

STEWARDS REPORT

Manning Valley Race Club TAREE RACECOURSE

Monday 12 February 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), T. D. North, D. Carr, J. Dunn.

Supplementary Report: Port Macquarie 2 February 2018-

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii):

Race 1:	A. Gibbons (All Too Soft)	7 strikes
Race 2:	L. Day (a) (Komachi Force)	6 strikes
Race 2:	M. Paget (I am the Fox)	6 strikes
Race 4:	J. Oliver (Lady Sunday)	7 strikes
Race 4:	M. Paget (Tamarama)	6 strikes

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

RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1000m: **Cruisy Starcraft-** Slow to begin.

Bill's Gift- Slightly slow to begin and shortly after was hampered losing ground.

Sticks 'n' Stones- Approaching the 900m was checked to avoid the heels of Queen Ablaze, which was carried in by Superior Offer, which shifted in when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry B. Hodder (Superior Offer) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR 137a), and her license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 19 February 2018, and to expire on Sunday 25 February 2018, on which day she may ride. When assessing penalty stewards took into accounts B. Hodder's good record in relation to careless riding. Raced ungenerously during the middle stages and passing the 700m was steadied from heels.

Allez Rev- Hung out when placed under pressure in the straight.

Brooke- Passing the 300m and again near the 250m was hampered and carried out by Allez Rev.

RACE 2: Maiden Handicap 1250m:

Royal Duke- A. Gibbons replaced K. Matheson (overweight) as the rider of the gelding. K. Matheson was fined \$200 (AR 120b).

Master of the Turf- Slow to begin.

Luddenham Lass- Began awkwardly. Overraced during the early stages and approaching the 1000m was steadied from heels.

Denials- As the gelding lost its near hind plate during the preliminary, and was unable to be replated, permission was granted for the gelding to race bare footed behind. Slow to begin.

Tears he Cried- Overraced during the early and middle stages.

Ready's Queen- Overraced during the early stages and passing the 1000m was steadied from heels.

Wolfram- Passing the 600m was momentarily steadied when tightened by Prontissimo, which shifted in away from Denials.

RACE 3: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1250m:

The Kiss- Began awkwardly.

Mister Smartee- Overraced during the early and middle stages.

Budawang- Hung out throughout the event proving difficult to ride.

RACE 4: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1000m:

Merriwa- Overraced during the middle stages and passing the 500m was steadied from heels.

Billabong Cindy- S. Guymer was reprimanded for raising his hand above shoulder height when applying the whip over the final 150m (AR 137A (4) (b)).

RACE 5: Benchmark 51 Handicap 1600m:

Prince Coureuse- Slow to begin.

La Biere Choisie- Passing the 1400m was steadied when crowded for room between Prince High, which shifted out slightly, and I Am the Fox, which was carried in by Grafelli, which shifted in when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry A. Skerritt (a) (Grafelli) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

Prince High- Passing the 250m was steadied when crowded between Grafelli and Keeping Watch, both of which shifted ground slightly.

I Am the Fox- A post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened badly over the final 300m found it be distressed, and displaying cardiac Arrhythmia. Stable representative Mr S. Perry was advised prior to racing again the gelding would require a veterinary clearance including the results of an ECG, and must trial to the satisfaction of stewards. Mr Perry advised stewards the gelding would be spelled.

RACE 6: Maiden Plate 1400m:

Vision and Prayer- Mr S. Hodge representing trainer Mr T. Howlett was fined \$50 for presenting the gelding to the enclosure without blinkers which is a part of its approved racing gear (AR 140A). Began awkwardly and shifted in bumping Kaleb Will Do. Overraced during the early stages. Passing the 450m was steadied when crowded for room by Kinross Brown, which was carried out by Subtle Grey, which shifted out when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry A. Gibbons (Subtle Grey) was reprimanded (AR 137a), and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

Kaleb Will Do- Bumped on jumping.

High Flight- Very slow to begin (5L). Stable representative Mr S. Perry was advised prior to racing again the filly would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial.

Ticket to Kentucky- Overraced during the early stages.

RACE 7: Class 2 Handicap 1300m:

Mount Darragh- B. Hodder replaced L. Cumberland (Injured) as the rider of the gelding. Bumped and carried out passing the 200m.

Syrah- Slow to begin (2L). Bumped and taken out passing the 150m.

Bowie's Gift- Slow to begin.

Toast- Passing the 200m shifted out to obtain clear running and bumped outside runner.

Do I Know You- Approaching the 100m was bumped and had to be eased, when crowded for room by Syrah, which was carried out by High Rush, which shifted out when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry L. Day (a) (High Rush) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

High Rush- For some distance approaching the 100m experienced difficulty obtaining clear running when awkwardly placed on the heels of the weakening Sepae.

General:

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runners- **High Flight, Prince High, I Am the Fox, Keeping Watch, Syrah, Secrets No More.**

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2- K. Matheson- \$200 AR 120b- Overweight. Race 6- S. Hodge- \$50 AR 140A- Present without blinkers.
Reprimands:	Race 4- S. Guymer- AR 137A (4) (b)- Whip above shoulder height. Race 5- A. Skerritt- Careless riding (AR 137a). Race 6- A. Gibbons- Careless riding (AR 137a). Race 7- L. Day (a)- Careless riding (AR 137a).
Suspensions:	Race 1- B. Hodder- Careless riding (AR 137a)
Warnings:	
Bleeders:	
Trials:	Race 5- I Am the Fox- Cardiac Arrhythmia. Race 6- High Flight- Very slow to begin (5L).
Certificates:	Race 5- I Am the Fox- Cardiac Arrhythmia.
Falls/Injuries:	
Tactic Changes:	