

**Stewards Report
Gunnedah Jockey Club
Riverside RACECOURSE**

Saturday 8th December 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), C McIntosh & L Martin (Trainee).

Riding Changes:

Race 5: J Watkins replaced D Edmonds (indisposed)

General:

Trainers C Morgan & M O’Gorman were fined \$100 (AR59A) for failing to provide the thoroughbred identity card for their respective barrier trial runners.

Race 1: Maiden Plate 1000m

General Soho – slow to begin.

Modern Family – crowded at the start. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding was 1/5 lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr. A Denham was advised that prior to racing again, Modern Family must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Emmy’s Our Girl – broke away from the handler prior to entering the mounting enclosure and was subsequently declared satisfactory to race.

Flying Cosmos – slow to begin, then had to be checked when racing greenly passing the 600m after being crowded by Peggy’s Time, which was carried in by Snuck In (P Graham), which shifted in when not quite clear. P graham was reprimanded (AR137a).

Peggy’s Time – crowded at the start, raced greenly in the middle stages and was hampered near the 600m.

Snuck In – over raced in the early stages.

Race 2: Maiden Handicap 1400m

Trainer Ms. S Torrens, the trainer of Whiskey Apple which was engaged in this event, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR175(k), for being in breach of AR59(1), in that she presented Stoke It Up, which was engaged in race 3, instead of Whiskey Apple at the mounting enclosure, to race in this event. Ms. Torrens was fined \$1000.00.

Brixton Town – slow to begin, then had to be steadied and shifted wider passing the 1000m.

Mr Intrepid – missed the start (2L), then had to be steadied and was carried wider passing the 1000m.

Dark Arli – trainer Ms. J Holten was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Pitchi Pitchi – was hampered and carried wider passing the 300m.

Malabugilmah – hung out rounding the turn near the 1000m. Trainer Mrs. S Grills was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

So Good To Me – raced greenly during the early stages and hung out rounding the turn near the 900m.

Race 3: Class 1 Handicap 1400m

Asudem – slow to begin.

Race 4: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1300m

Dan Roy – was bumped heavily passing the 500m and became very unbalanced, then was crowded for some distance and carried in passing the 150m, by Lope De Mango (D Northey), which shifted in under pressure when not quite clear. D Northey was reprimanded (AR137a).

Baker's Image – slow to begin.

The Equinator – was held up in restricted room inside the 100m and could not be fully tested.

Metre Eater – began awkwardly and was slow away, then hung out rounding the turn near the 1000m and raced ungenerously rounding the home turn, then raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

Onemore Warrior – was crowded during the concluding stages.

Bon Honour – raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages.

Race 5: Class 1 Handicap 1000m

Malzoom – began awkwardly, then was bumped heavily and unbalanced in the early stages. After finishing in third position, the rider R Jones returned to scale in excess of 500g below the gelding's declared weight. Acting under AR143(a), Malzoom was disqualified from the race and the placings amended to:

1st – Havenot

2nd – Cocky Rocky

3rd – King Percy

4th – Ong Varn

At a subsequent inquiry, R Jones, in the presence of his master Mr. R Northam and RacingNSW apprentice Mentor Mr. D Jeffries, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR143(b), as being the person responsible for Malzoom carrying less than its declared weight, due to him failing to compensate adequately from use of the toilet facilities subsequent to weighing out for this event. R Jones' permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 18/12/18 and expire 10/1/19, on which day he may resume.

Beechal – had to be checked passing the 700m to avoid the heels of King Percy (L Cumberland), which shifted in when not quite clear. L Cumberland was reprimanded (AR137a).

World Force – Missed the start (2L). when questioned B Looker explained that after missing the start his mount was further back than intended, failed to travel at any stage, was trapped wide and unresponsive inside the 500m. Trainer Mr. S Osland said (10/12/18), that in his opinion the gelding's chances were diminished when it missed the start as it had displayed its best form when racing in a prominent position early. He said that World Force had recovered well, and it would be nominated to race at Armidale 18/12/18, in a slightly longer distance event and he would again instruct whoever rode it to obtain a forward position early.

Zamali – was crowded and lost ground at the start (3L).

Cocky Rocky – was hampered and carried out at the start.

Purple Cup – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly, then was checked and lost ground passing the 500m when racing tight on the inside of Malzoom.

Race 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m

Western Parade – missed the start (3L), then was hampered and had to be shifted out to continue to go forward passing the 100m.

Kilmarnock – slow to begin. Trainer Mrs. L Selby was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the gelding’s racing record.

Cuthbert Gold – was withdrawn at 3pm, after sustaining an injury during the float trip to the course. After being examined by the club’s veterinary officer was cleared to be transported back to the stable.

Stirling Shadow – raced fiercely during the early stages.

Meishou – slow to begin.

Race 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m

Directory – slow to begin.

Lookin’ Alive – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Bee Double Bee – was crowded at the start, then raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

Valleseco – slow to begin.

Seduction – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Smokey Eye – was crowded at the start.

Mr De Niro – began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

Summary of whip use

Race 1: D Pitomac – Never Tardy	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2: L Day – So Good To Me	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3: J Watkins – Semtex G Ryan – Shangato	7 strikes prior to the 100m 6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 7: L Day – Tully Ho	6 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use, no action was taken.

Swabs: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Snuck In & So Good To Me.**

SUMMARY

Fines	General: C Morgan - \$100 (AR59A) M O’Gorman - \$100 (AR59A) Race 2: S Torrens – (AR175k) - \$1000
Suspensions	Race 5: R Jones – (AR143b) – weigh in light – 18/12/18 until 10/1/19 – can ride
Reprimands	Race 1: P Graham – (AR137a) – careless riding Race 4: D Northey – (AR137a) – careless riding Race 5: L Cumberland – (AR137a) – careless riding
Warnings	Race 2: Dark Arli – poor performance Malabugilmah – poor performance Race 6: Kilmarnock – poor performance
Trials	Nil
Falls and injury	Nil
Certificates	Race 1: Modern Family – 1/5 lame near fore
Bleeders	Nil
Follow up	Nil
Tactics notified	Nil