air when attempting to be restrained.

Solar Storm – Hampered near 200m when *Whonicked De Lolly* was inclined to lay in under pressure.

The Ridge – Raced wide throughout. Near 200m hung in and was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Longtga*.

Race 4: Maiden Handicap Div 2 1106m:

Duke of Fredrick – Overraced in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from one nostril. Trainer Mrs. C. Halliday was advised that **Duke of Fredrick** would be required to gallop 1000m in the presence of a steward prior to racing again.

Hogster – Raced keen in the early stages and near the 800m had to be momentarily steadied of the heels of *Duke of Fredrick*.

Moshe Lass – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after jumping. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

My Cousin Meryl – Raced wide in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Rock The House – Laid out under pressure at the top of the straight. Passing the 200m began to hang in and prove difficult to ride out. Near 75m bumped slightly with *Skill Set*.

Skill Set – Raced wide throughout.

That's Madness – Laid out under pressure over final 100m.

Race 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1106m:

All About Charlie – Raced wide throughout.

Bancroft – Shifted out on jumping and hampered *Eddy Would Go*. Hung out near 200m.

Brandy Balloon – Overraced in the early stages. Raced wide throughout.

Eddy Would Go – Held up rounding the home turn.

Flinders Beach – Raced wide throughout.

Mathieson Lane – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr. A. Pilling was advised that this was the 2nd occasion **Mathieson Lane** had bled from both nostrils and under the provision of AR53A would now be barred from racing.

Myboycellito – Shifted in on jumping and bumped with *All About Charlie* which was carried in onto *Jazzy Ruler*, which was carried in across the heels of *Flinders Beach* and had to be steadied. Raced keen outside the leader in the middle stages.

Ruby Two Shoes – Couldn't be fully tested when racing in restricted room between *Jazzy Ruler* and *Myboycellito* over the concluding stages.

Race 6: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1610m:

Chardoneri – Held up rounding the home turn and lost ground on heels of the weakening *Onemoretwoless*.

Choux Mania – Began awkwardly.

Legal Structure – Bumped with *Sckam* on jumping.

Oh No Not Again – Slow to begin. Overraced in the early stages. Near 200m had to be steadied off the heels of *Saint Element* which shifted in abruptly. Hampered near 50m when *Saint Element* shifted in slightly.

Queen Beatrice – Overraced in the early stages. Raced wide throughout.

Saint Element – Slow to begin.

Race 7: Open Handicap 1610m:

Bob's A Dazzler – Raced wide throughout.

Mr Spin – Overraced in the early stages. Bumped near 200m.

Push The Sky Away – Rider accidentally dropped whip near 200m

Queen of Wands – Slow to begin.

Voltaire Lumiere – Held up in the early part of the straight on the heels of *Glitra* and *Oltre Finito*. Near 200m shifted to the inside of heels of *Glitra* to obtain clear running and bumped with *Mr Spin*. Unable to be fully tested until the 100m. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Youwaitandsee – When questioned regarding the gelding being further forward in the event. Rider J. Taylor stated that he was instructed to ride his mount in a midfield position with cover. J. Taylor stated that his mount was slow to begin and had to urge the gelding in the early stages in order to obtain a midfield position. J. Taylor added that he was wide in the early stages and due to the gelding racing keenly at this stage of the event, rather being caught wide without cover he elected to let his mount stride forward on its own accord and settle outside the leaders' heels. J. Taylor added that despite his best effort to restrain his mount the gelding continued to race keen in the middle stages and only began to race comfortably when passing the 800m. J. Taylor explanation was accepted by the stewards

Race 8: F&M Class 1 Handicap 1206m:

Advalady – Overraced in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Bring Your Ay Game – Slow to begin. Unable to be tested over concluding stages when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Vivid Image*.

Jillies Jet – Slow to begin.

Leica Celebre – Began awkwardly. Overraced in the early stages.

Sarasota Bay – Raced wide throughout.

Young Amazon – Overraced in the middle stages.

Race 9: CG&E Class 1 Handicap 1206m:

Conquers All – Near 800m improved onto the heels of *Chief Moondance* and shifted out abruptly and hampered *General Nelson* which was carried out across the running of *Baradine Bound* which had to be checked.

Fast Gary – Began very awkwardly and shortly after hampered by *The Exhibitionist*. Raced erratically in the early stages.

Iggy The Moocher - When questioned regarding the handling of the gelding particularly in the middle stages. Rider R. Fradd stated that he was instructed to lead or be outside the leaders in the event and after only beginning moderately had to urge his mount to muster sufficient pace to sit outside of the leader *The Exhibitionist*. R. Fradd added that after obtaining a position outside of *The Exhibitionist* his mount raced very keen and despite his best efforts could not restrain his mount to take a position behind the leader. R. Fradd further added that his mount's racing manners may have been due to the gelding being first up. Trainer Mr. M. Dunn confirmed the instructions, that he expected the gelding to be leading the event. M. Dunn added that **Iggy The Moocher** raced keenly in a recent trial and that his racing manners were not unexpected given the gelding was first up today. M Dunn further added that in his opinion the gelding is better suited racing over further distances, but after today's performance would leave the gelding over a similar distance.

Kalahari Pearl – Slow to begin. Inclined to hang out in the straight.

Race 10: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1410m:

Adarato – Slow to begin.

Dandy Toff – Underwent pre-race veterinary examination after becoming fractious in the barrier, and was passed fit to start. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider M. Paget stated the due to the anticipated early speed he elected to settle in a midfield position on the rail. M. Paget added that the gelding travelled comfortably in the early and middle stages but when placing his mount under pressure at the 600m his mount failed to respond to his urging and showed no signs of sustaining a finishing effort and only went to the fair. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Mr. A. Parramore would advise stewards on the recovery of **Dandy Toff** in the forthcoming days.

Our First One – Began awkwardly and brushed gate. Raced wide in the early stages.

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 2	K. Matheson (Yabulu Lad)	6 strikes
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Race 4	B. Stower (My Cousin Meryl)	6 strikes
Race 5	J. Worley (Ruby Two Shoes)	6 strikes
Race 6	R. Fradd (Sepoy's Choice)	6 strikes
Race 8	C. Whiteley (Jillies Jet)	7 strikes
Race 10	J. Taylor (They Call Me Rose)	6 strikes

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

GENERAL:

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners & Samantha's Gold.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: P. Smith - \$200 AR54 – failure to lodge stable returns General: B. Dodson - \$200 AR54 – failure to lodge stable returns
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 2: K. Matheson – AR137(a): 13/02/18 – 19/02/18 – careless riding
Bleeders:	Race 4: Duke of Fredrick – Bled one nostril Race 5: Mathieson Lane – Bled both nostrils 2 nd occasion
Certificates:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 3: Legal Loophole – poor performance
Trials:	Race 2: Military Honour – uncompetitive
T'bred ID Card:	Nil.
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	A. Parramore – Dandy Toff