

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Coonamble Jockey Club COONAMBLE RACECOURSE

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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

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

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#### **Race 1: Coonamble Flying 1100m:**

**Slate on Edge** – slow to begin.

**Any Blinkin' Day** – slow to begin; overraced in the middle stages and hung out near the 700m; near the 500m, laid in across the heels of *Uncle Wingnut* and was steadied; rider M. Hackett advised his mount would be benefited by today's first up run.

#### **Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1100m:**

**Dream Believer** – crowded on jumping by *Barrowland*, which shifted out; raced wide throughout.

**Dollar Dandy** – crowded on jumping; raced keenly in the early stages; bumped with *Whitsunday* near the 700m.

**Zouzoom** – crowded on jumping; Ms. E. Webster-Hawes, rider of *Feel the Joy*, did near the 800m permit her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Zouzoom*, which was checked and lost its rightful running. Ms. E. Webster-Hawes license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and to expire on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018, on which day she may ride. In assessing penalty, the suspension issued by Stewards was mitigated by Ms. E. Webster-Hawes good record in relation to careless riding breaches, her guilty plea, the carelessness being graded as low and contribution in the form of the racing manners of *Zouzoom*, which was racing very ungenerously leading up to the incident.

**Flying Fantasy** – late withdrawal at 1.45pm acting on veterinary advice. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Flying Fantasy* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.45pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Another Plan* less 4 cents win and 4 cents place;

Second: *Strykingly So* less 9 cents place; and

Third: *Whitsunday* less 3 cents place.

Trainer Mr. L. Bryant advised *Flying Fantasy* would now be spelled.

**Little Leena** – near the 150m, was bumped by *Whitsunday*, which shifted out; near the 50m, laid in and bumped *Whitsunday* on the hindquarter, which was turn out and bumped heavily with *Little Leena*.

**Barrowland** – raced wide throughout; overraced in the middle stages.

**Maroon** – Ms. J. Worley replaced P. Payne (injured); slow to begin.

**Strykingly So** – change of tactics: rider instructed to not use the whip as the stable were of the opinion the gelding resents its use; used the whip on two occasions inside the final 200m and finished second.

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

**Dark Force** – raced wide throughout.

**King Solomon** – J. Hull replaced J. Pracey-Holmes (transport difficulties).

**Mount Taishan** – slow to begin; a post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have lost its right fore plate and to have damage to the hoof wall and a laceration to the left fore leg.

**Angelic Trune** – rider K. Dunbar stated his mount commenced to make a very abnormal respiratory noise near the 800m, leading him to believe the horse had possibly bled. He added for this reason he eased his mount down; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr. G. Lunn was advised a veterinary certificate, inclusive of the results of an endoscopic examination would be required prior to *Angelic Trune* racing again.

**Race 4: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1400m:**

**Oskastar** – raced keenly in the lead in the early and middle stages.

**Yambaah Prince** – slow to begin; steadied near the 50m when *Oskastar* shifted in very slightly.

**Rena's Lad** – steadied near the 200m when *Relative Chaos* (J. Pracey-Holmes) shifted out when not clear. J. Pracey-Holmes was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

**Incision** – when questioned, rider App. R. Simpson stated he was instructed to ride his mount forward however if this was not achievable, take a sit on the leaders. He added his mount began well and took up a forward position however in hindsight, he should have made greater endeavour to restrain his mount in the middle stages when it became apparent he would be unable to cross the leader *Oskastar*, which resulted in the very fast tempo of the event. Stewards and Racing NSW Apprentice Mentor Mr. D. Jeffries spoke at length with App. R. Simpson about his tactics in the early and middle stages and advised he should have made greater endeavour to restrain in the middle stages and sit off *Oskastar* as his inaction in the middle stages resulted in the very fast tempo.

**Olivares** – Trainer Mr. M. Rumble was fined \$50 (LR35) for the late declaration of rider A. Cavallo.

**Bells 'n' Bows** – slow to begin; improved onto the heels of *Iona Nicconi* near the 250m and was held up until near the 200m when shifted back in to continue into clear running; near the 50m was steadied when *Iona Nicconi* laid out slightly.

**Relative Chaos** – the right-side winker on *Relative Chaos* came loose near the 300m and was dislodged from the cheek strap of the bridle.

**Malibu Stacy** – slow to begin; rider Ms. E. Webster-Hawes reported she was of the opinion her mount was sore; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities. Trainer Ms. C. Greig advised Malibu Stacy has previously shown a poor record when racing at Coonamble and may not have handled the firmer track. Trainer Ms. C. Greig advised she would now look to start the mare at Warren on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

#### **Race 5: Maiden Plate 1300m:**

**Recital** – overraced in the lead in the early stages; near the 400m, rider A. Banks dropped his whip and became unbalanced when regathering it; laid out over the final stages.

**Tickets Ladies** – overraced in the middle stages.

**Top Knot** – buffeted on jumping between *Wanted Trio* and *Tickets Ladies*.

**Always a Lady** – raced wide throughout; hampered near the 200m when *Fire Flight* shifted out to improve.

**Bucklette** – slow to begin; taken wider on the home turn when *Fanny Chenal* shifted out to improve; a post-race veterinary examination revealed lameness in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr. P. Mills was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to Bucklette racing again.

**Fire Flight** – laid in under pressure in the straight and near the 250m, was disappointed for a run between *Always a Lady* and *Recital*.

**Play Now** – hung out under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

#### **Race 6: Class 4 Handicap 1300m:**

**Coming in Hot** – began awkwardly.

**Lucienne** – buffeted on jumping between *Tuncoona* and *Didyahearme*.

**Yours Mine Ours** – bumped with *Dreamnomore* on jumping; hung out badly near the 600m; Trainer Mr. B. Cavanough was advised *Yours Mine Ours* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**Raise a Drop** – after being crossed by *Dreamnomore* near the 1000m, shifted out and bumped heavily with *Yours Mine Ours*; rider J. Pracey-Holmes became unbalanced when taking a hold of his mount near the 700m; ran in near the 300m.

**Didyahearme** – Ms. A. Denby replaced P. Payne (injured).

#### **Race 7: Class 2 Handicap 1200m:**

**Social Pirate** – near the 800m, improved onto the heels of *Rising King* and shifted out and hampered *Darpra*, which was taken out onto *Zafeera*; held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and was shifted out near the 250m to continue into clear running.

**Victare** – ran out over the final 200m; a post-race veterinary examination revealed lameness in the off fore leg due to a quartered heel; Trainer Mr. G. Lunn was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Victare* racing again.

**Bryan's Babe** – when questioned, rider M. Heagney stated his mount was buffeted on jumping between *Victare* and *Eyesaw* and was consequently caught wide in the early and middle stages. He added his mount endured a tough run throughout and offered little in the way of improvement in the straight; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

**Invincible Thunder** – when questioned, rider App. Ms. K. Kirkwood stated she was obliged to make some use of her mount to take up a prominent position and as a result her mount was left without a finishing effort in the straight. She added connections advised it may now be their intention to step *Invincible Thunder* back to 1100m and ride the filly more conservatively; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

**Flight Risk** – crowded on jumping; took no competitive part in the event; rider J. Pracey-Holmes stated his mount felt sore and for this reason he did not place his mount under any undue pressure; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities; Trainer Mr. W. Martyn was advised *Flight Risk* would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**Darpra** – bumped with *Bryan's Babe* near the 250m; hampered and taken wider over the final 200m when *Victare* (K. Dunbar) shifted out. K. Dunbar was advised to exercise more care.

**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):

|                |                             |                               |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Race 1:</b> | <i>Ms. K. Chater</i>        | <i>6 times prior to 100m.</i> |
|                | <i>App. Ms. K. Kirkwood</i> | <i>6 times prior to 100m.</i> |

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

**General:**

Stewards conducted inspections of all horse transport vehicles and the race day gear bags of Trainers. Stewards also conducted inspections of the Jockeys' race day bags. No breaches of the rules were detected.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

| <b>SUMMARY</b>            |   |
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| <b>Fines:</b>             | Race 4: M Rumble - \$50 LR35(2)   |
| <b>Reprimands:</b>        | Race 4: J Pracey-Holmes – AR137(a)  |
| <b>Suspensions:</b>       | Race 2: E Webster-Hawes – AR137(a) – 18/3/18 – 20/3/18  |
| <b>Bleeders:</b>          | Nil   |
| <b>Certificates:</b>      | Race 3: <b>Angelic Trune</b> – Vet certificate + scope<br>Race 5: <b>Bucklette</b> – lame off foreleg<br>Race 7: <b>Victare</b> – lame off foreleg due to a quartered heel. |
| <b>Warnings:</b>          | Nil   |
| <b>Trials:</b>            | Race 6: <b>Yours Mine Ours</b> – hung out<br>Race 7: <b>Flight Risk</b> – took no competitive part in race – rider stated felt sore.  |
| <b>Change of tactics:</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Falls/Injuries:</b>    | Nil   |
| <b>Gear Changes:</b>      | Nil   |
| <b>Follow up:</b>         | Nil   |