

STEWARDS REPORT

Bathurst Thoroughbred Racing TYERS PARK RACECOURSE, BATHURST

Sunday 11th February 2018

Weather: Fine.
Track: Good (3).
Rail: True.
Penetrometer: 4.49.

STEWARDS: S.P. Fitzgerald (Chairman), I.H. Grimes & C.N. Pringle.

Race 1: Benchmark 64 Handicap 2700m:

Jagger – when questioned, rider M. Cahill stated his mount was afforded a comfortable run throughout the event until near the 800m, when *Lucky Elixir* improved to his outside, where his mount quickly came off the bridle and ceased responding to his riding. He added his mount laid in under pressure in the straight and raced like a tired horse; a post-race veterinary examination revealed *Jagger* to be lame (1/5) in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr. J. Steinmetz advised *Jagger* may likely be spelled however should connections continue with the gelding's preparation a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required.

Stradazzle – steadied near the 900m after improving onto the heels of *Lucky Elixir*.

Lucky Elixir – raced wide without cover from the 1100m.

Moncarta – bumped with *Jagger* near the 250m.

Bathurstian – App Ms. K. Jenkinson was reprimanded (AR137A(4)(c)) for using the whip when her mount was out of contention.

Race 2: Country Maiden Plate 1100m:

Agrovation – bumped on the hindquarter by *Destiny is Written* near the 700m after that runner commenced to overrace and shifted out.

La Petite Belle – laid out over the final 20m.

Miss Goya – slow to begin.

Barsan – difficult to load – Trainer Mrs. K. McCarroll was advised a warning would be recorded against *Barsan*.

Invincible Thunder – bumped and taken wider near the 600m when *Bow River* shifted out to improve; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Race 3: Bill Aspros Cup 1200m:

Richard the First – began awkwardly.

Adjective – a post-race veterinary examination revealed *Adjective* to be lame (1/5) in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr. S. Singleton was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Adjective* racing again.

Barricade – slow to begin; near the 150m, was shifted in across the heels of *Final Trick* to continue into clear running.

Dunderry – over the final stages, raced in restricted room to the inside of *Barricade*.

Race 4: Maiden Handicap 1300m:

Indian Star – crowded on jumping; when questioned, rider G. Ryan stated at the gelding's first and only start at Bathurst on 22nd January 2018, it led unintentionally and found that position without effort. He added today, he was instructed to settle where comfortable and he ultimately settled in a handy position. He added his mount was under pressure from as far out as the 800m and felt very flat; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. After consultation with Trainer Mr. B. Baker, stable representative Mr. K. Harding advised *Indian Star* would now be spelled.

Elkano – crowded on jumping.

Waldo Waldorf – raced wide throughout; overraced in the early stages.

Joy for Us – steadied near the 1000m when *Indian Star* (G. Ryan) shifted in when not clear. G. Ryan was advised to exercise more care; when questioned, rider C. Lever stated his instructions were to settle in a handy position and where possible, not to attack the stable-mate *Indian Star*. He added after being hampered near the 1200m and again near the 1000m, his mount ceased travelling and was disappointing thereafter; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. After consultation with Trainer Mr. B. Baker, stable representative Mr. K. Harding advised *Joy for Us* would now be spelled.

Ridgi Ridge – crowded on jumping.

We Could Be Heroes – crowded on jumping; steadied near the 1000m after improving onto the heels of *Joy for Us*.

Winterconi – slow to begin; near the 1200m, ran out abruptly and hampered *Joy for Us* and *We Could Be Heroes*; when questioned, rider M. Cahill stated his instructions were to be in a forward position and bearing in mind his mount was stepping up in distance and it drew barrier one, he was able to take up the lead. Trainer Mr. D. Mirfin confirmed the instructions and added due to *Winterconi*'s one-paced nature, he has always instructed the riders of the mare to have it positioned in a prominent position however circumstances have previously prevented these instructions from coming to fruition.

Race 5: Fillies & Mares Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m:

Eva Jean – bumped with *Iona Nicconi* near the 200m.

Sonic Girl – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Repentant – laid out over the final 100m.

Pricing Power – slow to begin and was crowded shortly after the start by *Ave* and *Eva Jean*, losing further ground; when questioned, rider G. Ryan stated he was instructed to have his mount settle in a handy position however after being slow to begin and being crowded, his mount settled further back than intended. He added during the middle stages, he was able to improve into a mid-field position. He added his mount improved into the race only fairly from the 600m and in the straight, was hampered near the 200m when *Ave* shifted in. He added his mount was never travelling well enough to improve between *Ave* and *Quint Australis* near the 200m and shortly after it dipped, changed stride and shortened its action in front; Trainer Mr. C. Connors reported on Monday 12/2/2018 that *Pricing Power* had pulled up well and he would continue with the filly's preparation; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Race 6: Country Championships Preview – Class 4 Handicap 1300m:

Turcotte – overraced in the early and middle stages; laid in under pressure in the straight.

Missy Rhythmos – when questioned, rider A. Cavallo stated his mount felt very flat within itself and it weakened very quickly when he desisted from riding the mare in the straight; Trainer Mrs. A. Smith stated she was very disappointed with the performance of *Missy Rhythmos* and possibly the mare may have been in season. She added would now have thorough veterinary and chiropractic examinations carried out on the mare, as well as having blood tests and an endoscopic examination conducted. Trainer Mrs. A. Smith undertook to report to the Stewards on the results of those examinations; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Loves a Hassle – ran out over the final stages.

Annecy – slow to begin; hung out near the 600m; when questioned, rider G. Ryan stated his mount was slow to begin and today was not suited by the moderate tempo of the event. He added *Annecy* has previously shown a proclivity to hang in during its races and the stable had applied an off-side cup blinker and off side bubble cheeker to correct this issue and while the mare did not hang in, he was of the opinion it did not race entirely genuine with this gear; Co-trainer Mr. A. Ryan stated in his opinion *Annecy* was not suited by the moderate tempo of today's event and the mare requires a very fast tempo to be effective in its races. He added it would now be his intention to experiment with the gear on *Annecy* and attempt to gain a start in the CDRA Country Championship heat at Mudgee on Sunday 25th February 2018, where he was of the opinion the mare would be better suited on a larger track with a longer straight; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Blue Collar Boy – slow to begin.

Attilius – raced wide throughout.

Race 7: Bathurst Cup 1800m:

Paragon – slow to begin; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr. J. Sargent advised that *Paragon* is a horse that performs best when ridden in a prominent position and once it was slow to begin and was unable to take up such a position, it was totally unsuited and never travelled. He added it would now be his intention to give the gelding a jump-out and experiment with its gear.

Charlie Royale – raced wide throughout.

Letter to Juliette – prior to the declaration of correct weight, rider M. Cahill and Trainer Mr. G. White viewed the official patrol footage to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection against the second placegetter *Subway Surfer*. When both M. Cahill and Mr. G. White both declined to lodge an objection and Stewards similarly declined, correct weight was declared; raced wide throughout the early stages and was ridden forward; bumped heavily and unbalanced on the home turn by *Subway Surfer*; bumped by *Illyrian* near the 50m.

Uncle Sugar – M. Heagney, rider of *Illyrian* pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) (careless riding) in that inside the final 100m, he did permit his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Uncle Sugar*, which was taken in across the heels of *Letters to Juliette* and was consequently steadied; M. Heagney's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 12th February 2018 and to expire on Friday 16th February 2018, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration M. Heagney's guilty plea, his excellent

record in relation to careless riding breaches and contribution in the form of *Illyrian* and *Uncle Sugar* laying in and a negligible shift outward from *Letter to Juliette*.

Living Choice – slow to begin; bumped with *Paragon* near the 100m.

Subway Surfer – raced keenly throughout the middle stages.

Race 8: Class 2 Handicap 1200m:

Ori On Fire – change of tactics: to be ridden with cover; settled mid-field and won.

Get to the Chopper – slow to begin; when weakening near the 200m, was steadied when *Keymaster* (M. Cahill) shifted in when not clear. M. Cahill was advised to exercise greater care; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Our Dasha – shifted out to continue into clear running in the early part of the straight.

Ambitious Prince – slow to begin.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 1:	<i>T. Block (Art of Defence)</i>	6 times prior to 100m.
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Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken

General:

Samples were obtained from two riders, which will be forwarded to the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, which will be tested for substances banned under AR81B.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners:

Race 2: *Jetgirl*;

Race 7: *Paragon, Hirokin (2), Charlie Royale, Illyrian, Letter to Juliette, Uncle Sugar, Living Choice, Nurture, Subway Surfer.*

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 1: App. K. Jenkinson – AR137A(4)(c) – use of the whip.
Suspensions:	Race 7: M. Heagney – AR137(a) – suspended 12/2/18 – 16/2/18.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 1: <i>Jagger</i> (Trainer J. Steinmetz) – lame off fore leg. Race 3: <i>Adjective</i> (Trainer S. Singleton) – lame near fore leg.
Warnings:	Race 2: <i>Barsan</i> (Trainer K. McCarroll) – difficult to load.
Trials:	Nil.
Change of tactics:	Race 8: <i>Ori On Fire</i> – to be ridden with cover; settled midfield and won.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.