

STEWARDS REPORT

Manning Valley Race Club TAREE RACECOURSE

Thursday 9 August 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: Out 5m entire circumference

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer and J P Dunn.

RACE 1: Taree League and Sports Club Maiden Handicap 1600m:

James Richard – Raced keenly in the early stages. Laid in when placed under pressure in the early part of the straight and passing the 200m shifted in and brushed *Ausbred Trump*.

Charlie Jack – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight had some difficulty improving into a narrow run between *Arizona Belle* and *Tangarra Express*, which shifted out slightly. As a consequence **Charlie Jack** did not obtain completely clear running until passing the 200m.

Magnifier – On arrival at the barriers rider M Paget expressed some concerns with his mount's action. **Magnifier** was subsequently declared a late withdrawal at 12:51pm when a veterinary examination found the mare to be lame in the off-fore leg. The Stewards ordered that all monies invested on **Magnifier** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers placed prior to 12:51pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of each ticket:

- 1st *Eye Was* – 2c win, 3c place;
- 2nd *James Richard* – 2c place;
- 3rd *Charlie Jack* – 3c place.

Trainer Mr B Ryan was told that he would be required to furnish a veterinary certificate for **Magnifier** prior to the mare racing again.

Shouldn't Miss – On jumping was steadied when crowded between *Arizona Belle* and *Tangarra Express*, which shifted in. Inside the 100m was directed to the inside of *James Richard* to continue into clear running.

RACE 2: Taree Cup Calcutta 18/8 3yo Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Watch Dat Stinger – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event and when the pace slackened near the 700m raced ungenerously with its head up for some distance.

Fused Magic – Slow to begin, then shortly after was steadied away from the heels of *Bill 'n' Ted* when taken out by *Watch Dat Stinger*. Hung out rounding the turn from the 600m and near the 500m ran out across the heels of *Senatorial* and was steadied. **Fused Magic** then continued to hang out for the remainder of the event and proved difficult to ride out.

Raay Of Time – Rider A Bullock's whip was accidentally struck from his grasp by the whip of A Gibbons (*Bill 'n' Ted*) approaching the 100m.

Sassy Charlie – When the pace slackened near the 700m improved onto the heels of *Raay Of Time* and had to be checked for some distance.

RACE 3: The Kosciuszko 13 October Benchmark 59 Handicap 1000m:

Fear Factor – Slow to begin. Laid out rounding the turn from the 600m until straightening. Approaching the 100m was directed to the inside of the weakening *Mr Snowman* to continue into clear running.

My Little Racer – Slow to begin, then failed to muster speed in the early stages, despite being ridden along, and lost touch with the remainder of the field.

Flash Stinger – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

No Refund – Slow to begin.

RACE 4: Taree Crazy Day 18/8 Maiden Plate 1300m:

Cabriere – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have sustained a laceration to its off-fore leg, which required treatment. Trainer Mr B Smith was told that he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance for **Cabriere** prior to the gelding racing again.

Gotta Run – When the start was effected the gelding stood flat footed and refused to jump, then when it ultimately left the barriers it shifted out abruptly and dislodged its rider A Chau. A Chau sustained no injury in the incident. Mr S Fell, representing trainer Mr T Evans, was told that given the gelding's history of refusing to jump it would be required to perform satisfactorily in two consecutive barrier trials prior to racing again.

Jet Pilot – Approaching the 1000m was steadied when crowded by *Gina Rinehoof* (apprentice M Weir), which shifted in before being corrected by its rider. Apprentice Weir was advised to exercise more care.

Mud Wasp – Approaching the 1000m was hampered and carried wider by *Gina Rinehoof*, which shifted out to relieve tightening to *Jet Pilot*, and as a consequence raced wide and without cover for the remainder of the event. Rounding the home turn was hampered and carried very wide by *Gina Rinehoof* which, when inclined to hang out, ran wider despite the efforts of its rider. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Privately Epic – Slow to begin. Laid out rounding the first turn and had to be steadied away from the heels of *I Want*.

Gina Rinehoof – When questioned, apprentice M Weir stated that when correcting her mount approaching the 1000m to relieve tightening to *Jet Pilot* her mount commenced to hang out. She stated that her mount continued to hang out throughout the middle stages and rounding the home turn ran very wide despite her efforts. She added, however, that when balanced in the home straight the mare raced more truly and ran on well. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Vigouroux advised that he would now experiment with gear on the mare in an attempt to correct its racing manners. Mr Vigouroux was told that **Gina Rinehoof** would be required to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial prior to racing again.

Holy Reign – From its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. For some distance approaching the 400m was held up and unable to improve.

Without Conviction – From its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Laid out rounding the home turn.

RACE 5: Adrian Owen Veterinarian Class 1 Handicap 1250m:

Titus – On return to scale J Hull, rider of the second placed gelding, lodged an objection against *Better Not Fly* being declared the winner, alleging interference rounding the home turn and in the early part of the home straight. After viewing the Stewards footage and taking evidence from all parties it was established that after improving past **Titus** approaching the home turn *Better Not Fly* shifted in slightly, placing **Titus** in restricted room to its inside. On the point of the home turn **Titus** then made slight contact with the running rail, became unbalanced and lost ground. It was further established that approaching the 200m *Better Not Fly* shifted in, obliging J Hull to direct **Titus** to the outside of its heels to continue into clear running. As Stewards were of the view that the incident rounding the home turn was partially attributable to the racing manners of **Titus**, which raced greenly when in restricted room, and that *Better Not Fly* was clear to shift in front of **Titus** approaching the 200m, the objection was dismissed when Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that the slight shift in from *Better Not Fly* rounding the home turn had a material effect on the placings.

Retribution – On jumping was bumped by *High Rush*, which shifted out.

High Rush – Shifted out on jumping and bumped *Retribution*. Approaching the 100m was directed to the inside of *Titus* to continue into clear running.

Lady Veronique – Slow to begin. Rounding the home turn, when held up, had to be steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of the weakening *Poet's Blush*.

Tipsy Choice – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Poet's Blush – Rider A Bullock could offer no explanation for the disappointing performance of the mare. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Rubel – Was fractious in the barriers and as a consequence was slow to begin (3L).

RACE 6: Fly Pelican Fashion on the Field Sun 19 Aug Benchmark 58 Handicap 1250m:

One More – Approaching the 100m was steadied when crowded by *Lobban Hood*, which shifted in abruptly before being corrected by its rider.

Lobban Hood – Rounding the home turn was steadied and shifted in to avoid the heels of *Peyton Place*, which shifted to the outside of *Forever Alone* to improve. Shortly after straightening bumped with *Crossing Guard* when taken in by *Peyton Place* which, when inclined to lay in, shifted in slightly before being corrected by its rider. Passing the 150m was steadied away from the heels of *Crossing Guard* (J Adams), which shifted out when not clear. J Adams was reprimanded. **Lobban Hood** (apprentice M Castle) then became awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Crossing Guard* and, when struck with the whip in the left hand, shifted in abruptly and crowded *One More* before being corrected by its rider. Apprentice Castle was cautioned against the practice of applying the whip when positioned too close to heels.

Wongur – Became fractious when being mounted in the enclosure, reared and slipped over. **Wongur** was subsequently declared a late withdrawal at 3:47pm on veterinary advice. The Stewards ordered that all monies invested on **Wongur** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers placed prior to 3:47pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of each ticket:

- 1st *Forever Alone* – 6c win, 9c place;
- 2nd *Peyton Place* – 4c place;
- 3rd *Crossing Guard* – 8c place.

Toast – Slow to begin.

Crossing Guard – Shortly after straightening was bumped by *Lobban Hood*, which was taken in slightly by *Peyton Place*.

Radiologist – Passing the 600m improved onto the heels of *One More* and was steadied. Held up rounding the home turn. Apprentice K Wilson-Taylor will be interviewed regarding his whip use on the gelding.

Dew Drop – Slow to begin.

RACE 7: Taree Cup Prelude – Benchmark 70 Handicap 1600m:

Abohar – Laid in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Marathon – Change of tactics: to be ridden positively from the outside barrier – settled on-pace.

Chalcedony – Slow to begin, then shortly after was steadied away from the heels of *Abohar* when taken in by *Mister Smartee*.

Mister Smartee – When questioned regarding the performance, apprentice K Wilson-Taylor stated that he was instructed to lead and after beginning only fairly his mount was slow to muster speed and he was obliged to make some use of it to establish the lead near the 1200m. He stated that he then slowed the tempo and he felt that his mount travelled comfortably throughout the middle stages at a sustainable tempo, although it commenced to lay out from the 1000m. He added that rounding the home turn his mount continued to lay out and shifted wider despite his efforts, then continued to lay out in the home straight and proved difficult to ride out. After viewing the Stewards footage of the race apprentice Wilson-Taylor expressed some surprise at the sizable lead his mount established in the middle stages and indicted that in hindsight he may have set too fast a tempo during this stage of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr T Morton advised that in his opinion apprentice Wilson-Taylor had made too much use of **Mister Smartee** to establish the lead and then set too strong a tempo throughout the middle stages, which left the gelding without a finishing effort. Mr Morton nevertheless advised that **Mister Smartee** prefers tracks with more give and as it may be feeling the effects of a lengthy preparation he would now freshen the gelding up prior to it racing again.

Star Fest – Slow to begin.

Zuccherina – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

Summary of Whip Use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 2	A Denby (<i>Watch Dat Stinger</i>) D McLellan (<i>Fused Magic</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m 6 strikes prior to the 100m
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 2: Bill 'n' Ted(2), Watch Dat Stinger, Fused Magic, Raay Of Time, Sassy Charlie.

Race 5: Andriana, High Rush, Rubel.

SUMMARY

Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 6: J Adams (Crossing Guard) – Careless riding (AR 137(a)).
Suspensions:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Trials:	Race 4: Gotta Run (trainer T Evans) – Refused to jump – 2 consecutive trials. Race 4: Gina Rinehoof (trainers T & P Vigouroux) – Hung out.
Certificates:	Race 1: Magnifier (trainer B Ryan) – Lamé off-fore leg. Race 4: Cabriere (trainer B Smith) – Laceration to off-fore leg.
Change of Colours:	Race 3: No Refund – Red, Black and White Checked Sash, Striped Sleeves and Checked Cap.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 4: A Chau (Gotta Run) – Dislodged at start – No apparent injury.
Follow up:	Race 6: Apprentice K Wilson-Taylor (Radiologist) – Whip use.