

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 7 February 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5)
Rail: +3m

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS: M. A. Holloway (Chairman), J. T. Penfold & W. M. Friend

General: Trainer Mr B. Dodson was fined \$400 for having failed to immediately lodge a stable return amending the location and training status of horses in his care (LR39(4)).

Trainer Mr T. Green pleaded guilty to a charge of misconduct, under AR175(q), in that on the morning of Saturday 2 February 2019 he did work the racehorse TOTTEN on the course proper at Kempsey racecourse without permission to do so. Mr Green was fined \$500. Under the provisions of AR196(4) stewards ordered that \$200 of the penalty be stayed should Mr Green not offend under a conduct related rule for a period of 12 months.

RACE 1: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1410m

Excelebration Gold – Slow to begin (2L).

Kijito – Travelled keenly in the middle stages.

Kota Flyer – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Raced greenly down the straight.

Midweek Hussler – Travelled keenly in the early and middle stages.

Ministry of Fear – Bumped on jumping. Near the 200m was obliged to steady and shift in around heels to continue to improve. Near the 50m was steadied when tightened for room by *Kota Flyer* which shifted in under pressure. Jockey R. Fradd (*Kota Flyer*) was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Nistelrooy – Passing the 300m and near the 200m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve. Approaching the 100m, whilst improving into a run inside *Midweek Hussler* was steadied and obliged to shift out around the heels of that runner which shifted in. Jockey A. Allen (*Midweek Hussler*) was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Sawtell – Slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Yeah the Boys – When questioned regarding settling outside the leader today jockey Ms L. Cheshire stated that on paper there was little pace in the event and she anticipated settling in a handy position. Ms Cheshire stated she rode her mount along out of the barriers as it has a history of beginning awkwardly and when caught wide outside what was a slow early tempo

she kept riding to establish a forward position with minimal effort. Trainer Mr L. Clapham confirmed that he expected to see the gelding settle in a handy position with the lack of pace expected in the event. Mr Clapham was reminded of his obligation to advise stewards of any intention to ride a horse in a manner that differs to recent starts. Travelled keenly in the middle stages.

RACE 2: Benchmark 58 Handicap 2220m

Cantillate – Slow to begin. Raced very wide from the 700m.

Exotic Art – Raced wide from the 900m. Laid in under pressure down the straight.

Keeping Watch – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Sckam (NZ) – Near the 2100m was eased from the heels of *Silent Jack (NZ)* which shifted in when insufficiently clear. Jockey M. McGuren (*Silent Jack (NZ)*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances. Momentarily held up on heels passing the 600m. Raced wide over the final 600m.

Silent Jack – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages however only ground its way to the line and felt tired. Trainer Mr A. Denham advised the gelding had reached the end of its preparation and would be spelled. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have a slow recovery rate.

Terahlee – Began awkwardly. Near the 1600m was steadied after improving onto heels. Near the 700m was steadied when tightened for room. Steadied when awkwardly placed outside heels approaching the home turn.

Terrorfilo – Slow to begin (2L). Laid in down the straight. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of the mare trainer Mr S. Lee stated that mare typically misses the start and gets well out of its ground. Mr Lee stated whilst the mare was slow to begin again today it was quickly able to establish a position worse than midfield. Mr Lee stated the mare is very much one paced and from its position in the field was able to work into an uninterrupted sprint from the 700m without giving the leaders a large start. S. Lee stated he is of the opinion the gelding was further benefitted from the soft track conditions and added that the first three placegetters in the event were all unfavoured runners suggesting favoured runners had been disappointing.

RACE 3: C,G&E Class 1 Handicap 1206m

Aristobeaux – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. Paget stated he wanted to settle in a forward position however his mount blundered on jumping and he was required to ride it along with vigour to establish a position at the rear of the field. M. Paget added he was required to ride his mount along for the entire event and at no stage did it travel on the bridle. M. Paget added his mount just ground to the line in the straight. When questioned, trainer Mr P. Grills stated that it was the geldings first start for his stable and he was disappointed with its performance. Mr Grills added that he would experiment with the gelding's gear prior to its next race start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

At Witz End – Bumped on jumping. Approaching the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until shifting out around heels shortly after straightening.

Barbary – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Rounding the home turn was checked after improving onto heels.

Bolghari – Bumped on jumping.

Casino at Merino – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped rounding the home turn.

Lord of the Dreamz – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 10.13am after the gelding was savaged by another horse en route to the race meeting and found to have a number of abrasions over its body. Trainer Ms A. Plumb was advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

Risaldar – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Sebring Fling – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1106m

Bus Ticket – Blundered near the 1000m. Carried wider rounding the home turn.

Call Me Ready – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after.

Delayed Response – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Carried wider rounding the home turn.

Get Me Charlie – A pre race veterinary examination of the colt, which was fractious en route to the racecourse, passed it fit to race.

Nanny's Primed – Momentarily held up on heels rounding the home turn.

Tis Toby – Raced wide in the early stages. Hung out rounding the home turn.

Wu Long Shi – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey J. Taylor stated that his mount settled at the rear of the field as expected and travelled comfortably. J. Taylor stated he was unable to work into the event from the 600m, as he would have liked, when held up on the heels of a weakening runner and was only able to place his mount under pressure rounding the home turn. J. Taylor stated his mount did not show a strong turn of foot and only ground its way to the line. J. Taylor stated he believes his mount would appreciate a step up in distance where it can obtain a more prominent position and work into a sprint. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 5: Maiden Plate 1710m

Consoling – Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 700m.

Gratuitous – Overraced passing the 800m.

King of Monaco – Slow to begin. Raced very wide from the 700m.

Patka – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the colt jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages however was under pressure from the 700m and commence to weakened noticeably at the entrance to the straight. M. McGuren added he did not place his mount under pressure over the final 200m as he was concerned something was amiss. M. McGuren stated his mount was making an abnormal respiratory noise throughout the entire event. A post race veterinary examination of the colt revealed it to have a poor recovery rate and an upper airway abnormality. Trainer Mr A. Denham was advised that a warning would be placed on the colts performance and that it requires a veterinary certificate of fitness, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to its next race start. Mr Denham advised that a decision on the colts racing future will be made in the coming days.

Rocknavar – Slow to begin. Passing the 300m was obliged to steady in around heels to continue to improve.

Smartcelli – Slow to begin (3L).

Thellyson – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Totten – An inquiry into jockey Ms R. Murray's handling of the gelding in the early stages of the event was opened and adjourned to a date to be fixed. Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

RACE 6: Class 2 Handicap 1610m

Bravo Uncle Billy – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding trainer Mr S. Lee advised that the gelding received severe interference in a race fall six starts ago and since that time he believes it has resented racing inside other horses. Mr Lee stated that since that time, the gelding has performed best when racing without cover, typically leading. Mr Lee stated he would experiment with the gelding gear prior to its next race start and endeavour to race it in a forward position. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Bromach (NZ) – Bumped passing the 200m.

Madra Rua – Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

Miss Zodiac – Laid in down the straight. Bumped passing the 200m.

Saint Element – Pulled in the early and middle stages. Shifted out under pressure approaching the 200m.

Spanish Hurricane – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1000m was steadied and shifted out after improving onto heels. Raced in restricted room over the final 100m.

RACE 7: F&M Class 1 Handicap 1206m

Abb Roy – Bumped on jumping. Overraced in the middle stages. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Hot Scene – Bumped on jumping. Steadied after improving onto heels approaching the 800m. Approaching the 500m was steadied when racing in restricted room. Approaching the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until after straightening.

Just a Dame – Passing the 600m became held up on heels and was unable to be tested until passing the 300m. Passing the 200m again became held up on heels and was unable to be tested until passing the 100m.

Mayfair Lady – Steadied when tightened between runners shortly after the start. Overraced in the middle stages. Steadied after improving onto heels approaching the 600m and was unable to improve from this point until the entrance to the straight.

Mount Heidi – Laid out rounding the home turn.

Secrets No More – Bumped and unbalanced on jumping. Overraced in the early stages. Raced very wide from the 700m.

Sister Bertrille – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Hung out in the middle stages.

That's Madness – Bumped on jumping. Passing the 1000m pulled its way up onto the heels of *Ester's Rose*, where it remained for a number of strides, before clipping that runner's heels and blundering approaching the 900m after *Ester's Rose* was steadied from the heels of *Dame Kiri* which shifted out. Jockey M. McGuren (*Dame Kiri*) was reprimanded (AR137(a)). Overraced in the middle stages.

RACE 8: Open Handicap 1206m

Dustman – Overraced in the early stages.

Jet's Cracker – Inclined to pull in the early stages.

Jexerlent – Blundered near the 500m.

Melted Moments – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

More Patasi – Blundered near the 600m. Unable to improve between the 500m and 400m when held up on heels.

Radiant Choice – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Tarbert – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Passing the 600m and approaching the 500m was steadied after improving onto heels.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race	Rider (Horse)	Additional Strikes
2	P. Romeo (Marlahn)	2
	Ms L. Kilner (Sckam (NZ))	1
8	M. Bennett (Dantga)	3
	R. Fradd (Jet's Cracker)	1

Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Cantillate**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: B. Dodson - \$400 (LR39(4)) General: Mr T. Green - \$500 (\$200 stayed) (AR175(q))
Reprimands:	Race 1: A. Allen (AR137(a)) Race 1: R. Fradd (AR137(a)) Race 7: M. McGuren (AR137(a))
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 5: Patka – poor performance
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Race 3: Lord of the Dreamz – abrasions over body Race 5: Patka – respiratory anomaly (endoscope required)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Nil