

**Stewards Report
Walcha Jockey Club
Walcha RACECOURSE**

Friday 9th February 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Firm (2)

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen & J Penfold.

Riding Changes:

Race 2: A Gibbons replaced J Kehoe (indisposed)

Race 4: C Franklin replaced C Van Der Werf (injured)

Race 5: R Murray replaced T Green (indisposed)

Race 6: R Murray replaced C Van Der Werf

Race 7: K Matheson replaced C Van Der Werf

Race 8: R Murray replaced C Van Der Werf

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1440m

Blinkin Nomore – slow to begin.

Vineyard – broke away from a handler during a gear adjustment behind the start and when being recaptured reared up and fell to the ground heavily. Subsequently Vineyard was withdrawn on veterinary advice at 1.34pm and when correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Vineyard be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 1.34pm, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st – Willyama - 57 cents Win & 33 cents Place

2nd – Islamax - 24 cents Place

3rd – Dad's Army - 32 cents Place

Islamax – slow to begin.

Willyama – raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Race 2: Class 3 Handicap 1440m

Dreamnomore – hung in under pressure in the home straight.

Shrapelli – when questioned in relation to the performance, A Gibbons explained that his mount failed to travel at any stage, felt flat and did not respond to his urgings from the 800m. A post-race veterinary examination of Shrapelli revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. A Kehoe said the mare's preparation would continue, however it would be freshened.

Herecum Da Drums – slow to begin, then crowded shortly after the start.

Race 3: Class 2 Handicap 1000m

Victory Vibes – attempted to hurdle a discoloured section of grass near the 800m and became unbalanced.

Tudor Sunrise – slow to begin.

Smokey Eye – slow to begin.

Race 4: Maiden Handicap 1000m

Madam Yoko – was treated post-race for mild colic symptoms.

Carry On Ringo – slow to begin, raced greenly throughout and hung out rounding the home turn.

Got Something – began very awkwardly and was slow away.

Sergeant Sam – the saddle slipped sideways passing the 400m which disadvantaged the rider, then was hampered and carried slightly wider passing the 150m.

Mr Butcher – slow to begin.

Race 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1700m

After the runners were placed into their respective barrier stalls the barriers opened prematurely and a false start was declared. All runners were restrained quickly and returned to the start and after all were inspected by the club's veterinary officer, Sir Aussie was declared unfit at 4.11pm, after consultation with the rider, who confirmed the gelding struck its head on the front of the barrier during the false start. After being replaced into the barriers, All Political was fractious and had its near hind leg momentarily trapped beneath it on the running board and was withdrawn at 4.14pm. When correct weight was declared, it was ordered that all bets made on Sir Aussie and All Political be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 4.11pm, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1st – Royal Villa – 17 cents Win & 14 cents Place

2nd – Funky Monkey – 22 cents Place

3rd – Camayoc – 17 cents Place

Further, it was ordered that all bets made between 4.11pm and 4.14pm, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

Placings listed above:

1st 3 cents Win & Place

2nd 6 cents Place

3rd 3 cents Place

Prior to a start being effected, all riders of the remaining runners individually stated that they were satisfied with their respective mounts condition to race.

Forsox – after being restrained quickly and returned to the start where it was passed to compete by the club's veterinary officer, the gelding was again inspected at the request of the rider with its heart rate monitored immediately before the start.

Camayoc – began awkwardly and was slow away, then raced fiercely for some distance in the early and middle stages.

The Cabarita Kid – began awkwardly, then near the 1600m, momentarily took charge of its rider, shifted in very abruptly and crowded **Thundering Heart**, which was crowded onto the running rail, had to be checked very severely and lost ground. Trainer Mr. L Cross was advised that a warning for racing intractably would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Race 6: Benchmark 62 Handicap 1200m

Apprentice C Gallagher pleaded guilty to a charge of improper behavior under AR175(j) for his response, which included profanity to a request from assistant steward Mr. B Vincent when returning to the mounting enclosure after his mount finished in 4th position. C Gallagher was fined \$200.00

Jazzee Nicc – hung out throughout, ran wide rounding the turn at the 700m, then despite the continued efforts of its rider to maintain a position on the running rail, ran wide approaching and rounding the home turn. Trainer Mr. G Groth was advised that a warning for hanging out would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Axel Bling – hung out rounding the home turn. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare was lame in the near fore leg. Stable representative Ms. S Alexander was advised that prior to racing again Axel

Bling would be required to undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Survey's Legacy – bled from 1 nostril during the race. Trainer Mr. J Hopkins was advised of the provisions of AR53A, relative to this occurrence.

Race 7: Open Handicap 1440m

Bullet Kid – had to be checked severely and lost ground passing the 1200m when crowded by Loud Enough (B Hodder), which after being carried in by San Sabarto (L Day), continued to shift in when not quite clear. B Hodder and L Day were reprimanded (AR137a).

Lolly Shoppe – slow to begin.

Free Billy – was held up for some distance rounding the home turn and in the early part of the home straight.

Leica's Lass – was crowded passing the 1200m.

Race 8: Open Handicap 1000m

Navajo Chief – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight and was hampered and carried out passing the 100m.

Can't Skate – was held up rounding the home turn, then unable to obtain clear running at the entrance to the home straight, then had to be steadied and shifted out passing the 150m to go forward.

Summary of whip use:

No noncompliance.

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Clipaholic**.

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 6: C Gallagher - \$200 (AR175j)
Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Race 7: L Day – (AR137a) – careless riding B Hodder – (AR137a) – careless riding
Warnings	Race 5: The Cabarita Kid – intractable – (hung in) Race 6: Jazzee Nicc – hung out
Trials	Nil
Bleeders	Race 6: Survey's Legacy – 1 nostril – 1000m gallop

Falls and Injury	Race 4: J Worley – dislodged returning to scale – uninjured
Certificates	Race 6: Axel Bling – lame near fore