

STEWARDS REPORT

Tweed River Jockey Club MURWILLUMBAH RACECOURSE

Sunday 6th January 2019

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

STEWARDS: N.M. Daniels (Chairman), F.C. Worrad & W.M Friend.

General:

As apprentice K. Wilson-Taylor (injured) and B. Looker (ill) were indisposed stewards permitted the following rider changes:

Race 4	Seduction (App. O. Pickering)
Race 5	Vin Rogue (S. Galloway)
Race 6	Rothford (App. J. Guthmann-Chester)
Race 6	Commissioner (P. Hammersley)
Race 7	Conquers All (S. Galloway)
Race 7	Anakyn Daraxes (App. M. Wishart)

B. Looker was advised that doctors certificate of fitness would be required prior to him being cleared to ride in races.

Race 1: Open Handicap 1530m:

Hotel Coste – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider S. Galloway stated that the gelding was not suited with the slow tempo of the race and rounding the 600m he had to be momentarily steadied when attempting to improve and lost momentum and thereafter struggled to show a turn of foot and went to the line moderately. S. Galloway added that in his opinion the gelding best performances are on softer going and may not handle the firmness of the track. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Lucky Tom – Overraced in the middle stages.

Voltaire Lumiere – Overraced in the middle stages. Rider R. Fradd reported that his whip became tangled in the mane and was unable to use his whip to full effect in the straight.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1530m:

Bon Choix – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 27.84L revealed it to be lame (1/5) in the right hind leg. Trainer Mr. D. Chujo was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to **Bon Choix** barrier trialling to satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

Evening – Raced wide throughout.

Hakwa – Overraced in the early and middle stages. Near 1300m and again at the 800m had to be steadied off heels after improving onto heels.

House Arrest – Overraced in the early and middle stages. Near 1200m and again at the 800m had to be steadied off heels after improving onto heels.

Race 3: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1200m:

Jobiwood – Began awkwardly.

Soft Top – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider B. Stewart stated that his mount was beaten for speed in the early part of the race and he was always obliged to niggling the mare along in order to stay with the field. B. Stewart added that his mount only made moderate ground in straight and in his opinion would be looking for further ground. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 4: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1100m:

Capital City – Held up rounding the home turn and near 200m had to be shifted out across heels to obtain clear running.

Nakanai – Slow to begin.

Passion To Win – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Seduction – Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Wake Up Sailor – Raced wide in the early stages. Near 150m shifted in abruptly away from a burnt section of the track. When questioned regarding his appeared lack of vigour over the final stages, rider R. Plumb stated that his mount laid in under pressure over the final 100m and was weakening noticeably over the final 50m after having a tough run early. In assessing the incident stewards took into consideration the racing manners of the gelding and were also satisfied that R. Plumb's actions did not have a material effect on the placing and therefore reminded him of his obligation to ride his mounts out fully to the line.

Race 5: Maiden Plate 1200m:

Angel Of Leon – When questioned regarding the appeared improved performance of the filly, stable foreman Mr. M. Morrison stated at the filly's most recent start at *Ipswich on 14th December 2018* it resented racing with a tongue tie. M. Morrison added that since removing the tongue tie the stable had seen an improvement in the filly's work and were reasonably confident going into today's event. M. Morrison further added that in his opinion the filly is somewhat field shy and may have been suited to racing in three wide position and getting to the outside in the straight, which reconciled with the filly's best performance in its first start at the *Gold Coast on 7th July 2018*.

Argyle Solitaire – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, Apprentice rider L. Kilner stated that her intention was to settle in forward position but shortly after beginning her mount received a bump and became unbalanced failed to muster early speed. L. Kilner added that her mount never travelled comfortably in the event and in her opinion may have not have handle the firmness of the track. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be displaying a slow recovery rate. Trainer Mr. T. McCarthy advised in the subsequent day that the mare has pulled up well and he would continue with its planned preparation by stepping the mare up in distance.

Beyond Desire – Inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight.

Delius – Raced wide throughout.

Fire Ranger – Began awkwardly. Near 100m had to be steadied after laying in across heels.

Love Of Dubai – Overraced in the early stages.

Raging Royal – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider S. Doyle stated that he expected his mount to show early speed and settle in a forward position but his mount under vigorous riding failed to muster sufficient speed and had to settle in a rearward position. S. Doyle added that he was obliged to place his mount under pressure passing the 600m, but the gelding was somewhat one paced and only made steady ground for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Mr. M. Eggleston stated that he would continue with **Raging Royal's** preparation and find a suitable race over further distance.

Skyquake – Began awkwardly. Near 100m had to be checked when disappointed for a run.

Race 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1530m:

Commissioner – Slow to begin.

Mia's Got Class – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, apprentice rider Ms. E. Atkinson stated that her mount travelled well in the early and middle stages and that passing the 400m the mare worked into a sprint nicely but failed to sustain the sprint and weakened noticeably over the final 100m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have bled from both nostrils for the 1st time. Trainer Mr. M. Dunn was advised that **Mia's Got Class** would now incur the mandatory embargoes under AR53A.

Mosserati – Slow to begin.

Moss Go Now – Bounded on jumping. Near 1300m had to be steadied off the heels of *Mia's Got Class* (App. E. Atkinson) which shifted in. Apprentice Ms. E. Atkinson was advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances. Near 50m became held up on the heels of *Tycoon Layla* which shifted in slightly and was unable to be tested over the concluding stages.

Rothford – Began awkwardly. Overraced in the early stages.

Sequablur – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider B. Stewart stated that despite his mount being marginally slow he settled where he expected in the run. B. Stewart added that his mount travelled well in behind a strong tempo and when he elected to improve passing the 600m the gelding worked into the event and travelled strongly, but when placing his mount under pressure upon entrance to the straight and failed to show any kind of finishing effort and was unable to explain the disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities. Trainer Mr. C. Anderson reported that his stable veterinarian scoped **Sequablur** in the subsequent days, which showed no abnormalities. C. Anderson added that he would now experiment with the gelding's racing gear in particular the application of a tongue tie.

Tycoon Layla – Raced keenly in the lead in the early and middle stages.

Race 7: Class 1 Handicap 1200m:

Anakyn Daraxes – Overraced in the early stages.

Arc Light – Overraced in the middle stages.

Miss Honeyflow – Slow to begin. Near 400m had to be checked when tightened onto the running rail by *Anakyn Daraxes* which shifted in slightly away from *Bon For Glory*.

Sing Song – Raced wide throughout.

Young Amazon – Slow to begin.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137(5)(a)(ii)

Race 1	B. Stewart (Motion Granted)	7 strikes
Race 3	J. Taylor (Jobiwood)	6 strikes
Race 4	M. Wishart (Shear Vogue)	6 strikes
Race 6	B. Ainsworth (Kendall's Dream)	6 strikes
Race 7	B. Hodder (Skylaazem)	6 strikes
Race 7	A. Allen (Eringhi Spring)	7 strikes

GENERAL:

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners & *Lucky Tom, Gabe The Babe, House Arrest.*

SUMMARY	
Fines:	
Reprimands:	
Suspensions:	
Bleeders:	Race 6: Mia's Got Class – both nostrils 1 st time
Certificates:	General: B. Looker - ill Race 2: Bon Choix – lame right hind leg
Warnings:	
Trials:	Race 2: Bon Choix – uncompetitive
T'bred ID Card:	
Change of tactics:	
Falls/Injuries:	
Gear Changes:	
Follow up:	