

STEWARDS REPORT

Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RACECOURSE Friday 9 February 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: +3m entire circuit

STEWARDS: T.J.Davidson (Chairman), J.A.Shultz & D.R.McLean

(6u3b)

RACE 1: 2yo Maiden Plate 1000m:

Our Romeo- Bumped on jumping

Day Drinking- Got its head up while racing keenly in the early stages. When questioned apprentice R Prest explained her mount travelled well in behind the leaders but when placed under pressure near the 400m the filly disappointed in its failure to respond to her riding. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Freundin- Bumped on jumping

Kiwicod- Slow to begin.

Piper's Rewards- Slow to begin. Hung out rounding the home turn and layed out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1000m:

Argyllscoot- Hampered on jumping and lost ground when *Star of Serena* shifted outwards abruptly. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Rising Force- Raced keenly in the early stages.

Plucky George- Checked near the 800m. At a subsequent inquiry apprentice R Prest pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 800m she did permit *Nishani Spirit* to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Working Together* which was carried in and across the line of **Plucky George** which had to check. Apprentice R Prest's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 18th February 2018 and to expire on Saturday 24th February 2018, on which day she may ride.

Myloveforlara- When questioned rider K Nisbet stated her instructions were to settle in a forward position but was unable to do so when the mare failed to show enough early speed. She added her mount found the line fairly and in her opinion, may be suited over a longer distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

My Zarmidala- Raced keenly in the early stages.

Toffey Miss- Bounded on jumping and lost ground (2L). Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Star of Serena- Shifted out abruptly on jumping. Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

RACE 3: Benchmark 60 Handicap 2000m:

Go Get 'em- Stood flatfooted and missed the start (3L). Layed inwards in the early part of the straight.

Run Hoff Run- Steadied near the 1800m when *Plenary* (M Cahill) shifted in when not quite clear. M Cahill was advised to exercise more care.

Carlistos- Held up and unable to improve from the 500m until approaching the 250m.

Video Show- Slow to begin.

Plenary- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance M Cahill explained he was issued no specific instructions for the filly but after beginning well and with no pace in the race he allowed his mount to stride forward. He added the filly travelled well until placed under pressure near the 500m from which point it failed to respond and disappointed. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Blue Valour- Raced wide throughout.

Ethical Star- Slow to begin.

Manhattan Zip- As B Loy was late arriving on course due to transport difficulties, Stewards permitted J Grisedale to be the substitute rider.

Brian's Lass – Rider B El-Issa was reminded of his obligations to ride his mount right out to the line. In accepting B El-Issa's explanation that he did mistake the winning post he was advised he must be more vigilant and familiarise himself with the winning post.

Havana Party- Bumped on jumping. Checked near the 1200m. At a subsequent inquiry apprentice P Scorse pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1200m he did permit *Blue Valour* to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Havana Party** which was checked and carried in onto *Brother Adam* which was crowded and checked. Apprentice Scorse's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 13 February 2018 and to expire on Tuesday 20 February 2018, on which day he may ride.

Brother Adam- Bumped on jumping. Checked near the 1200m.

Redwood City- When questioned regarding the performance rider B Sweeney explained she was under no specific instructions, but after being caught wide in the early stages she elected to push forward. She added her mount only travelled fairly throughout and did not respond when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Coandilil- Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L).

RACE 5: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1600m:

Duke of Downunder- When questioned rider M Heagney could offer no tangible explanation for today's performance stating the gelding never travelled throughout and did not respond when pressured in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Supplying- Steadied near the 1300m whilst racing tight to the inside of *Midnight Jumper* which was taken in slightly by *Seething Jackal* (B El-Issa). B El-Issa was advised to exercise more care. Was inclined to lay out when placed under pressure in the straight.

Chief of Arlington- Got its head up near the 1500m when being restrained.

First Rose- Late withdrawal at 8.15am by Stewards acting on veterinary advice after the mare struck its head in the stables. Trainer D Vickers was advised a veterinary certificate must be produced prior to racing again.

Our Smoothie- Slow to begin.

Legally Loose- Stood flatfooted and lost ground (4L). Stable representative A Curtis was advised an official warning would be placed on the mare's barrier manners.

RACE 6: Open Handicap 1400m:

Darts Away- B El-Issa replaced B Loy (Stood Down) as the rider of the gelding.

Royal Jackpot- Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider M Cahill explained the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages but failed to respond to his riding when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have lost its off fore plate but no other abnormalities were detected.

Zarreig- Near the 300m was steadied when *That's Freedom* was carried out by *Miss Farloo* (A Masters). A Masters was advised to exercise more care.

Not Too Sure- Slow to begin.

RACE 7: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1200m:

Bank On Henry- Knuckled on jumping.

Benno's Boy- Bumped and became unbalanced approaching the 350m. Steadied near the 300m when *Bulala* (M Cahill) shifted out when not quite clear. M Cahill was advised to exercise more care.

Class Clown- Got its head while being restrained near the 800m.

Grey Strike- Layed inwards when placed under pressure in the straight.

Homebird- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider K Nisbet explained her mount travelled well however failed to respond to her riding in the straight. She added in her opinion the mare may be better suited on tight turning tracks.

Premier's Gift- Rider B El-Issa reported the mare was making respiratory noises and for this reason he did not pressure it in the run to the line. Trainer K Weir advised the mare would now be retired from racing.

Dangerous Breeding- Bumped and became unbalance approaching the 350m.

Red Heat- Began awkwardly and lost ground.

Chastity Strikes- Late withdrawal at 4.55pm after becoming fractious in the barriers. Trainer Mr S Spackman was advised the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards before being permitted to race again. In regard to betting Stewards ordered all monies invested on **Chastity Strikes** be refunded and all successful wagers placed prior to 4.55pm be paid less the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket.

1st) *Bulala 2 cents win and 1 cent place*

2nd) *Bank on Henry 3 cents place*

3^d) *Dangerous Breeding 4 cents place*

RACE 8: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1000m:

Fire Stoker- Bumped on jumping. Hung out rounding the home turn. Steadied near the 200m when disappointed for a run between *Badraan* and *Murrawee*. Apprentice J Richards explained his mount travelled well in an advantageous position but when disappointed for a run near the 300m the gelding was then unable to secure completely clear running and his mount went to the line only fairly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

Badraan- Hampered near the 200m.

Gentleman Charlie- Hampered near the 200m when *Oh What a Thief* shifted in slightly.

Imitation Game- Slow to begin. Held up and unable to improve between the 400m and 200m.

You're Kidding Me- Bumped on jumping. Held up from the 300m until passing the 200m.

Why Me Lord- Showed no early pace.

Akumandi- Slow to begin.

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permissible strikes with the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii)

Race 6	A Masters on Miss Farloo	7 strikes
Race 6	R Bensley on Not Too Sure	8 strikes
Race 6	N Souquet on Overdue	6 strikes

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

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Piper's Reward, Handle the Truth

Race 2: Nishani Spirit

Race 3: Go Get 'em

Race 4: Blue Valour

Race 5: Supplyzing

Race 6: Cha Cha King

Race 7: Bulala

Race 8: Super Roo

SUMMARY

Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Race 2: Apprentice R Prest (Nishani Spirit) – Careless riding under AR137(a) permit to ride in races suspended from 18/2/2018 to 24/2/2018 on which day she may ride. Race 4: Apprentice P Scorse (Blue Valour) - Careless riding under AR137(a) permit to ride in races suspended from 13/2/18 to 20/2/18 on which day he may ride.
Warnings:	Race 5: Legally Loose (P Sweeney) – Stood flatfooted.
Bleeders:	Nil
Trials:	Race 7: Chastity Strikes (S Spackman) – Fractious in the barriers.
Certificates:	Race 5: First Rose (D Vickers) – Late withdrawal
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Nil