

STEWARDS' REPORT

Scone Race Club SCONE RACECOURSE

Saturday 12 May 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: + 3m 800m to winning post; remainder true

STEWARDS: S A Cullen (Chairman), R W Livingstone, J T Penfold, D M Greer and D L Carr

(mkm)

RACE 1 – Kia Ora Stud Benchmark 80 Handicap 2200m

Mandalay Bay – underwent a veterinary examination, after it was reported to have sustained an abrasion to its offside stifle when being transported to the course, and was passed suitable to start.

San Francisco – to be ridden quieter; settled midfield.

Hand It In – slow to begin. Near the 1800m was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Mornington* after *Mazaz*, which was inclined to race keenly, shifted out. Raced wide and without cover after the 1300m. Laid in under pressure in the straight.

Packen – knuckled on jumping.

Plot Twist – raced wide until nearing the 1300m and was allowed to stride forward by its rider to settle outside the leader. Apprentice B McDougall (*Drochaid*), in the presence of Stable representative D Beadman, was found guilty of a charge careless riding under AR 137(a) in that near the 500m he permitted his mount to shift out when not clear of **Plot Twist** which was checked and lost its rightful running. After hearing submissions from Mr Beadman and apprentice B McDougall, in the circumstances a reprimand was issued due to the contribution of *Concessions* which also shifted out at that point.

Mazaz – in the early part of the straight and until nearing the 200m was held up on the heels of the weakening *Apache Lad*. **Mazaz** was then briefly held up on the heels of *Equipped* passing the 100m.

RACE 2 – Vinery Stud Benchmark 80 Handicap 1100m

Raiden – slow to begin. Was held up for clear running in the early part of the straight and obliged to shift back in to continue to improve near the 200m.

Niccobelle – when giving ground was briefly tightened for room by *Raiden* which shifted in near the 200m.

What Could Be – did not obtain clear running until passing the 250m.

Malahat – was steadied soon after straightening when *What Could Be* shifted out to improve. **Malahat** did not obtain completely clear running until passing the 200m.

Ziggy Willie – laid in in the straight.

Akasaki – laid in in the straight.

Cockles – was held up for clear running until passing the 200m and then near the 150m when endeavouring to improve into a narrow run between *Ori On Fire* and *Cradle Mountain*, was steadied when disappointed for that run when *Cradle Mountain* shifted out slightly. As a result of this **Cockles** never obtained completely clear running at any stage in the straight and went to the line without being fully tested.

Cradle Mountain – A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be 3/5 lame behind. Trainer C Cunningham was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Cradle Mountain** racing again.

Another Aan – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 3 – Segenhoe Stud Woodlands Stakes 1100m

Critical Reaction – to be ridden more forward; settled on pace.

Lady Of Shalott – which was fractious in the barriers underwent a veterinary examination and was cleared to start.

Pretty In Pink – slow to begin.

Witherspoon – began awkwardly.

Invictus Salute – slow to begin. Near the 800m was steadied when crowded for room between *Critical Reaction* and *Rosina Kojonup*, both of which shifted ground. *Pretty In Pink*, which was trailing, was steadied as a result. When being corrected in this incident *Rosina Kojonup* raced fiercely. In the early part of the straight **Invictus Salute** was inclined to lay in resulting in its rider J Parr having to change the whip into his right hand near the 200m.

Miss Invincible – raced keenly in the middle stages. Trainer B Baker reported that **Miss Invincible** will now be spelled.

Miss Scorcher – when placed under pressure in the early part of the straight hung in and disadvantaged its rider.

RACE 4 – Inglis 3yo Guineas 1400m

Fame Shines – was bumped on the hindquarter at the start by *Tycoon Street* which shifted in. A short distance later *Tycoon Street* was then bumped by *Dunatun*.

African Rainbow – slow to begin.

Assimilate – slow to begin. Near the 1200m was eased away from the heels of *Dunatun* (R King) which shifted in when not clear. R King was advised to exercise more care. Passing the 250m was momentarily hampered when *Moss Trip* improved on its outside.

Dissolution – near the 1200m and for some distance thereafter shifted in and made contact with *Villermont* and when *Villermont* attempted to hold its ground **Dissolution** and *Villermont* then raised tight and brushed on a number of occasions.

Villermont – A post race veterinary examination revealed the colt to be 3/5 lame in the off fore leg. Stable representative A Measham was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Villermont** racing again.

RACE 5 – Emirates Park Denise's Joy Stakes 1100m

Demerara – began awkwardly and lost ground (2L). Had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Sasso Corbaro – slow to begin.

Meliboea – apprentice R King (*Resin*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that passing the 400m she permitted her mount to shift out when not clear of **Meliboea** which was badly buffeted for room and ultimately was checked and lost its running. In the incident **Meliboea** was taken out onto *Sasso Corbaro* which was also bumped, taken wider and became unbalanced. R King's permit

to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 22 May 2018 and to expire on Sunday 27 May 2018 on which day she may ride.

Dreamy Belle – shortly after straightening was checked when endeavouring to improve into a narrow run where there was insufficient room between *Shantou* and *Boorooj* which shifted out.

RACE 6 – Yarraman Park Luskin Star Stakes 1300m

Mighty Lucky – slow to begin (3L).

Firsthand – slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding which failed to run on after racing keenly in the early and middle stages, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Shiraz – slow to begin. **Shiraz** and Osborne Bulls raced tight for some distance after *Firsthand* pulled its way to the inside of *Red Excitement* where there was not sufficient room to improve. A short distance later *Firsthand* was checked away from the heels of *Red Excitement*. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 200m. A short distance later **Shiraz** was then tightened for room between *Invincible Gem* and *Grande Rosso* and was steadied.

Osborne Bulls – was held up for clear running until passing the 250m.

Grande Rosso – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Invincible Gem – When questioned regarding his riding, J Collett explained that whilst his instructions were to be positive in the initial stages it was always his intention to obtain cover. He said that after beginning well he rode with vigour for a short distance, however his mount, which was considerably back in distance, did not respond and muster speed and he was trapped wide along the back straight. He said that rounding the turn from the 900m he was racing in a four wide line for a short distance where his mount gradually improved and he was eventually able to obtain cover approaching the home turn. He said in the early part of the straight he took **Invincible Gem** to the outside, placed it under pressure and it ran to the finish strongly. J Collett was advised that he should have applied more pressure to his mount inside the 1200m in an effort to obtain a position closer to the running rail and be more forward. Stable representative M Ollerton confirmed that the intention was to be positive at the start, however he said that he advised J Collett to ride **Invincible Gem** where comfortable. He added that if the mare pulled up well its preparation would continue with the possibility of it racing over the Brisbane winter carnival. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Sons Of John – app B McDougall (*Passage Of Time*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that near the 150m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Sons Of John** which was checked and lost its running. Apprentice B McDougall's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 20 May 2018 and to expire on Thursday 31 May 2018 on which day he may ride. As a result of this **Sons Of John** was not able to be tested fully at any stage in the straight.

RACE 7 – Coolmore Dark Jewel Classic 1400m

Schism – trainer C Maher, represented by Ms A Measham, was fined \$100 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card when requested to do so. Ms Measham was advised that the Thoroughbred Identity Card for **Butt** must be presented prior to that mare being permitted to race again.

Shazee Lee – the mare, which was fractious in the barriers, kicked out and got its back legs between the barriers, was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 4.06pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Shazee Lee** be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers all successful wagers made prior to 4.06pm to be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st) Siren's Fury less 6c win and 8c place

2nd) *Schism* less 7c place

3rd) *Ghisoni* less 5c place

Trainer S Singleton was advised that a warning would be placed on the mare's record.

Siren's Fury - prior to the declaration of correct weight Stewards identified from the inquiry room that rider T Harrison had struck her mount on 9 occasions prior to the 100m. When Stewards could not be satisfied that T Harrison had gained an advantage that resulted in it finishing in 1st place in the race, in accordance with AR168(2) they therefore declined to exercise their powers under AR137A(9) and did not proceed with a formal objection. At a subsequent inquiry T Harrison pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). T Harrison was fined \$400.

Nancy – after being slow to begin was checked shortly after the start when *Dyslexic* shifted in.

Nurse Kitchen – slow to begin.

Hell Or Highwater – slow to begin and then was checked when crowded between *DanishTwist* and *Siren's Fury* which shifted out.

Tirone Miss – slow to begin.

Slow Burn – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Danish Twist – rounding the first turn got its head up when inclined to overrace.

Ghisoni – when questioned in relation to the altered tactics adopted today, T Angland explained that he had intended to be positive in the early stages with blinkers being applied to his mount today and after his mount began extremely well, with the moderate tempo he allowed it to stride forward and assume a prominent position. He added however that had **Ghisoni** drawn an inside barrier he would have attempted to find cover slightly further back.

Dyslexic – a post-race veterinary examination of the horse which raced keenly in the early and middle stages and then raced tight for a short distance in the early part of the straight did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 8 – Arrowfield Stud Ortensia Stakes 1100m

Glenall – blundered badly on jumping resulting in rider B Avdulla almost being dislodged and **Glenall** losing ground. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Terravista – slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Well Sprung – experienced some difficulty obtaining clear running passing the 200m.

GENERAL: 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 7	W Costin (Slow Burn)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
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Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Drochaid, Plot Twist, Concessions, Hand It In (2), Equipped

Race 2: Ziggy Willie, Another Aan, Cockles, Crooked Blaze, Raiden

Race 3: Miss Scorcher, Invictus Salute, Lady Of Shalott, Critical Reaction, Invictus Salute

Race 4: Villermont, Reflectivity, Moss Trip, Tycoon Street, Assimilate

Race 5: Sheika, In Good Time(2), Tiara Star, Givem Hell; She Knows

Race 6: Invincible Gem, The Monstar, Mighty Lucky, Firsthand, Red Excitement

Race 7: Ghisoni, Hell Or Highwater, Philosophy

Race 8: Terravista, Kuro, Glenall, Le Cordon Bleu

SUMMARY

Fines:	Race 7: C Maher, \$100 – fail to produce TIC (AR59A) Race 7: T Harrison, \$400 – whip use [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)]
Reprimands:	Race 1: App. B McDougall – shifting out [AR 137(a)]
Suspensions:	Race 5: App. R King [AR 137(a)] from 22/5/18 to 27/5/18 on which day she may ride. Race 6: App. B McDougall [AR 137(a)] from 20/5/18 to 31/5/18 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 7: <i>Shazee Lee</i> – barrier manners (trainer S Singleton)
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 3: <i>Cradle Mountain</i> – lame behind (Trainer C Cunningham) Race 4: <i>Villermont</i> – lame off (trainer C Maher)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 2: <i>Niccobelle</i> – Racing NSW club's colours
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil