

**Stewards Report
Wine Country Race Club
Cessnock RACECOURSE**

Monday 4th February 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3) – (2) 4.12pm

Rail: True.

Committee of Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), D Carr, D Greer & L Martin (Trainee).

Riding Changes:

Race 3: G Buckley replaced D McLellan (ill)

Race 6: R Thompson replaced D McLellan

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1570m

Derby Star – missed the start (2L), then hung out during the middle stages.

Showada – slow to begin.

Rose Of War – missed the start (2L).

Race 2: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1150m

Ondo Pasa – was crowded at the start and lost ground.

Budawang – slow to begin.

Cunningar Lass – began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare had symptoms of mild heat stress. The WBGT was 26.3 degrees, the temperature was 36.3 degrees and Cunningar Lass did not require veterinary treatment.

Fleeting Princess – Slow to begin.

Race 3: Class 2 Handicap 1570m

Kitty's Own – struck the heels of Rugenbrau and blundered passing the 1100m. raced wide without cover.

Da Power – sustained an abrasion to its near hind leg during the race.

Rock 'Em Sock 'Em – over raced during the middle stages, then was held up and unable to improve for some distance approaching the home turn.

Splash Of Lime – was bumped heavily and became unbalanced passing the 400m when shifting out to obtain clear running.

Towel Token – slow to begin. When questioned R Murray explained that her mount travelled relatively well until near the 500m where she shifted it wider to improve around the field. She said that rounding the home turn Towel Token blundered badly and she immediately restrained the gelding as she thought it had broken down. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Notwithstanding the results of this inspection, trainer Mr. C Hughes was advised that prior to racing again Towel Token must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Ravitude – slow to begin.

Race 4: Class 1 Handicap 900m

Trainer Mr. J Bannister was fined \$100 (LR35), for failing to declare G Buckley as the rider of Mon Petite Fille, by the prescribed time.

Jumper leads – raced greenly under pressure inside the 200m and ran wide over the concluding stages.

Wrongfully Wrong – placed 3rd. The rider B El-Issa lodged an objection against Jumper Leads being declared the winner, alleging interference in the home straight. In dismissing the objection, it was determined that near the 200m, Wrongfully Wrong shifted out, away from Jumper Leads of its own accord, then despite being hampered and carried wider inside the 60m, which was attributed to Jumper Leads waywardness, the significance of that incident did not exceed the margin between both runners at the finish.

Cheers Joyce – hung out rounding the home turn.

My Certain – was withdrawn at 1.19pm after confirming that the gelding could not be loaded onto the transport.

Accessory Diva – slow to begin.

Luckier – slow to begin.

Race 5: Maiden Plate 1150m

Aquabill – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Hard Reality – slow to begin.

Gottabe Red – began very awkwardly, shifted out abruptly, unbalanced its rider and lost considerable ground (3L). A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly displayed a slow recovery rate.

Race 6: Maiden Handicap 1350m

Trainer Ms. B Mackie was fined \$100 (AR140A) for presenting Garn Star at the mounting enclosure without blinkers which are a part of that gelding's approved racing gear.

Stunned – blundered at the start.

Wicked Missile – missed the start (2L), then raced wide without cover.

Zizania – missed the start (2L).

Race 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1350m

The Grandson – began awkwardly and was slow away.

Red Notice – when questioned R Brewer explained that after beginning well, he obtained a forward position in accordance with his mounts established racing pattern. He said that near the 1100m he elected to allow Itz Lilly to cross him to obtain cover behind that runner as he was of the opinion that Itz Lilly was a strong winning chance in the event and capable of affording him a favourable passage throughout, without Red Notice being exposed and over racing. He said that after Itz Lilly crossed, Red notice did not settle as well as he had wished and for this reason he shifted to the outside of its hindquarter and after this Shoal River established running on his inside which precluded him from returning to a position on the running rail. He added that passing the 700m he attempted to go forward however he gained no response from Red Notice and passing the 600m, he was unable to hold Itz Lilly behind Celtic Tiger due to Red Notice being fully extended and unable to accelerate with that runner. He further stated that despite his constant vigour from that point Red Notice could not improve and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Celtic Tiger – slow to begin.

Summary of whip use

Race 1: A Gibbons – Sir Winkle	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2: A Robinson – Fleeting Princess	7 strikes prior to the 100m

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

Race 2: A Robinson – Fleeting Princess	4 strikes in succession prior to the 100m – fined \$200
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General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Rose Of War, Rehamia, Miss Bowjangles, Rock ‘Em Sock ‘Em & Splash Of Lime.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 2: A Robinson - \$200 (AR137A (5) (i)) – whip use Race 4: J Bannister - \$100 (LR35) Race 6: B Mackie - \$100 (AR140A)
Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Nil
Warnings	Nil
Trials	Nil
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Race 3: Towel Token – restrained out of the race in home straight
Tactics notified	Nil