

**Stewards Report
Tamworth Jockey Club
TAMWORTH RACECOURSE**

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), J Penfold & I Grimes

Riding Changes:

Race 1: J Pracey-Holmes replaced L Cumberland (injured)

Race 2: G Buckley replaced L Cumberland

Race 3: M Weir replaced L Day (ill)

M Paget replaced L Cumberland

Race 5: M Weir replaced L Day

M Paget replaced L Cumberland

Race 6: C Dougherty replaced L Day

Race 7: J Pracey-Holmes replaced L Cumberland

Race 1: 3YO Maiden Plate 1000m

Canny Watch – slow to begin.

Washington George – missed the start (2L), then had to be steadied and shifted in when securing clear running passing the 200m.

Race 2: Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Winner's Lane – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Warrumbungle – slow to begin.

Saint Helena – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare displayed a slow recovery rate. Trainer Mr. J Sylvester said that Saint Helena would be spelled.

Love For Willow – began awkwardly and was slow away.

Blaine – raced keenly during the early stages, then had to be checked passing the 800m to avoid the heels of Winner's Lane (M Paget), which

shifted in when not clear. Subsequently, M Paget pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a), in that passing the 800m he allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Blaine. M Paget's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 17/2/18 and expire 25/2/18 on which day he may ride.

Race 3: Maiden Handicap 1400m

Vihara – slow to begin.

John – slow to begin, then hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Schiaparelli Pink – was hampered when weakening, by Vihari which was carried in by Freedom Park (B Hodder), which shifted in when not quite clear. B Hodder was reprimanded (AR137a). A Post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Blake Street – slow to begin.

Race 4: Benchmark 64 Handicap 1000m

Trainer Mr. G Watts was fined \$300.00 (AR141A), for presenting Tully Ho at the enclosure with work shoes fitted. To avoid further unreasonable delay, Tully Ho was fitted with racing plates in front and allowed to race bare behind.

Biscuit Time – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Grass Cutter – slow to begin.

Guilty As Sin – slow to begin.

Race 5: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2100m

How Do You Do – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Silent Jack – weakened from the 700m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding has sustained a tendon strain to its off fore leg. Trainer Mr. A Denham said that Silent Jack would be spelled. Mr. Denham was advised that prior to resuming Silent Jack must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Serenade Sunset – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare had sustained a bowed tendon in its off fore leg. Trainer Mr. S Osland said that Serenade Sunset would be retired. Notwithstanding this advice, Mr. Osland was told that Serenade Sunset must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness, then perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before racing again.

Hi Caliber – raced in restricted room from the 1000m until passing the 400m, was continually held up and unable to go forward during this time.

Race 6: Class 1 Handicap 1000m

Yeoman – began very awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Settlers – was bumped heavily at the start.

Bowie's Boy – when questioned in relation to his ride rounding the home turn, C Gallagher explained that approaching the home turn his mount hung out and despite not being aware that Golden Legacy had improved to his inside, he allowed Bowie's Boy to negotiate the turn without attempting to correct it, as he had been instructed that the gelding was inclined to race intractably if too much pressure was applied to its mouth and was best advantaged racing away from other runners. He said that when placed under pressure in the home straight his mount raced ungenerously and ran wide.

The Scary Ferri – was crowded at the start and lost ground (3L).

Race 7: Benchmark 51 Handicap 1200m

Fast Arli – pulled hard during the early and middle stages.

Clever Chloe – slow to begin.

In Bengal – when questioned in relation to the altered tactics in the early stages, M Paget explained that he was instructed to obtain cover in the early stages in a midfield position in accordance with the gelding's established pattern, however his mount began very quickly and was in front of the field after the start. He said that he applied no pressure and waited for runners to improve on his inside so that he could shift in behind them, however the tempo of the race was very slow and he was unable to achieve this and was trapped wide without cover during the early and middle stages. Trainer Mrs. T Stair confirmed the instructions and said that she would consider the removal of blinkers, to assist future riders as she intended to continue to issue similar instruction.

Le Dazzle – was crowded and became unbalanced passing the 1000m.

Snipex Abaa – pulled hard during the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Balantes – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Summary of whip use

No noncompliance.

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Loveatfirstsight, Sunday Special, Sunsilks Girl, Cinematography & Guilty As Sin.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 4: G Watts – (AR141A) – work shoes - \$300
Suspensions	Race 2: M Paget – (AR137a) – 17/2/18 until 25/2/18 (can resume)
Reprimands	Race 3: B Hodder – (AR137a) – careless riding
Warnings	Nil
Trials	Race 5: Serenade Sunset – bowed tendon
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Race 5: Silent Jack – tendon strain off fore Serenade Sunset – bowed tendon off fore