

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Racing Orange TOWAC PARK RACECOURSE, ORANGE

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Weather: Fine.  
Track: Good (3).  
Rail: True.

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

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#### **Race 1: 3YO & Up Maiden Handicap 1000m:**

**Hez Lethal** – raced wide throughout; laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Slightly Shady** – slow to begin.

**Pitaya** – raced wide throughout; steadied near the 250m when *All Too Good* laid in.

**Goody's Girl** – awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Say Madam* approaching the home turn.

**Midnight Serenade** – overraced in the early stages.

**Strykingly So** – slow to begin.

**Swooping Magpie** – slow to begin.

#### **Race 2: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1600m:**

**Personable** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after kicking out and its near hind leg caught in the back gates of its allotted barrier; was consequently a late withdrawal at 1.22pm. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Personable* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.21pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *Base Camp* less 24 cents win and 14 cents place;

Second: *Fraternater* less 22 cents place; and

Third: *Deny* less 23 cents place.

Stable representative Ms. A. Prendergast was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Personable* racing again.

**Underground** – slow to begin.

**Oskastar** – raced in restricted room near the 200m when *Fraternater* laid in.

**Dungannon** – raced wide throughout.

**George Two** – slow to begin.

**Fraternater** – underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after becoming fractious in the barriers and was passed fit to start; a post-race veterinary examination revealed mild colic; Trainer Mr. N. Osborne was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Fraternater* racing again.

**Deny** – overraced in the early stages.

**Race 3: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:**

**High Dive** – overraced in the early stages.

**Quite Unexpected** – raced wide throughout.

**Calabash Express** – slow to begin; overraced in the early stages; raced wide throughout.

**Future in Doubt** – slow to begin.

**Olivares** – slow to begin.

**Quint Australis** – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

**Race 4: Maiden Plate 1280m:**

**Destiny is Written** – slow to begin; overraced in the early stages.

**Coup de Main** – raced greenly throughout; knuckled near the 200m and became unbalanced.

**My Blue Jeans** – rider M. Bell was struck in the head by his mount when being legged up prior to the event; M. Bell underwent an examination by the oncourse Ambulance officers and was cleared to ride in this event; change of tactics: to be ridden further forward – slow to begin, settled second last; when questioned, rider M. Bell stated he was instructed to ride his mount in a forward position dependent on how well the gelding began. He added at the gelding's most recent start, it was slow to begin and settled back and today his mount was slow to begin again. He added once that happened, in his opinion, it became apparent his mount would be unlikely to find a forward position without being caught wide so he elected to restrain in an endeavour to find cover. He added when *Vandross* was restrained to find cover, he ultimately settled further back than intended in the early stages, where his mount raced very greenly.

**Prince Zariz** – slow to begin; overraced in the early stages.

**Vandross** – slow to begin; raced wide throughout; when questioned, rider G. Ryan stated he was given no specific instruction other than his mount was first up today and to not overuse his mount in the early stages. He added he ultimately settled worse than midfield and three wide. He added his mount felt like it may have jarred up on the firmer going and it laid in under pressure in the straight. He added throughout the middle stages when he endeavoured to improve, his mount offered little in the way of improvement and was reluctant to stride out. He added in hindsight, he could have possibly urged his mount to take up a prominent position in the early stages however it was today not suited on the firmer track; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

**Ancascocha** – slow to begin.

**Play Now** – when questioned regarding his riding between the 600m and 400m, rider K. Dunbar stated his mount had flattened out during that section and became unbalanced. He added he rode his mount in a loose two wide position and when his mount became unbalanced he elected to shift wider to find better going in an endeavour to get his mount to travel comfortably. He added as a consequence, *Destiny is Written* improved to his inside near the 500m however he added his mount was never travelling truly throughout that stage of the event. Stewards advised K. Dunbar he should at all times ride his mounts competitively and in a way as not leave room for query.

**Race 5: Silver Apple – 2YO Handicap 1000m:**

**Cyclonite** – slow to begin; bumped by *Showgals* near the 350m and became unbalanced; rider App. Q. Ying was reprimanded (AR137A(5)(a)(i)) for using the whip on three consecutive occasions prior to the 100m.

**Hard Core** – bumped by *Kambala Rose* on jumping.

**Livvy** – raced wide throughout; a post-race veterinary examination revealed respiratory distress. Trainer Mr. B. Thompson was advised a veterinary certificate, inclusive of the results of an endoscopic examination would be required.

**Race 6: Cup Day Sprint 1000m:**

**Zarhron** – began awkwardly.

**Viceroy** – slow to begin.

**Somebody** – bumped shortly after the start by *Final Trick*; raced wide throughout.

**Lucy Rose** – slow to begin.

**Race 7: Orange Cup 2100m:**

**Mister Marmalade** – prior to the declaration of correct weight, Stewards confirmed the dead heat margin between *Mister Marmalade* and *Eerised*.

**Nightspun** – raced wide throughout.

**Lucky Elixir** – overraced in the early stages; raced wide throughout; laid in under pressure in the straight.

**Zaveena** – near the 200m, was hampered when taken in slightly by *Art of Defence*, which was taken in by *Lucky Elixir*; then became held up on the heels of *Bathurstian*.

**Race 8: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m:**

**Beau Hoffa** – hampered near the 200m when shifted in slightly.

**Alvin Purple** – crowded shortly after the start.

**Drummed Out** – raced wide throughout.

**Respun** – crowded shortly after the start.

**Super Pig** – Trainer Mr. D. Mirfin was fined \$50 (AR59A) for failing to produce the TIC for *Super Pig*; crowded shortly after the start.

**General:**

Samples were obtained from **all** winners and the following runners:

Race 7: *Bon Equus*, *Letter to Juliette*, *Mister Marmalade*, *Eerised*, *Nightspun*, *Friskee One*, *Art of Defence*, *Lucky Elixir*, *Zaveena*, *Bathurstian*.

**SUMMARY**

|                           |  |
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| <b>Fines:</b>             | Race 8: Trainer D. Mirfin - \$50 AR59A – failed to produce TIC.  |
| <b>Reprimands:</b>        | Race 5: App. Q. Yong – AR137A(5)(a)(i) – use of the whip.  |
| <b>Suspensions:</b>       | Nil.   |
| <b>Bleeders:</b>          | Nil.   |
| <b>Certificates:</b>      | Race 2: <i>Personable</i> (Trainer B. Baker) – injuries to near hind leg.<br>Race 2: <i>Fraternater</i> (Trainer N. Osborne) – mild colic.<br>Race 5: <i>Livvy</i> (Trainer B. Thompson) – respiratory distress. |
| <b>Warnings:</b>          | Nil.   |
| <b>Trials:</b>            | Nil.   |
| <b>Change of tactics:</b> | Race 4: <i>My Blue Jeans</i> – to be ridden further forward, slow to begin settled back.   |
| <b>Falls/Injuries:</b>    | Nil.   |
| <b>Gear Changes:</b>      | Nil.   |
| <b>Follow up:</b>         | Nil.   |