

**Stewards Report  
Tamworth Jockey Club  
TAMWORTH RACECOURSE**

**Saturday 9th June 2018**

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good (4) – soft (5) 3.20pm to include race 3 retrospectively.

**Rail:** 4 Metres 1000m until 300m (cutaway)

**Stewards:** S Cullen & I Grimes

**Riding Changes:**

Nil

**Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1200m**

**Assault’N’Bathory** – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

**The Wire** – raced intractably and hung out during the early stages, then weakened from the 500m. stable representative Mr. D Hrbek was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on The Wire’s racing record.

**Pipped** – was crowded at the start.

**Toss Of A Coin** – slow to begin.

**Foreverly** – began awkwardly and was slow away.

**Race 2: Maiden Plate 1000m**

Trainer Mr. R Northam was fined \$100 (AR140A), for presenting Phylicia at the mounting enclosure without Blinkers.

**Banagay** – slow to begin.

**Secret Thoughts** – weakened from the 400m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding displayed a slow recovery. Trainer Mr. C Dixon said that Secret Thoughts returned with its tongue over the bit and he would apply a tongue tie at the gelding’s next start.

**Thunder** – ran wide under pressure inside the 150m.

**Blinkin Dancing** – was hampered and had to be shifted in near the 150m.

**Mighty Success** – slow to begin.

**Phylcia** – was slow to begin, then crowded shortly after the start and lost ground (2L).

**Roulette Star** – was bumped heavily at the start and became unbalanced, then was hampered and carried wider passing the 150m.

**My Emmy Leis** – trainer Ms. S Torrens was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the filly's racing record.

### **Race 3: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1600m**

**Vindicated** – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. C Morgan said that Vindicated would be transferred out of his stable.

**Lillybeth** – hung out from the 1000m. Trainer Mrs. N Stewart said that the mare would be retired. Notwithstanding this advice, Mrs. Stewart was advised that prior to racing again Lillybeth would be required to perform competitively in an official barrier trial.

**Observed** – slow to begin.

**Thomson River** – slow to begin.

### **Race 4: Benchmark 52 Handicap 1400m**

**Tilly's Waltz** – B Cray, the rider of Herecomes Thefuzz, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that near the 100m he allowed his mount to shift out whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of **Prince Roo**, which had to be checked, then **Tilly's Waltz**, which was bumped heavily, forced wider and became unbalanced. B Cray's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 13/6/18 and expire 20/6/18 on which day he may resume.

**Wantaberomeo** – blundered at the start.

**Stirling Shadow** – slow to begin.

### **Race 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1200m**

**Epic Event** – B Cray, the rider of Uncle Wingnut, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that passing the 900m, he allowed

his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Abitazar**, which had to be checked and was crowded onto **Epic Event**, which was bumped heavily and became unbalanced. B Cray's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 20/6/18, at the expiration of a suspension incurred in race 4 and to expire 27/6/18, on which day he may resume.

**Call Me Brad** – raced wide without cover throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

**Making Shadows** – slow to begin.

**Fast Arli** – began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly.

**Smokey Eye** – had to be steadied when racing in restricted room near the 900m.

**Floral One** – was crowded onto the running rail near the 900m and had to be eased.

**Uncle Wingnut** – when questioned in relation to the improved performance, Trainer Mr. C Edgar explained, that he had altered nothing in the gelding's preparation and said that it had worked well leading into the race. He said that in his opinion today's race was lower grade than Uncle wingnut's recent racing, including its most recent start where it was trapped very wide throughout. He also said that he made a riding change today to engage a rider who was in his opinion, able to apply strong vigour over the concluding stages. Further, he stated that Uncle Wingnut's best form was on tracks that were graded softer than good (4).

**Valinga** – was crowded at the start. The rider M Brown said that she injured her left knee when this happened.

#### **Race 6: Class 2 Handicap 1000m**

**Cricklewood** – slow to begin, then raced ungenerously during the early stages.

**J'Star** – missed the start (3L), then raced ungenerously in the early stages. When questioned A Chau explained that he was further back than intended in the early stages when his mount was racing ungenerously, however he was able to obtain a position on the back of Cricklewood, which he thought was a strong winning chance, passing the 600m and he attempted to go forward with that runner rounding the home turn. He said that after gaining a strong response at the entrance to the home straight,

J'Star, which was having its first start for 7 months, weakened near the 100m. Trainer Mrs. K Fox said (11/6/18) that the mare had recovered well and the preparation would be continued in similar distance and class events.

**Big Surprise** – began awkwardly and raced ungenerously in the early stages, hung out from the 600m, ran wide in the home straight and could not be ridden with full vigour. Trainer Mr. G Groth was advised that a warning for hanging out would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

**I'll Tell You How** – began awkwardly and was slow away (2L).

**Summary of whip use**

<b>Race 1: M Brown – Danspur</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
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Bearing in mind the totality of use, no action was taken.

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

**SUMMARY**

<b>Fines</b>	<b>Race 2: R Northam - \$100 (AR140A)</b>
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>Race 4: B Cray – (AR137a) careless riding – 13/6/18 until 20/6/18 (can ride)</b> <b>Race 5: B Cray – (AR137a) careless riding – 20/6/18 until 27/6/18 (can ride)</b>
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Race 1: The Wire – poor performance</b> <b>Race 2: My Emmy Leis – poor performance</b> <b>Race 6: Big Surprise – hung out</b>
<b>Trials</b>	<b>Race 3: Lillybeth - uncompetitive</b>
<b>Bleeders</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Falls and Injury</b>	<b>Race 5: M Brown – reported discomfort in her left knee</b>
<b>Certificates</b>	<b>Nil</b>

