

STEWARDS REPORT

Coffs Harbour Racing Club COFFS HARBOUR RACECOURSE

Friday 11 May 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (6)
Rail: +1m winning post – 1400m, +3m 1000m – 350m, true remainder

STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman), D. R. Smith, T. D. North & W. M. Friend

RACE 1: Maiden Plate 805m:

Bettigood – Laid out under pressure down the straight.

Buyer's Remorse – Laid out in the early stages.

Comm And Cents – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Hidden Storm – Eased away from heels at the entrance to the straight.

Lil' Bit Sassy – Hung out rounding the home turn.

Lord Mal – Laid in approaching the 100m.

Marokawa – Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until approaching the 300m. Approaching the 100m was eased after improving onto heels and was unable to improve until easing out around heels over the concluding stages.

Mrs Christmas – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 12.07pm after the mare refused to load into the barriers. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the mare be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 12.07pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 7 cents the win and 13 cents the place for 1st (*Lord Mal*), 13 cents the place for 2nd (*Comm And Cents*) and 9 cents the place for 3rd (*Hidden Storm*). Trainer Ms S. Taylor was advised that the mare is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Stand Alert – Blundered on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Sweet Kiara – Slow to begin (2L).

Swift Revenge – Began awkwardly. Eased when tightened for room approaching the 700m.

RACE 2: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2010m:

Andante – Slow to begin.

Excelebration Gold – Approaching the first turn was steadied after pulling its way up inside heels. Inclined to overrace from this point to the 1400m. Laid in at the entrance to the straight.

Exorbitance – Overraced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

Ferrara – Slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be mildly lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr D. Schmidt was advised that a warning would be placed on the competitiveness of the gelding. Mr Schmidt advised that the gelding would be retired from his stable.

Newton (NZ) – Raced wide in the early stages. Pulled in the early and middle stages.

Shark Creek – Near the 1000m was steadied after improving onto heels. Unable to improve between the 800m and entrance to the straight when held up on the heels of weakening runners.

The Zoff – Laid in down the straight and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

RACE 3: 3YO Maiden Plate 1210m:

American Moments – Slow to begin.

Anchois – Overraced rounding the first turn and continued throughout the middle stages.

Canny Watch – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Dawn Thunder – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 1.18pm after the filly refused to load into the barriers. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the filly be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.18pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 6 cents the win and 5 cents the place for 1st (*Ibini*), 5 cents the place for 2nd (*Anchois*) and 11 cents the place for 3rd (*Spanish Steps*). Trainer Mr P. Evans was advised that the filly is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Lacey Lynx Pack – Overraced approaching the first turn and near the 800m. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Prior to the declaration of correct weight stewards considered an objection lodged by C. Taylor, rider of 5th

placegetter **Lacey Lynx Pack**, against *Binnacle* being declared the 4th placegetter of the event alleging interference near the 50m. After taking evidence from all relevant parties and viewing official video footage stewards established that near the 50m **Lacey Lynx Pack** was improving inside *Binnacle* as that runner shifted over to a position outside it resulting in the rider of **Lacey Lynx Pack** having to cease riding his mount along with whip pressure and use hands and heels pressure to the line. As the stewards were unable to identify any stage where the momentum of **Lacey Lynx Pack** was impeded or a change in the rate at which it was taking ground off *Binnacle* they were not comfortably satisfied that the incident had a material effect on the placings the objection was dismissed.

Pinnacle Power – Bumped close to the finish line.

Secret Lago – Slow to begin. Hampered and carried wider rounding the first turn.

Spanish Steps – Checked and shifted out abruptly after improving onto heels rounding the first turn. Passing the 800m was checked after improving onto heels.

Trefranian – Slow to begin. Overraced rounding the first turn. Bumped close to the finish line. Hung in down the straight and was unable to be ridden with full vigour. A post race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr N. Godbolt was advised that a warning would be placed on the filly's racing manners. Mr Godbolt advised that the filly would be spelled.

Tyrion's Crown – Slow to begin. Hampered and carried wider rounding the first turn. Raced wide in the middle stages.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1310m

Eye Was – Slow to begin.

Karlu Dreaming (NZ) – Bumped near the 1200m.

Sunsout Shirtsoff – Slow to begin.

Sushi – Bumped and unbalanced near the 1200m. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Continued to overrace in the middle stages.

There's Always One – Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until the 350m.

Wolfram – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Zada – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages.

RACE 5: Benchmark 64 Handicap 1410m

Boncosta – Slow to begin.

Camillo – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. Paget stated that the gelding had been very impressive in its work leading into the event and he was confident of its chances today. M. Paget stated that gelding travelled strongly behind the leaders in the early and middle stages however when asked to sprint rounding the home turn it failed to respond strongly and weakened over the final 200m. Trainer Mr D. Kelly will be interviewed regarding the geldings performance at a date to be fixed. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Harvard Graduate – Began awkwardly.

Libertine Miss – Blundered shortly after the start.

Onslow – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Spinning Quarters – Slow to begin (2L).

Star Fest – Slow to begin. Overraced approaching the first turn.

RACE 6: Class 2 Handicap 1010m:

All about Charlie – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

As a Hawk – Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until obtaining clear running near the 350m.

Bite the Media – As R. Agnew was overweight stewards permitted J. Taylor to replace him as the rider of the mare. R. Agnew was fined \$100 (AR120(b)).

Flim Flan Man – Bumped shortly after the start.

Invincible Tammy – Laid out under pressure down the straight and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

Just a Dame – When questioned regarding the level of vigour shown down the straight jockey Ms R. Murray stated that her mount was caught wide in the early and middle stages and commenced to give ground rounding the home turn. Ms Murray added she placed her mount under minimal pressure down the straight as it was a beaten horse and she was concerned with its action. Ms Murray was reprimanded for failing to advise stewards of such concerns (AR140(b)).

Makarios (NZ) – A pre race veterinary examination of the gelding passed it fit to race.

Tootz – Bumped shortly after the start. Hampered passing the 300m. A post race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

Two Ducks Artie – Eased when tightened for room shortly after the start.

Western Alliance – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be lame in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr D. Campbell was advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

RACE 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1210m:

Field of Fire – At the entrance to the straight was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. Approaching the 100m was momentarily eased from heels.

Hellyers Road – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Wonderful Thing – Passing the 600m became held up on heels and was unable to improve until the 350m.

RACE 8: Class 1 Handicap 1310m:

Clarendon House – Began awkwardly. Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until the 350m. Shifted out under pressure between the 200m and 100m.

Jaylo – Rounding the home turn was obliged to steady and shift out after improving onto heels.

Moringa's Odyssey – Inclined to pull in the middle stages. Rounding the home turn was steadied and hung out after improving onto heels.

Northern Lights – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Real Time Warrior – Slow to begin. Rounding the home turn was steadied after improving onto heels. Shortly after straightening was steadied and obliged to shift out around heels to obtain clear running.

Saint Denis – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Secrets No More – Overraced in the early stages. Rounding the first turn was checked when momentarily tightened for room by *Jaylo*. Jockey Ms K. Stanley (*Jaylo*) was issued a reprimand (AR137(a)). Rounding the home turn was steadied for a number of strides after improving onto the heels of a weakening runner.

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

Race	Rider (Horse)	Additional Strikes
2	App J. Hodge (You Es Commander)	3
4	C. Lever (Sunsout Shirtsoff)	1

Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Pinnacle Power**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 7: R. Agnew - \$100 (AR120(b))
Reprimands:	Race 6: Ms R. Murray (AR140(b)) Race 8: Ms K. Stanley (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: Ferrara – uncompetitive Race 3: Trefranian – hung in
Trials:	Race 1: Mrs Christmas – refused to load Race 3: Dawn Thunder – refused to load
Certificates:	Race 6: Western Alliance – lame off fore
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Tactics Notified:	Nil
Follow up:	Race 5: Camillo (NZ) – poor performance