

STEWARDS REPORT

Cobar Miners Race Club
COBAR RACECOURSE

Saturday 12th May 2018

Weather: Fine.
Track: Sand.
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: *I.H. Grimes (Chairman)*

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1000m:

Bella Shadow – Knuckled on jumping.

Blue Channel – When questioned regarding her riding, particularly in the early stages, rider Ms K. Kirkwood stated her instructions were to be positive out of the gates and try to settle in a handy position in behind the leaders. She stated after beginning fairly, she was quickly crossed by runners with superior barrier speed to her outside and her mount ultimately settled further back than intended. She added once obliged to race in behind runners, her mount resented racing in the sandy kick-back and began to race ungenerously in the middle stages. She added once she shifted her mount out approaching the home turn to improve, it travelled into the race and found the line well.

It's Up to You – Hung out rounding the home turn.

Little Leena – Raced wide without cover; laid in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Teridgere Waters – Slow to begin.

Race 2: Benchmark 63 Handicap 1000m:

Security Code – Jumped awkwardly.

Bulbadah – Slow to begin; raced wide without cover.

Chatteriz – Over raced in the early stages.

Mr De Niro – Laid in when placed under pressure over the final stages.

Race 3: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Effleurer – A post-race veterinary examination revealed no significant abnormalities. Trainer Mr A. Prisk advised stewards that *Effleurer* would undergo a veterinary examination including an endoscopic examination in the days subsequent and he would provide those results to the stewards.

Jawsome – Passing the 1000m had to be steadied from the heels of *Stravali*, which was taken in by *Artful Song* (R. Yetimova) which had shifted in slightly. R. Yetimova was reprimanded under AR137(a).

See Bling – Slow to begin; raced ungenerously in the early stages; raced wide without cover.

Will She Appeal – Became fractious in the barriers and commenced to kick out badly, before breaking through the front gates and completing the course riderless. *Will She Appeal* then crashed through the outside rail and escaped the course

compound. The start of the race was delayed while the mare was captured. Subsequently, stewards ordered the late scratching of *Will She Appeal* at 2:45pm and further ordered that all wagers placed on *Will She Appeal* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed on the race with bookmakers be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket.

1st – *Stravali* – 6 cents win and 16 cents place

2nd – *See Bling* – 16 cents place

Trainer Mr M. Plummer was advised that *Will She Appeal* would now be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to racing again.

Stravali – App Mr J. Gibbons, rider of *Stravali*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he did use the whip on 11 occasions prior to 100m, six more than permitted. Mr J. Gibbons license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 14th May 2018 and to expire on Saturday 19th May 2018, on which day he may ride. Mr J. Gibbons was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using the whip consecutively on 3 occasions prior to the 100m.

Feel the Joy – When questioned regarding her riding over the final 150m, rider Ms K. Kirkwood stated after having to make a sustained run from the 800m her mount wanted to lay in and proved difficult to ride in the straight. She stated on several occasions she was obliged to stop riding and straighten her mount, and for this reason she was unable to ride with as much vigour as she would have liked. She added in her opinion her mount felt flat throughout the event and had peaked on its run near the 200m before finding the line only very fairly.

Race 4: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1200m:

Video Show – Raced wide without cover.

Flatley's Fortune – Laid out when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Three Rar – Passing the 1000m, commenced to over-race when placed in restricted room between *Leroska* and *Savannah Girl*.

Savannah Girl – Rider K. Kirkwood lost her irons shortly after the start, placing her and her mount *Savannah Girl* at a severe disadvantage for the remainder of the event.

Keepcalmandcarryon – Slow to begin.

Barakula – Jumped Awkwardly.

Race 5: Class 2 Handicap 1370m:

Bold Suggestion – On jumping was buffeted between *Chatteriz* and *Al Artois*; over-raced in the early stages.

Race 6: Cobar Cup – Benchmark 60 Handicap 1700m:

Victorian Crown – Over-raced in the early stages.

Bathurstian – Raced wide without cover.

Nipper's destiny – Jumped awkwardly.

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>K. Kirkwood (Blue Channel)</i>	<i>8 times prior to 100m.</i>
Race 2:	<i>K. Bell-Pitomac (Vonnida)</i>	<i>7 times prior to 100m.</i>
Race 4:	<i>D. Pitomac (Leroska)</i>	<i>7 times prior to 100m.</i>
	<i>J. Gibbons (Northern Myth)</i>	<i>7 times prior to 100m.</i>
Race 5:	<i>K. Kirkwood (Lucienne)</i>	<i>6 times prior to 100m.</i>
Race 6:	<i>T. Jeffries (Victorian Crown)</i>	<i>6 times prior to 100m.</i>

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

General:

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 3: R. Yetimova (Artful Song) - AR137(a) Race 3: App J. Gibbons (<i>Stravali</i>) - AR137A(5)(a)(i)
Suspensions:	Race 3: App J. Gibbons (<i>Stravali</i>) - AR137A(5)(a)(ii) 14/5/18 – 19/5/18
Bleeders:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 3: Effleurier (Trainer A. Prisk) – exam and scope
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: Will She Appeal (Trainer M. Plummer) – barrier manners
Change of tactics:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Gear Changes:	Nil
Follow up:	Nil