Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: +8m from 1400m to Winning Post, True remainder

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

**General:** Trainer R. Freyer reported that the 5yo gelding *Doctor Force* bled for the first time following trackwork at the Corowa racecourse this morning (1/12/18). Mr Freyer was advised that under the provisions of AR53A(4) the gelding is now barred from racing for a period of three (3) months.

Trainer G. Colvin was fined $200 under LR39(4)(b) for failing to keep up to date stable returns for horses under his care.

**Murrumbidgee Turf Club Saturday 10 November 2018**

Stewards today continued their inquiries into the death of the unraced gelding “*Befleged*” after it collapsed after completing track work at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club on the morning of Saturday 10 November 2018. Evidence today was taken from trainer Mr T Sutherland who provided veterinary and treatment records for the relevant period for the gelding. A report was also tendered into evidence from Dr C May from Riverina Equine Services. A necropsy report conducted by the Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga concluded that the most likely cause of death was a CNS haemorrhage as a cause of exercise associated sudden death in an otherwise healthy young thoroughbred with no pre-existing medical condition. As the Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing injury or condition that may have led or contributed to *Befleged* collapsing and dying shortly after the inquiry was concluded.

**Murrumbidgee Turf Club Monday 26 November 2018**

Stewards today (29/11/18) inquired into the reasons surrounding the breakdown and subsequent euthanising of the unraced 2yo filly (The Brothers War x Jesse’s Miss) following trackwork at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club on Monday 26 November 2018. Evidence was tendered by trainer Mr G. Colvin who stated the filly injured its right shoulder whilst working on the slow work track and after pulling up was non-weight bearing on that limb.

Mr Colvin provided Stewards with treatments and veterinary records which indicated that there had been no issues with the filly since entering his stable. Stewards also considered a veterinary report from Dr Charlotte May which indicated the filly had fractured its right shoulder and was then humanely euthanised.

In considering all the evidence Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing condition that had caused or could have contributed to the breakdown and the inquiry was then closed.

**RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1600m:**
Raintime- A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which shifted a plate in the tie-up stalls, found it suitable to race. Slow to begin (3L).

Typhoon Max- Rider K. Nisbet expressed satisfaction with the performance of the gelding, stating from a wide barrier her mount had to work hard in the early stages to cross runners. She added her mount travelled well but the early effort took its toll over the concluding stages where it weakened in the run to the line. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Currawong- Rider N. Souquet explained he was instructed to push forward from a wide barrier and after having to do some work in the early stages he was able to establish a position outside of the leader. He added although inclined to over-race his mount travelled fairly throughout but did not respond to his riding in the straight. He added in his opinion the gelding may have felt the firm track. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Dream And Journey- Raced wide throughout.

Jet Print- Rider accidentally dropped his whip near the 200m. Rider R. Cuneen was reprimanded under AR137(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the end of the race. In assessing penalty Stewards were satisfied his inaction had not affected his finishing position.

Plucky George- Held up in the early part of the straight.

Sister Hazel- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Checked near the 500m after it ran up close to the heels of Kiwicod. Checked near the 300m. At a subsequent inquiry M. Cahill pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in the near the 300m he did permit Plucky George to shift out when not clear of Sister Hazel, which checked. M. Cahill’s license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 8 December 2018 and to expire on Friday 14 December 2018, on which day he may ride.

RACE 2: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1200m:
All Aflutter- While over-racing was restrained away from the heels of Silver Comet near the 800m.

Truth Be Written- Rider K. Nisbet stated her mount was most disappointing and did not travel at any stage of the event. She added in her opinion the gelding may not have backed up after racing at Wagga on Monday 26 November. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1200m:
Fox Beat- Hampered near the 100m when Sun Wu laid in.

Monterey Zar- Rider B. McDougall(a) was reprimanded under AR137(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the line.

Sun Wu- Bumped on jumping and again shortly after. Laid inwards in the straight.

Welletsdoit- Checked shortly after the start when Tiaras Glow shifted out abruptly. Checked near the 200m when crowded between Young Gun, which hung out away from Back the Faith and Sun Wu, which shifted in. All riders were advised to exercise more care. Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.
Back the Faith- Bumped on jumping and again shortly after.

Stratum’s Rose- Taken back from a wide barrier to obtain cover.

Tiaras Glow- Shifted out abruptly after the start. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

**RACE 4: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:**
Nishani Spirit- Bumped on home turn.

Red Medusa- Slow to begin (2L).

Is Anyone There- Slow to begin (3L).

Lady Patrika- Slow to begin (2L).

Iandra- Bumped on home turn.

Bentley Gold- A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced at Canberra on Friday 30 November 2018, found it suitable to race.

**RACE 5: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m:**
Sherpa Trail- Rider S. Metcalfe(a) explained she was instructed to go forward but her mount did not display the necessary pace to do so and did not run on in the straight. Trainer M. Beer advised the gelding was coughing after the race and had pulled up very lethargic in the days subsequent. Mr Beer indicated he had taken bloods from the gelding and he would report back to Stewards with the blood results and immediate plans for the horse. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Bay of Modena- Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

The Last Sommet- Slow to begin. Eased near the 900m when Where’s Pippa was carried inwards by Framework (J. Duffy). J. Duffy was advised to exercise more care. Steadied near the 600m after racing up into restricted room to the inside of Where’s Pippa.

Brave Master- Began awkwardly.

It’s Chief- Checked after start when crowded between Bay of Modena, which was bumped inwards by Oh What a Thief, and Brave Master (R. Cuneen), which shifted out. R. Cuneen was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a).

**RACE 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1800m:**
Heysen- Dropped its head as the start was affected and lost ground (3L).

Canford Calling- Raced wide throughout.

Monsoon Charlie- Raced very keenly in the early stages. Laid inwards in the straight.

Bravado Lass- Held up and unable to improve between the 500m and 200m.
Shadow Omen- Held up and unable to improve between the 500m and 200m.

Emerald Ice- Checked near the 1400m. At a subsequent inquiry S. Metcalfe(a), in the presence of RacingNSW Apprentice Jockey Mentor B. Clark, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 1400m she did permit More Ransom to shift inwards carrying Edea in onto Frozen Asset, which was carried in across the running of Emerald Ice, which checked. Apprentice Metcalfe’s permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 2 December 2018 and to expire on Monday 10 December 2018, on which day she may ride.

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

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

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:
Race 1: Typhoon Max, Ambusher, Plucky George
Race 2: Didnt Even Kiss Me, Silver Comet
Race 3: Monterey Zar
Race 4: Tully Toff
Race 5: Oh What a Thief
Race 6: Canford Calling

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| **Reprimands:** | Race 1: R. Cuneen- Failed to ride Jet Print to line. AR137(b).
Race 3: B. McDougall- Failed to ride Monterey Zar to line. AR137(b).
Race 5: R. Cuneen- Careless riding on Brave Master. AR137(a). |
| **Suspensions:** | Race 1: M. Cahill- Suspended 8/12/18- 14/12/18. Careless riding on Plucky George. AR137(a).
Race 6: S. Metcalfe(a)- Suspended 2/12/18- 10/12/18. Careless riding on More Ransom. AR137(a). |
| **Warnings:** | Nil. |
| **Bleeders:** | General: Doctor Force- Bled- First time. |
| **Trials:** | Nil. |
| **Certificates:** | Nil. |
| **Falls/Injuries:** | Nil. |
| **Change of Tactics:** | Nil. |