

STEWARDS REPORT

**Gundagai-Adelong Race Club
GUNDAGAI RACECOURSE
Sunday 9 September 2018**

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (6), Upgraded to Soft (5) at 10.30am.
Rail: True

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

(10u1b)

As A. Sweeney(a) was indisposed due to personal reasons, Stewards permitted the following rider replacements:

Race 2	S. Metcalfe(a) on Tuskegee Navigator
Race 6	S. Metcalfe(a) on Yeppoon
Race 8	S. Metcalfe(a) on Emerald Fortune

RACE 1: Maiden Plate Division 1 1400m:

Compare the Market- Slow to begin.

Eric The Axe- Slow to begin. Got its head up while racing keenly in the early and middle stages. Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Gorush Lightning- Rider J. Grisedale explained his mount was off the bit throughout and never travelled well at any stage and raced very field shy. He added with the benefit of hindsight the gelding may be better suited when ridden in a more forward position. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Koufax- Hampered near the 50m.

Reify- Bumped after the start. Rider accidentally dropped his whip near the 100m.

Wee Jasper- Bumped after the start.

Whicker- Checked passing the 1200m. At a subsequent inquiry A. Chau was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in the near the 1200m he did make insufficient effort to prevent *Zarwrinkles* shifting in when insufficiently clear of *Skaldak*, which was carried in onto *Tobermory*, which in turn was carried in across the running of **Whicker**, which checked. A. Chau's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 17 September 2018 and to expire on Tuesday 25 September 2018, on which day he may ride.

Zarwrinkles- Bumped after the start.

Izzy or Iznthe- Rider B. Vale stated his mount hung out badly from the 600m and he had very little control over the gelding and for this reason he eased his mount down in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer S. Wade was advised that given the horses poor record it would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards on two consecutive occasions before it would be permitted to race again. Mr Wade advised the gelding would now leave his stable.

RACE 2: Maiden Plate Division 2 1400m:

Fast Talking- Bumped on jumping. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Pasaga- Got its head up while racing very keenly between the 1200m and 900m.

Run for Raffin- Bumped on jumping. Checked when crowded shortly after the start.

Aurora Run- Raced wide throughout.

King Zoff- Rider B. McDougall(a) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) in that he did fail to ride his mount right out over the final three strides of the event and thereby jeopardised his chances of finishing in outright fifth position. Apprentice McDougall was fined \$200.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1000m:

Blake 'n' Bill- Slow to begin.

Direct Default- Returned with a laceration to the near fore canon.

Nothing- Dislodged its rider (B. McDougall(a)) behind the barriers, who suffered a harmless fall. A veterinary examination of the gelding found it suitable to race.

Dream and Journey- A pre-race veterinary examination of the mare, which had not raced for 15 months, found it suitable to race.

Redwood City- Trainer E. Symons was fined \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the mare when requested.

Tiffoni- Raced wide throughout.

Mr Menzies- Hung out over the concluding stages. Rider M. Travers was reminded that where possible he must ride his mounts right out to the line.

O'bella Bai- Blundered shortly after the start. Hampered and carried wider near the 400m when *Roman Choice* was carried out by *Skiing Girl* (M. Cahill), which shifted out to improve. M Cahill was advised to exercise more care.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1180m:

Medeus- Slow to begin. Bumped several times after the start.

Eurosay- Bumped on jumping.

Manhattan Rush- Crowded near the 300m when *Roulette Star* (B. McDougall(a)) shifted in slightly. Apprentice McDougall was advised to exercise more care.

Who's Shout- Bumped on jumping.

Boombox Babe- Began awkwardly and lost ground. Bumped several times after the start. Rider B. Vale could offer no tangible explanation for today's performance stating his mount, after beginning awkwardly, did not travel at any stage and failed to run on in the straight. Stable foreperson Ms C. Browne was advised a warning would be placed on the mare's competitiveness.

Is Anyone There- Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

Euroflyer- Crowded near the 300m.

RACE 5: Class 1 Handicap 1180m:

Secret Copy- Rider B. McDougall(a) stated he was instructed to push forward and added he had to make some use of his mount to take up a forward position. He added his mount travelled well until the pace quickened near the 600m and his mount was then immediately off the bit and found the line only fairly. He added the mare was making respiratory noises on pulling up. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer M. Dale reported an endoscopic examination conducted subsequent to the event revealed no abnormalities. Mr Dale stated the mare may not have been suited carrying weight on a tight turning track and he stated it was his intention, at this stage, to continue with the current preparation and possibly experiment with a tongue tie or tongue control. He added he may also look to a step up in distance on a bigger track.

South Africa- Rider M. Taylor was warned regarding using the whip in a manner which raised her arm above shoulder height.

Call Me Anything- Slow to begin.

Liberty Boy- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Kappy Cino- Threw its head up on jumping and struck the rider (J. Grisedale) in the mouth. J. Grisedale reported he had loosened his front teeth in this incident. Hung outwards throughout. Trainer T. Sutherland was advised an official warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manners.

Bells Creek- Slow to begin. Crowded shortly after the start.

RACE 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1800m:

Zartini- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Receipt- Rider K. Nisbet stated it had not been her intention to lead but after beginning well and with no pace in the race her mount found the lead under no riding. She added the mare travelled well in the early stages but commenced to give ground noticeably from the 800m. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer M. Dale advised Stewards **Receipt** would now be retired to stud.

Blue Seal- Momentarily steadied when crowded near the 300m.

Not Bossy- Change of tactics- From wide barrier to be ridden further forward. Settled mid-field. Held up and unable to improve between the 400m and 300m.

Red Heat- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Hello China- Slow to begin. When questioned regarding today's improved performance Trainer M. Smith stated he had put the poor performance at its most recent start at Albury on 21 August 2018 down to the fact the gelding was extremely agitated pre-race and reluctant to go to the barriers which he attributed to the horse resenting the tongue tie. He added today when able to apply the tongue tie at the barriers the gelding was much more settled and race accordingly.

Monkery- Rider R. Bensley stated despite racing keenly in the middle stages his mount travelled reasonably well throughout. He added after placing the gelding under pressure near the 600m it initially responded before giving ground shortly after and it then commenced to lay inwards in the straight.

Yeppoon- Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Frozen Asset- Raced wide throughout. Momentarily steadied when crowded near the 300m. Hampered near the 150m.

Rock Prodigy- Slow to begin. Crowded shortly after the start.

RACE 7: Class 2 Handicap 1400m:

Gagosian- Shifted out under pressure in the straight.

Jake's Purse- Slow to begin.

Sintara- Raced very keen in the early and middle stages. For some distance between the 1100m and 900m was continually restrained, while over racing, away from the heels of *Broccolo* (B. McDougall(a)), which after initially clearing **Sintara** then slowed the tempo of the event. B. McDougall(a) was advised to exercise more care.

The Middle Man- Got its head up while racing ungenerously in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance and also his riding in the straight R. Bensley stated his mount raced very ungenerously in the early and middle stages and raced very greenly and hung outwards throughout. He added he attempted to take a narrow run between *Broccolo* and *Snipps Parade* shortly after straightening but due to the gelding's racing manners he was unable to take the run or test the horse in the run to the line. Trainer A. Barton agreed the gelding can race a bit erratically and did contribute to the horse not being able to take the run after straightening. Mr Barton was advised the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards before racing again.

Rockintheriver- Slow to begin.

RACE 8: Benchmark 1400m:

My Maher- Bumped heavily after the start.

Zarreig- Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

Prontissimo- Rider B. McDougall(a) explained after beginning well his mount travelled fairly until it struck an inferior section of the track passing the 800m and from that point it did not respond to his riding. A post-race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities.

Attainment- Bumped heavily after the start.

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Average Out, Tobermory

Race 2: Run for Raffin (2), Pasaga

Race 3: Skiing Girl

Race 4: Is Anyone There

Race 5: Kappy Cino

Race 6: Hello China

Race 7: Ribs

Race 8: My Maher

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: B. McDougall(a)- \$200- Failed to ride King Zoff right to the line. AR137(b). Race 3: E. Symons- \$50- No TIC for Redwood City . AR59A.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 1: A. Chau- Suspended 17/9/18- 25/9/18. Careless riding on Zarwrinkles . AR137(a).
Warnings:	Race 4: Boombox Babe - Uncompetitive. Race 5: Kappy Cino - Hung out.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 1: Izzy or Iznthe - To trial on two consecutive occasions. Hung out throughout. Race 7: The Middle Man - To trial. Raced very greenly and hung out.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 5: J.Grisedale- Loosened teeth when horse struck him in the face.
Change of Tactics:	Race 6: Not Bossy - To be ridden further forward. Settled mid-field.