

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Murrumbidgee Turf Club WAGGA WAGGA RACECOURSE Sunday 15 April 2018

Weather: Overcast  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: +3m from 1400m- Winning Post. True remainder

**STEWARDS:** T.J.Davidson (Chairman), J.A.Shultz & D.R.McLean

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#### **RACE 1: 3yo Benchmark 65 Handicap 1400m:**

**Secret Copy-** When questioned regarding the disappointing performance rider K Nisbet stated she was instructed to settle where comfortable preferably in a forward position however the filly failed to travel at any stage and was most disappointing in its failure to respond to her riding. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer M Dale confirmed the nature of the instructions and expressed disappointment in the performance. Mr Dale added he was of the opinion the filly may have not been suited by the small field and slow tempo. M Dale was asked to report back in the days subsequent to the event regarding the post-race condition and the immediate race plans for the filly.

**Rocky High-** Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

#### **RACE 2: 2yo Handicap 1200m:**

**Bling Alert-** Slow to begin.

**Kitso Supreme-** Was obliged to race wide without cover throughout. Carried wider on the track passing the 400m. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding rider E Webster-Hawes explained from a wide barrier her mount was obliged to cover excessive ground and as a result of the hard run it weakened noticeably in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the horse to have blood present in the mouth as a result of losing a tooth.

**Red Rock Stella-** When questioned regarding the filly racing more forward N Heywood stated he was instructed to settle where comfortable however after beginning well when runners to his inside improved he elected to ride forward to avoid covering additional ground. He further stated that he was of the opinion the filly did not fully run out the distance of the event. Trainer S. Spackman reported subsequent to the event that the filly had returned to his stable shin sore and would now be sent for a spell.

**Spinher-** Near the 400m was steadied and taken outwards by *Algaffaal* (J Duffy) which shifted out to improve when not quite clear. J Duffy was advised to exercise more care.

#### **RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1200m:**

**Night Thief-** Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Talk to Amanda-** Slow to begin. Raced wide without cover throughout.

**Delta Rose-** Crowded near the 200m between *Currawong* and *Bear Esteem* which rolled inwards.

**Outboard Motors-** When questioned regarding the gelding settling back in the field rider J Duffy stated he was instructed to ride the gelding where comfortable and after beginning well and when runners improved to his inside he elected to steady and take up a trailing position behind *Delta Rose* rather than being caught four wide without cover. Was inclined to lay in when placed under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

**Zamaking-** Slow to begin.

**RACE 4: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1800m:**

**Shadow Omen-** As J Richards(a) was dually engaged Stewards permitted Ms J Hughes (a) to be the substitute rider. Stewards permitted J Hughes to claim 2 1/2kg of her 3kg allowance.

**Stat Man-** Apprentice C Frater hill was reprimanded under AR137A(4)(c) for using the whip when out of contention.

**Countof Montecarlo-** Slow to begin.

**Mossy Girl-** Shifted out abruptly on two occasions in the straight when struck with the whip.

**Hurry Up Harry-** Slow to begin.

**Rising Force-** Got its head up on several occasions in the early stages whilst racing keenly.

**Bramlago-** Late withdrawal at 7.55pm when there was no apprentice rider available.

**Ten Tigers-** Late withdrawal at 7.40am when there was no apprentice rider available.

**Another Challenge-** Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Raced wide without cover throughout.

**RACE 5: Open Handicap 1200m:**

**Bring a Secret-** Steadied passing the 400m when disappointed for a run between *Man of Peace* and *Nicof*. Was then unable to obtain clear running until passing the 200m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Nicof-** Passing the 200m was momentarily steadied away from the heels of *Snippet of Gold* which rolled inwards.

**Cash Crisis-** Bumped on several occasions over the final 100m.

**Hay Now-** From its wide barrier was steadied and taken in behind runners to obtain cover.

**Kanerupt-** Began awkwardly and lost ground.

**Purrpussful-** Slow to begin.

**Superoo-** Raced keenly in the middle stages. Momentarily steadied passing the 400m when *Bring a Secret* (J Penza) shifted inwards. J Penza was advised to exercise more care. Had difficulty obtaining completely clear running until passing the 200m.

**Snippet of Gold-** Raced wide throughout. Bumped on several occasions over the final 100m.

**RACE 6: Open Handicap 1800m:**

**Brogue-** Rider D Panya was fined \$300 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using the whip on 9 occasions prior to the 100m and furthermore was reprimanded under AR137A(5)(a)(i) for using the whip on one consecutive occasion prior to the 100m.

**Nagging-** Bumped passing the 800m.

**Dyrham Park-** Passing the 800m was steadied and taken outwards to avoid the heels of *Fun Tickets* (N Heywood) which shifted in when not quite clear. N Heywood was reprimanded under AR137(a) for careless riding. Bumped passing the 800m. Laid inwards under pressure in the straight.

**Oh So Unfair-** Slow to begin.

**My Kind-** Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after racing yesterday at Holbrook and was found suitable to race. Proved difficult to settle in the early and middle stages.

**Video Show-** Slow to begin.

**RACE 7: Fillies & Mares Benchmark 63 Handicap 1300m:**

**Chastity Strikes-** Slow to begin.

**Lady Marionette-** Raced wide throughout.

**Uber Cougar-** Slow to begin.

**Kopaonik-** Trainer M Miladinovic was fined \$200 under LR35(2) for the late declaration of apprentice P Score as the rider of the mare.

**Piquant-** Struck the running rail heavily near the 900m became unbalanced, shifted out abruptly and blundered. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame (2/5) in the near hind leg. Trainer C Heywood was advised he must submit a veterinary clearance prior to racing again.

**Ruby Skye-** Slow to begin. Near the 250m was steadied when crowded between *Jingles* and *Chastity Strikes*. Was then taken outwards to continue to improve.

**Where's Pippa-** Hampered near the 900m.

**Bravado Lass-** Checked near the 900m when *Piquant* shifted out abruptly after making heavy contact with the running rail.

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permissible strikes with the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii)

<b>Race 1</b>	K Nisbet on Secret Copy	7 strikes
<b>Race 2</b>	N Heywood on Red Rock Stella	6 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	A Masters on Music Writer	7 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	J Philpot(a) on Bella Scenica	6 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	J Richards(a) on Another Challenge	8 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	C Frater-Hill(a) on Stat Man	6 strikes

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

**General:** Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Bart

Race 2: Algaffaal

Race 3: Son of Spartacus (2), Hurry Up Harry

Race 4: Mossy Girl

Race 5: Takookacod

Race 6: D'Beak

Race 7: Dutchess Moshe

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 6: <b>D. Panya</b> (Brogue)- under AR137A(5)(a)(ii)- Use whip 9 times prior to 100m. Race 8: <b>M Miladinovic</b> (Kopaonik) \$200 under LR35(2) – late declaration of rider.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 4: <b>Apprentice C Frater-Hill</b> (Stat Man) – under AR137A(4)(c) – use whip when out of contention Race 6: <b>N Heywood</b> (Fun Tickets) - under AR137(a)- Careless riding. Race 6: <b>D. Panya</b> (Brogue)- under AR137A(5)(a)(i)- Use whip on consecutive strides.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 7: <b>Piquant</b> - Vet clearance- Lamé near hind (2/5).
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Race 1: Secret Copy (M Dale) – Post race condition and future race plans.