

STEWARDS REPORT

Griffith Jockey Club DALTON PARK RACECOURSE

Saturday September 8, 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True

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

(5u,3b)

General:

Following the abandonment of the Kembla Grange meeting, Race start times were amended to:

Race 1:	13.44
Race 2:	14.19
Race 3:	14.54
Race 4:	15.34
Race 5:	16.14
Race 6:	16.54

RACE 1: MAIDEN PLATE 1200m:

Bycromac – Slow to begin. Was inclined to lay inwards when placed under pressure in the straight.

Call Me Spice – Raced wide throughout. Bumped heavily passing the 600m and again passing the 500m.

Jet Print – Slow to begin.

Lady Miner – Reared on jumping and lost ground (2L).

Look Behind – Bumped with *Call Me Spice* passing the 600m and again passing the 500m. Was inclined to lay inwards when placed under pressure in the straight.

Vivendi – As the mare was leaving the mounting enclosure, made contact with the fence resulting in its rider B McDougall(a) being dislodged and the mare galloping through the mounting enclosure fencing. Stewards ordered the mare be withdrawn at 1.37pm and ordered all monies invested on Vivendi be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 1.37pm be paid subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st Bezazzalled: 37cents win and 35cent place

2nd Look Behind: 25cents place

3rd Serious Charge: 28cents place

RACE 2: BENCHMARK 50 HANDICAP 1200m:

Oscar the Grouch – Raced wide throughout.

Dane Slugger – Slow to begin.

RACE 3: BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP 1000m:

Mordacious – Due to a clerical error, Stewards approved the late gear change for the gelding to race without blinkers and a tongue tie. Checked near the 400m when crowded to the inside of *Our Bridgette* (M Travers). At a subsequent inquiry M Travers was advised to exercise more care.

Zardabba – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was beaten 20L did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer G Colvin was advised the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards to deem its competitiveness prior to racing again. Mr Colvin advised the horse would now leave his stable.

Benno's Boy – Raced wide throughout.

My Zarmidala – Began awkwardly and shifted out making contact with *Diamonds for Alice*.

Diamonds for Alice – Checked on jumping when carried outwards by *My Zarmidala* which began awkwardly and was carried across the heels of *Vonnida*.

RACE 4: CLASS 1 HANDICAP 1350m:

Father Brown – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Quick Spin – Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Near the 500m was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Father Brown*. Held up and unable to improve between the 300m and 200m and had to be taken in to improve. Momentarily steadied near the 100m when briefly crowded by *Pastiche* which was inclined to lay in before being corrected by its rider.

Josie's Cruiser – Near the 50m was steadied when crowded to the inside of *Love 'n' Desire* which laid in and away from *Barcoo Bill*.

Pastiche – Slightly slow to begin. Was inclined to lay inwards when placed under pressure in the straight.

Better Strike – Slow to begin (3L).

Love 'n' Desire – The mare which was late arriving on course due to transport difficulties underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was found suitable to race.

RACE 5: GRIFFITH CUP OPEN HANDICAP 1350m:

It's a Fireball – When questioned regarding the performance rider J Richards(a) explained that he had to make some use of his mount in the early stages and he was caught racing wide throughout. He added in his opinion the gelding may be better suited with a drop back in distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Our Project – As the start was affected the gelding which had been standing well attempted to sit down after a runner to its inside became agitated and subsequently dislodged its rider S Metcalfe(a). Correct weight was delayed allowing connections and Stewards to view to the start afforded to **Our Project**. When connections and Stewards were satisfied the gelding had been afforded a fair start correct weight was declared. In all the circumstances Trainer P Sweeney was advised a warning would be recorded against the gelding for its barrier manners.

Cooee March – Held up when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Financial Miss* from the 300m until passing the 50m.

RACE 6: CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 1820m:

Hayne Plane – Raced very keenly in the early and middle stages. Passing the 1400m the saddle shifted forward on the gelding placing its rider at a disadvantage before returning to its correct position in the home straight.

Selinora – When questioned regarding the performance rider J Richards(a) explained his mount travelled strongly throughout, He added he elected to shift out passing the 500m to continue to improve and after placing his mount under pressure near the 300m the mare initially responded before peaking on its run passing the 100m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal abnormalities.

Captain Dan – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after getting a leg up in the barriers for a short amount of time and was passed suitable to race.

Troienne – Slow to begin.

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):

Race 5	K Bell-Pitomac(a) on Hangin' With Willy	6 strikes
Race 6	J Richards (a) on Selinora	7 strikes

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Bezazzalled

Race 2: Admission, Yawkey Way

Race 3: Zardabba, Original Prankster

Race 4: Arthur Porrit

Race 5: Danetrille

Race 6: Hayne Plane

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 5: Our Project (P Sweeney) – Barrier Manners
Bleeders:	Nil
Trials:	Race 3: Zardabba (G Colvin) – Uncompetitive
Certificates:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Race 1: B McDougall (Vivendi) – dislodged leaving mounting enclosure, no apparent injuries Race 5: S Metcalfe (Our Project) – dislodged on jumping, no apparent injuries